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A PHILATELIC QUIZ.

As in recent years, we present another set of teasers for your amusement - and, we hope, your edification too. Score fifteen or more correct, and you're entitled to feel pretty pleased with yourself.

1. An easy one to start. Who designed the Full-Face Queen stamps of New Zealand?
2. On the subject of Full-Face Queens, everyone has heard of the shades Deep Carmine Red (of the London Print 1d) and Slate-Blue (one of the scarce shades of the Davies Print 2d). But where would you find a 2d in Deep Carmine Red and a 4d in Slate Blue?
3. Which is the rarest of all N. Z. "missing colour" varieties?
4. Of the first nine N. Z. commemorative issues (i.e. Christchurch Exhibition - 1937 Coronation inclusive), how many stamps included the reigning monarch's head in the design. Was it four, seven, ten or thirteen? Careful, now!
5. Who or what are Armstrong's, Arthur Barnett's and James Smith's, and why do they qualify to appear in a philatelic quiz?
6. **EEIOOOOUU**. Using each of these letters once only, can you form the names of three N. Z. post offices? Yes, it's quite possible!
7. The 1d Lake Taupo of 1898 was the first bi-coloured New Zealand stamp - but what was the first complete set of N. Z. stamps printed in more than one colour?
8. How many designs (N. Z. only, of course) can you list which incorporate a map?
9. Kiwi, Kea, Kaka, Kereru, Kakariki, Kotuku - all are birds, all have appeared on N. Z. stamps, all begin with the letter K. But what else do they have in common? You need a clue? Ho Ho!
10. Regular readers will no doubt recall our recent offer of K. E. VII plate blocks, with the plate "numbers" represented by dots in the selvage. But can you think of another issue in which dots were used to identify plates?
11. In which N. Z. stamp might you find signs of re-entry, where the original impression was inverted?
12. In 1913, there were more post offices in New Zealand than in 1961. True or false?
13. Which stamps are available for public use on one day only?

14. Messrs. Parsons Bros. of New York were associated with which N. Z. stamp?
15. In how many countries, apart from New Zealand, have N. Z. stamps been printed?
16. When and where did 200 x 5c = \$12.00?
17. Ignoring the Full-Face Queens, and later varieties issued in error, can you think of any N. Z. stamp issued completely imperf?
18. To end on a seasonable note, of the twelve "Old Master" reproductions featured on N. Z. Christmas stamps since 1960, how many do not include the Holy Child in the design?

THE ICING ON THE CAKE

What better time to treat yourself to that special or unusual item? Our list of offers this month is sure to include something to satisfy the most self-indulgent spirit!

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| 1201(a) | <u>Full-Face Queen</u> . 1d Brown, perf 12½, Large Star wmk (S.G. 131). A most attractive used <u>pair</u> showing advanced plate wear..... | £7.00 |
| (b) | <u>As above</u> . 2d Orange, perf 12½, Large Star wmk (S.G. 133). Another lovely used pair, glowing colour, light mark..... | £6.00 |
| 1202(a) | <u>Second Sidefaces</u> . Progressive die-proofs surface-printed in black on white and cream toned unwatermarked papers showing clear differences in the shading lines of the Queen's face and hair. Progressive proofs are always of great philatelic interest, and highly desirable material. The two die proofs..... | £22.50 |
| (b) | <u>As above</u> . A superb range of shades of the 2d lilac perf 10 (5), perf 10 x 11 (2), perf 11 (2) and the thick "Waterlow" paper issue (2). In all, 11 stamps, all finest used..... | 50p |
| 1203 | <u>First Pictorials</u> . Delightful collection, all in mint blocks of 4, comprising London Print ½d, 1d, 2½d Wakitipu; 1d Terraces; perf 11 no wmk 1/-; perf 11 wmk'd 3d, 4d, 6d (two excellent shade blocks), 8d, 9d; perf 14 wmk'd 1½d, 2d, 4d; redrawn 3d perf 14 x 13 - 13½. The 15 blocks of 4, mint..... | £37.50 |
| 1204(a) | <u>King Edward VII</u> . Mint set of the definitive issues, S.G. 449 - 478 complete, excluding the "two-perf" pairs. Most stamps of this period are elusive, a fact now being acknowledged by the upward movement in prices. The set of 26 stamps, fine mint..... | £30.00 |
| (b) | <u>K. E. VII ½d Booklet Pane</u> . Pane of 6 of the issue "with selvedge bars", showing characteristic blurred prints. The left hand selvedge has been partly trimmed, but the pane is otherwise in fine condition. A scarce item at a bargain price ... | £4.00 |
| 1205(a) | <u>Penny Dominion Variety</u> . The most attractive "complete offset on back" on the De La Rue paper issue. Mint single..... | £1.00 |
| (b) | <u>Penny Dominion Booklet Pane</u> . The scarce Cowan paper issue with "Dainties" ads on the side selvedges (and "Jeyes Fluid" on the butt). The pane, pristine mint..... | £22.50 |
| (c) | <u>Penny Dominion "Official"</u> . Unhinged mint block of 4 on Cowan paper with reversed wmk (JO7a). This block has selvedge showing some of the marginal watermark inscription, thus confirming at a glance that it is the "reversed" variety, which is otherwise rather difficult to see. The block..... | £4.50 |
| (d) | <u>As above</u> . Three "Official" blocks of four including constant varieties, being the "Q" flaw on De La Rue (JO7a). the "Broken Globe" on Litho wmk paper (JO5a) and the "Broken top frame" on Cowan Reversed wmk (JO7a). The Litho wmk block has a gum crease, otherwise condition is superb. The three variety blocks. | £6.75 |
| 1206(a) | <u>K. G. V 2d Yellow</u> (recess print). "Two-perf" block of 4, superb mint..... | £2.25 |
| (b) | <u>K. G. V 4d Yellow</u> . The well-known "wrong value" re-entries at R1/6 and R4/10, both in mint blocks of 4, the latter being of the "two-perf" variety. The two blocks - a superb specialist page in the making..... | £12.00 |

