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NEW ZEALAND NOTES AND COMMENTS by WARWICK PATERSON

AN INTERESTING HISTORICAL LETTER

Recently a letter passed through our hands which, quite apart from its philatelic and postal historical interest, gives an insight into the workings of one aspect of the legal profession in the early days of the Colony in the 1840's.

An Auckland solicitor writes to the Deputy Registrar, Supreme Court, Wellington on 20th May 1843 with a view to securing a position for a young protege and budding lawyer.

"Upon the subject of admitting young Smith to your office as articulated clerk with the understanding to do all the office copies in your Public Office as Deputy Registrar, I think it practicable in case you can secure to him the same advantage that he has under his present employer. To do this it would be desirable that you should charge for the copying according to the rate already paid by you, the amount of which per year would probably defray the expenses young Smith would be put to for board and lodging. I think he at present receives one pound one shilling per week but he will be able to bill you exactly the amount. You might prefer to have him in your own house with you as he then would be at all times ready for any private business. If the arrangement can be come to articles might be prepared forthwith and signed here by Mrs. Smith and afterwards by yourself and young Smith in presence of the same witnesses as I would request Captain Richards of the Gov. Brig and some other person leaving here for Wellington to witness Mrs. Smith's signature.

Under present circumstances it would not be desirable to ask for any place? Government by parties taking any interest in young Smith, or for any other person in any way connected with us. At present the only plan is I think the one above explained."

RECENT AUCTION REALISATIONS of interest to modern N.Z. variety collectors will be the news that in the recent "Edmund de Rothschild" sale at Stanley Gibbons Auctions (London) of KGVII and QEII (Commonwealth) modern variety material, the 27 N.Z. lots realized \$5,850 - NZ\$850 above the auctioneers estimates and the sale as a whole realized NZ\$61,000 - \$10,000 above estimate.

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A. REPRINTS OF PICTORIALS

1. 2 cent A new "bluish" paper has now been issued - the design practically comes through the paper. As yet no plate changes have occurred. The "bluish" effect is seen from the back and the paper appears thinner - almost "pelure"
2. 5 cent A reprint on unwatermarked paper is now on issue. The green colour is much deeper in shade from the original.
3. 7 cent As for the 5 cent - the reprint is on unwatermarked paper and this has just appeared.
4. 10 cent This issue has also been reprinted on the "blued" paper. The "new" deep blue plate combination appears to be the only one used, while retouching of the weak light blue 1A plate No. and the red 1A plate No. is also evident. (In the original issue these plate numbers literally had "no legs to stand on!")

Note: These last four items are all in the current series of unwatermarked reprints and the 2¢ and 10¢ are the only ones yet seen on the new "bluish" paper.

POT POURRI - ACT I

One or two unexpected bulk buys of 1898's, Edwards and George V have replenished our stocks of these much demanded issues. Here then a series of attractive lots ready for mounting - condition guaranteed fine.