- (c) K. G. V 6d Carmine. Two-perf block of 4 in a sumptuously rich full shade, brilliant mint £10.50
- (d) K. G. V "Official" Two-perf pairs. Three shade pairs of the 3d, plus another with inverted watermark, and one pair each of the 6d and 1/- (where else could you find representation like this?). Six two-perf pairs, mint (there is a little unobtrusive foxing at three points on the perfs of the 1/-) £10.00
- (e) K. G. V 1/- "Official". The scarce, delicate Salmon shade (listed by S. G. as pale orange-red), here offered in a truly superfine mint block of 4 £2.25
- 1207(a) K. G. V $\frac{1}{2}$ Green. The De La Rue paper issue with the variety watermark inverted (a very scarce one, this). Immaculate mint block of 4 £15.00
- (b) K. G. V 1d Field Marshal. Mint single of the rare Cowan Reversed wmk issue of 1927 in the outstandingly different scarlet shade £5.00
- (c) K. G. V Admirals. The 2/- and 3/- are another of the "blue chip" issues (in this case a blue-and-mauve chip!). We offer here a fine set of 7, comprising both values on both Jones and Cowan papers, with additional copies of the 2/- on Jones (with wmk inverted), on Cowan (a good shade) and overprinted "Official". The 3/- Cowan has a minor crease, but generally condition is very fine. 7 scarce stamps, mint £28.50
- (d) K. G. V $\frac{1}{2}$ d "Official". In some sheets on Cowan paper, the top row of stamps was so badly blurred (due to serious plate wear caused by buffeting), that the entire row was removed and replaced by a satisfactory row from another sheet. Here illustrating the point are two blocks, one (of 4 stamps) with the upper stamps showing major plate wear, the other (a corner block of 6) with the upper row officially patched in. The two interesting blocks, both perf 14 x 15 (KO13e) £8.50
- 1208 1935 Pictorial 2/- Booklet. Complete with covers, interleaving sheets etc., and four panes of the 1d Kiwi with "Parisian" ads. Immaculate in every way. The booklet £15.00
- 1209 K. G. VI Major Variety. A fine example of the "Re-inserted 2" (S. G. 625a), in mint selvage block of 4 with part of printer's imprint, proving the sheet position to be Row 10, no. 10. The rare variety block £60.00
- 1210 Q. E. Booklet Panes. Complete collection of these items in the 1953-59 issues, with the 1d and 3d in the original design, and in the redrawn design on both papers, in every case represented by panes with upright and inverted watermark. 12 panes of 6, complete mint £4.25
- 1211 1967 3c Puarangi. Marginal strip of 3, with variety imperf between stamp and right selvage. Rare £30.00
- 1212 1968 10c Timber. A perfect mint copy of this (the later, large-size 10c) with the spectacular major error "Green omitted" - one of the very few missing colour varieties occurring in the Decimal Pictorials. Only 10 copies are recorded (originally they formed a continuous strip in a counter roll, fortunately a well-guillotined example). Supplied with normal for comparison £85.00
- 1213(a) 1906 Christchurch Exhibition. Set of 4, $\frac{1}{2}$ d - 6d, fine mint £25.00
- (b) As above. Short set of 3 (no 6d), all having wmk inverted. Lovely mint £13.50
- 1214(a) 1913 Auckland Exhibition. Set of 4, very fine mint £13.50
- (b) As above. The 1d value with the variety "Doubly gummed" (this was done by way of reinforcement for issue from slot machines). Very scarce thus £7.50
- 1215 1934 Health. The "Crusader" design with watermark sideways (W. 7a), i. e. inverted from the normal. Mint single £4.50
- Corner block of 4, mint £18.50
- 1216 1936 Health. Set of 4 blocks of four, showing the plate number 1 in all positions in which it occurred on sheets. The four plate blocks £5.00