1898 PICTORIALS

- 552(a) E1a 1/2d. Mt. Cook (Purple) MINT Purple-Brown and Purple-Slate - the latter with minor gum thin (no charge).
The two fine shades 30¢
- (b) E1a Ditto USED Three lovely contrasts - the two shades above plus the Blackish-Purple, a lovely set as befits such a significant offering 80¢
- 553(a) E2a 1d. Lake Taupo MINT Fine Blue and Yellow-Brown block of four 50¢
- (b) E2a Ditto The set of three in excellent mint - frames Yellow-Brown, Chestnut and Choc-Brown (latter minor crease) \$ 1.35
- (c) E2a Ditto The selection of three as above - gloriously perfect used - the shades are scarcethus (3)....\$ 1.10
- 554(a) E3a 1d. White Terrace MINT The Crimson single - minor perf. stain 30¢
- (b) E3a Ditto Crimson, Lake Red and Rose-Red in shining used copies - a brilliant offering of major shade contrasts - useful as a check-set 75¢
- 555(a) E4a 1/2d. Boer War perf. 11 MINT In glorious blocks of four. Chestnut and Pale Chestnut - fine.....\$ 7.50
- (b) E4a Ditto Again mint, the scarce Brown, Chestnut, Pale Chestnut and Reddish-Chestnut.
(4) (one set only)\$10.50
- (c) E4a Ditto As above but the "Brown" although a fine representation of the shade is "not so fine" due to reverse fault\$ 5.00
- (d) E4a Ditto Chestnut, Pale Chestnut (these two finest) and a not-so-fine Reddish-Chestnut (no charge) (3).....\$ 1.30
- (e) E4b Ditto perf. 14 MINT Two superb shade contrasts in blocks of four - perfection\$ 6.50
or the same in singles\$ 1.50
- (f) E4b Ditto USED The single\$ 1.20
- 556(a) E5a 2d. Pembroke Peak USED Brown Lake and Rosy Lake in super copies - light marks etc - at the price quite ridiculous 12¢

GEORGE V

Some of the great rarities of the series - a never-to-be-repeated chance. RECESS ENGRAVED.

- 580 (a) 4d. Orange in block of four overprinted "Colour Print".
A superb and rare offer - watermarked.....\$40.00
- (b) K5g(z) 4d. Deep Purple p.14 x 14½ Vertical pair mint
showing one row of perforations missed out.
"Partially imperforate". Very rare indeed.....\$200.00
- (c) K7a(x) 5d. Blue p.14 x 13½ Vertical pair - top stamp
completely imperforate. A superb item showing the (unworn)
plate and brown gum of the true "Blue" imperforate
variety. The pair\$80.00
- (d) K7a(y) 5d. Blue As above but guaranteed genuine
vertical pair completely imperforate.....\$40.00
- (e) K12b(x) 1/- Orange Vermilion Vertical pair completely
imperforate - as described in the C.P. Catalogue.
Fine and rare\$80.00
- (f) K12b(w) 1/- Orange Vermilion p.14 x 14½ As above but
top stamp imperforate, lower stamp perforated three sides
- lovely\$100.00

SURFACE PRINTED

- 581(a) K18d 2d. Yellow (Cowan) p.14 x 15 Offset on back -
a fine single\$ 5.00
- (b) K13e ½d. Green (Cowan) p.14 x 15 Single - imperforate
at top with selvage\$15.00
minor stain\$ 5.00
- (c) K18e 2d. Yellow (Cowan) p.14 Lovely vertical pair -
imperf. at top with selvage, Deep Orange shade.....\$10.00
Single as above - slight soiled\$ 2.50
- (d) K18h 2d. Yellow (Wiggins Teape) p.14 Single - imperf.
at top with selvage\$10.00
- (e) K15a 1d. Field Marshal p.14 (Cowan) Horizontal pair
completely imperforate - rare of course.....\$30.00

FINALLY!

- 582(a) K5a and K5b 4d. Yellow (Recess) A COMPLETE SHEET contains
top four rows, p.14 x 13½ bottom six rows p.14 x 14½ -
thus, 12 two-perf. pairs are there plus plate 20 plate
block and major reentries R 1/6 and R 4/10;a lovely item
for student or exhibition display - condition superb.....\$100.00

* TREATY OF WAITANGI - SEE C.P.'s NOTES APRIL 1974

APOLOGY I am indebted to Professor I.D. Campbell for calling my attention to page 96 of Volume II of "The Postage Stamps of New Zealand" where it is made clear that the accuracy of showing the Union flag used as a tablecloth at the signing of the Treaty has on previous occasion been questioned and the fact that it was so used has been considered established. My apologies to all who had anything to do with the preparation of the stamp - they were right and I was wrong. My special apologies to the artists concerned, who, unlike me on this occasion, had obviously "done their homework."

However, my apology is not meant to suggest any change in my surprise that Captain Hobson so misused (as I understand diplomatic etiquette) his country's flag. Nor do I cease to be amazed that the Maori Chieftains present did not take umbrage. I have always understood that on such matters the old-time Maori was a stickler for correct procedure.

I have referred the question to a retired senior N.Z. Naval Officer and his reply is that use of the flag on the table was contrary to Service etiquette and rules. He did say, however, that senior officers have been known to do these things "just to be different"!

- 557(a) E6a 2d. Pembroke Peak - Purple (perf. 11 wmk.)
The full set in Dull Violet, Mauve and Purple.
The lovely trio 30¢
- (b) E6b Ditto (perf. 14) USED The three fine copies in
Dull Purple, Purple, Reddish-Purple.
Lovely little set to mount 20¢
- (c) E6d Ditto (mixed perms. 14 and 11)
Lovely mint copy of the scarce one \$15.00
- 558(a) E7a 2½d. Lake Wakitupu (London) MINT
Deep Blue in fine block of four \$ 2.80
- (b) E7a Ditto Two fine mint copies, one Sky Blue,
one Dull Blue. A good contrast in this difficult stamp.
A "must" in such fine condition \$ 1.50
- 559(a) E8a 2½d. Lake Wakatipu (London) MINT This time the
combination of Blue and Greyish Blue. Only one or two
sets available so hurry. (2) \$ 3.00
- (b) E8b Ditto (Unwmkd p.11) Blue and Dull Blue in unused.
Minor stains both 75¢
- (c) E8b Ditto (USED) The above two shades in excellent used.. 60¢
- (d) E8c Ditto (Wmk'd p.11) MINT One Deep Blue,
one Blue - v. nice set \$ 2.75
- (e) E8c Ditto (USED) Blue and Sky Blue in quite
fair copies. Both dated \$ 1.00
- (f) E8d Ditto MINT (p.14) In superb blocks of four.
Deep Blue and Dark Blue, a momentous offer of which we
can do one set only \$ 7.00
- (g) E8d Ditto A lovely Dark Blue single mint..... 75¢
- (h) E8d Ditto In used the Deep and Dark shades.
Condition absolutely stupendous - quite unrepeatable..... 50¢
- 560(a) E9b 3d. Huias (Unwmkd p.11) USED Yellow-Brown and
Deep Yellow-Brown in fine dated used..... 50¢
- (b) E9c Ditto (Wmk'd p.11) Glorious used set of
Yellow-Brown, Bistre Brown and Pale Bistre.
Ask for dated if required 60¢
- (c) E9d Ditto (p.14) MINT single of the Pale Yellow Bistre
- Nice! \$ 2.50
- (d) E9d Ditto (USED) The three listed shades in good used -
Bistre Brown, Bistre, Pale Yellow Bistre. Rather nice..... \$ 1.50
- 561(a) E10a 3d. Huias (Reduced Size)(perf. 14) USED
The two listed shades in good condition -
Brown and Deep Brown \$ 2.25
- (b) E10b Ditto (p. 14 x 13-13½) Brown and Yellow Brown
in good used \$ 2.25
- (c) E10c Ditto (perf. 14 x 15) Brown and Yellow Brown in
super-superb used \$ 2.75
- (d) E10 (a) (b) (c) Ditto A reference check set of these
three major perforation groups common to the 1898 "Redrawn"
designs. Get to know them by seeing them (3)..... \$ 3.50
- 562(a) Ella 4d. White Terraces A "difficult" item mint.
One set only representing Dull, Deep, Bright and Lake Rose.
Four and Fine \$ 7.00
- 563(a) E12a 4d. Lake Taupo (Unwmkd'd p.11) MINT
Delightful block of four in Deep Blue and Bistre Brown
shades \$ 3.50
or a block of six \$ 5.00
- (b) E12a Ditto USED Nice set in used Deep Blue and
Bistre Brown, Bright Blue and Chestnut, Greenish Blue
and Bistre Brown (3) \$ 1.50
- (c) E12b Ditto (p.11 Wmk'd) MINT Superb block of four
in Deep Blue and Yellow-Chestnut (selvedge)..... \$ 7.00