1217(a)	<u>Air Mail 5d on 3d</u> (CPV4a, S. G. 551). Specialised study on three album leaves, showing numerous flaws in the "FIVE PENCE" surcharge. 29 stamps, all mint, mainly in pairs, strips and blocks, including a magnificent corner block of 9 with sheet number. A most unusual and interesting lot, at	£25.00
(b)	<u>"Trans Tasman" 7d Blue</u> . Mint block of 4, two stamps showing the "Broken N" variety. The block	£8.50
(c)	<u>1935 "Aerodrome"</u> . The three values, 1d, 3d and 6d, in superb plate blocks of 4	£4.75
1218	<u>1899 Postage Dues</u> . An excellent lot of the "First Types", complete in singles (14), with an additional block of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d including the "No Stop after D" variety, and 5 extra copies - $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d (3) and 4d - all with "Double strike" of the frame. One or two very minor faults, but condition is generally very good. 23 stamps, all mint except the $\frac{1}{2}$ d "Double strike", which is used	£18.00
1219	<u>"Second Type" Postage Dues</u> . Comprehensive range, $\frac{1}{2}$ d - 3d, virtually complete per the C. P. Catalogue in papers, perfs and shades, including a very fine copy of the rare 2d perf 11 (S. G. D20). 34 stamps, all mint, seldom offered	£15.00
1220	<u>"Third Type" Postage Dues</u> . Absolutely complete per C. P., Y19a - Y22d, including both shades of Y21b. 11 stamps, mint	£2.25
1221	<u>Crash Cover</u> . N. Z. to England cover from the mail carried by the B. O. A. C. - Quantas "Constellation" which crashed at Singapore in 1954. The cover is somewhat charred, as usual, and carries a fine clear strike in red of the boxed cachet "SALVAGED MAIL/AIRCRAFT CRASH/SINGAPORE 13.3.1954".....	£6.50

RECENT ISSUES

New printings of the Dutch-produced 23c and 50c Parks were issued recently. These are on noticeably whiter paper than previously.

23c	Egmont National Park. New Printing. Mint single	16p
	Imprint/Plate block of 6	£1.00
50c	Abel Tasman National Park. New Printing. Mint single	33p
	Imprint/Plate block of 6	£2.00

SPECIAL POSTMARKS

30/10/72	"Seventh Consultative Committee Meeting, Antarctic Treaty, 30 Oct. 1972, Parliament Buildings N. Z."	10p
6/11/72	"150th Anniversary Methodist Church, Annual Conference, Whangarei N. Z." ...	10p

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1. William Humphrys (not Mr. Chalon)
2. The "missing medalion" 1955 Health 3d + 1d. Only one copy exists.
3. Seven (the Auckland Exhibition set doesn't count - King Edward was not the reigning monarch when they were issued.)
4. Department stores in Christchurch, Dunedin and Wellington respectively. Each has its own post office with distinctive postmark.
5. Oco, Ohio, Que.
6. The Postage Dues of 1899.
7. We counted twelve, all among commemorative issues.
8. All were N. Z. post office names (now closed). So was Ho Ho.
9. The Royle "Three-dot" and "Four-dot" Id Universal plates of 1907.
10. 3d Pull-Face Queen.
11. True. In 1913 there were almost 2400; in 1961, less than 1500.
12. Issues of the Life Insurance Department, which are available to the public for use on the day of issue only.
13. The 1½d Boer War Contingent stamp of 1900, for which they made the plate.
14. Six - England, Australia, Belgium, Switzerland, Japan and Holland.
15. On sheets of the current 5c fish stamp, until the error was noticed and the sheet value marking corrected. Issued sheets with the uncorrected value are rare.
16. Certain of the Id Universal Trial Slot Machine issues.
17. Only one - the 1962 issue.
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