- (d) El2b Ditto MINT Deep Blue and Chestnut and Deep Blue and Yellow Chestnut - two fine singles.....\$ 3.00
- (e) El2b Ditto - fine used\$ 3.00
- (f) El2c Ditto (perf. 14) A lovely page-in-the-making, mint. A block of four Blue and Pale Brown-Yellow, plus pairs in Blue and Yellow-Brown and Deep Bright Blue and Chestnut - stuff exhibition displays are made of!.....\$ 7.50
- (g) El2c Ditto USED In really superb copies Deep Blue and Deep Brown, Blue and Yellow-Brown, Deep Bright Blue and Chestnut, Blue and Pale Brown Yellow (4).....\$ 2.25
- (h) El2f Ditto (p. 14 x 13 - 13½) Fine mint single.....\$ 2.25
- (i) El2f Ditto (USED) Gloriously used copy.....\$ 2.00
- 564(a) El3a 5d. Otira Gorge (London) MINT Useful set - fine Red Chocolate with a reference copy (not-so-fine) of the scarce Sepia (Cat.\$13 the two).....\$ 4.00
- (b) El3a Ditto (USED) Colourful and fine set Pale Red Chocolate, Red Chocolate and Chocolate. Gorgeous stamps\$ 5.50
- (c) El3b Ditto (Unwmk'd p.11) Lovely Chocolate single\$ 2.50
- (d) El3c Ditto (p.11 Wmk'd) Red Brown in superb mint block of four plus Deep Brown single mint\$14.00
- (e) El3c Ditto (USED) Red Brown and Deep Brown in a superb set (2)\$ 1.85 and Black Brown a fine looking not-so-fine used (Cat. \$8.00)\$ 1.50
- (f) El3d Ditto (perf. 14) A lovely mint Red-Brown.....\$ 3.00
- (g) El3d Ditto USED Brown and Red Brown in lovely pairs.....\$ 3.50 or singles\$ 1.60
- 565(a) El4b 6d. Kiwi Green (USED) (no wmk p.11) Deep Green with heavyish mark - good looks.....\$ 2.50
- 566(a) El4c Ditto (Red) (USED) (p.11 No Wmk) Rose and Rose-Red shades in good used.....\$ 1.00
- (b) El4d Ditto "Lisbon" Paper (p.11) (Unused) Rose-Red and Red - both stamps minor stains though lovely\$ 3.00
- (c) El4d Ditto (USED) The two shades again - Red has minor crease\$ 3.25
- (d) El4d Ditto Glorious; perfect mint block of four with letters wmk throughout\$40.00
- (e) El4e Ditto (Wmk'd p.11) (USED) The full set of shades listed Rose, Rose Red, Rose Carmine, Carmine Pink, Brick Red, Salmon. All in good to fine condition - the Brick Red particularly fine\$ 6.00 Note: Only one full set is available, however, short sets including Brick Red will be supplied on request.
- (f) El4g Ditto (p.14) MINT The three listed shades in fine condition, Pink, Rose Carmine, Bright Rose Carmine. Superb!\$14.00
- (g) El4g Ditto (USED) The shades listed above in good to fine used. Excellent set\$ 1.35 Superfine used pair in the Pink shade.....\$ 1.25
- (h) El4h Ditto (Compound perfs. 11 and 14) MINT A superb block of four perf. 14 x 11 - two stamps creased and minor stains (Rose Carmine) (Cat. \$120).....\$60.00 USED A single as above with minor perf. cut.....\$ 7.50
- 567(a) El5a 6d. Kiwi Red (Reduced Size) MINT (perf. 14) Beautiful block of four. Tiny perf. stain two stamps - but quite outstanding. Pink shade\$ 7.50
- (b) El5a Ditto The shades Carmine Pink, Deep Rose Red, Red in superb mint singles - super set and scarce.....\$10.00

- (c) E15a Ditto (USED) Three fine used in Carmine Pink,
Deep Rose Red and Red\$ 4.50
- (d) E15b Ditto (MINT) (perf. 14 x 13 - 13½)
Lovely single of the rare one\$30.00
- (e) E15b Ditto (USED) Lovely single Carmine Pink.....\$ 7.00
- (f) E15c Ditto p.14 x 15 (USED) Lovely Carmine Pink..... 50¢
- 68 (a) E16a 8d. War Canoe (USED) (London) fine single.....\$ 2.00
- (b) E16c Ditto (p.11 Wmk'd) MINT Superb block of four
Indigo-Blue and Deep Blue single - the matching shade
set\$10.50
- (c) E16d Ditto (p.14) The two (used) shades, Steel Blue
and Deep Blue - finest (2)\$ 1.60
- 569 (a) E17b 9d. Pink Terrace (USED) (Unwatermk'd p.11)
Purple (good), Deep Purple (superfine), Rosy Purple (heavy
mark)\$ 4.50
- (b) E17c Ditto (Wmk'd p.11) (USED) Purple, Reddish-Purple
(both superb) Brownish Lake (heavy but clear, dated mark)...\$ 6.00
- (c) E17d Ditto p.14 (MINT) Superb pale Purple copy.....\$ 2.50
- (d) E17d Ditto (USED) Two glorious stamps Purple,
Reddish Purple\$ 2.50
- 570 (a) E18a 1/- Kea and Kaha (London) MINT Brownish-Orange
and Dull Red - lovely\$ 7.50
- (b) E18b Ditto (p.11 Unwmk'd) (MINT) Red copy.....\$ 4.00
- (c) E18b Ditto (USED) Bright Orange Red, Dull Brown Red,
Bright Red - the three lovely stamps.....\$ 2.50
- (d) E18d Ditto (MINT) (p.11 wmk'd) Four glorious colours
Red, Brown Red, Bright Red, Orange Red - superb.....\$14.50
- (e) E18d Ditto (USED) Four marvellous stamps Brown Red,
Red, Bright Red, Orange Red. WOW!\$ 2.50
- (f) E18e Ditto p.14 (MINT) Orange-Brown, Orange-Red -
the superb two\$ 5.50
- (g) E18e Ditto (USED) Orange-Brown, Orange-Red, Red -
the fine three\$ 2.75
- 571 (a) E19a 1/- Kea and Kaha (Reduced) p.14 x 13 - 13½ (USED)
The fine dated single\$ 4.75
- (b) E19b Ditto (MINT) p.14 x 15 Fabulous! Block of four
Orange Red\$25.00
- (c) E19b Ditto (USED) Good dated single\$ 2.00
- 572 (a) E20c 2/- Milford Sound "Laid" Paper (used)
Heavyish mark\$ 6.00
- (b) E20d Ditto (p.11 Wmk'd) Fine used Blue-Green.....\$ 5.00
- (c) E20e Ditto p.14 (MINT) Fine Green\$ 6.00
- (d) E20e Ditto Fine used Green\$ 5.00
- 573 (a) E21a 5/- Mt. Cook (London) Lovely Vermilion - mint.....\$18.00
or not-so-fine (thin)\$ 4.00
- (b) E21a Ditto (USED)
Vermilion (minor thin)\$ 5.00
Deep Vermilion (nice)\$19.00
- (c) E21b Ditto (USED) (p.11 No Wmk) Lovely set Vermilion
and Carmine\$35.00
- (d) E21c Ditto (UNUSED) (wmk'd sideways p.11)
Gum not complete but beautiful appearance, Red.....\$14.00
- (e) E21f Ditto p.14 (UNUSED) Gum absent but otherwise
superb Deep Red\$14.00
- (f) E21f Ditto (USED) Red - a glorious finale.....\$14.00