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N.Z. NOTES & COMMENT

by Colin Hamilton

King George V 5d. Mr. Campbell Paterson recently sent me from New Zealand a 5d block of more than usual interest. It has left selvedge, is perf. 14x14½, the shade is ultramarine, and the S.W. stamp in the block is Row 5, no. 1. Nothing particularly noteworthy thus far, but as most specialists will be aware, R5/1 is the only recorded re-entry stamp in this value. Volume 1 of the N.Z. Handbook, in describing the re-entry, states that "the doubling is not very clear but shows in the figure in the top left corner". That comment conforms with our own experience of this variety. In examples we have seen in the past, any duplication of the design has been at best somewhat indefinite, and by no means extensive. It should be added, too (although the Handbook makes no mention of this), that there are copies extant which show no signs of re-entry at all - to be positively identified these, of course, have to be in positional piece, but such pieces are not quite so difficult to find as one might imagine, since in sheets perforated in "two-perf" form, R5/1 happens to be the upper stamp in the left-most vertical pair with the two perfs se-tenant, a substantial proportion of which have been preserved intact in collections.

In Mr. Paterson's block, however, the R5/1 doubling is, both in clarity and extent, the finest we have ever seen. The whole of the top one-third of the design is duplicated upwards - all the signs of a really major re-entry, in fact, rather than the minor one it has appeared to be in the past.

Furthermore, the block confirms a suspicion I have had for some time that R5/2 might also be a re-entry. Until now it has been nothing more than a suspicion, since previous examples I have seen have shown only the merest hint of 'fuzziness'. But in this block, the clarity evident in R5/1 obviously carries over to R5/2, and the latter shows similar but much less extensive doubling, limited to the top left corner of the design.

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Renewals time is upon us again, and a form for this purpose is enclosed.

A number of U.K. subscribers have inquired about the possibility of having their copies dispatched by first-class post, so in order to accommodate them, we are for the first time offering a choice of the two postal rates.

For those subscribers who have an automatic subscription renewal arrangement with us, it is essential that if the first-class post service is required they notify us to this effect. Otherwise, these subscriptions will be renewed at the second-class rate.

1977. C.P. Catalogue Revision. As we go to press, bulk supplies of the new Supplement have been en route by sea from Auckland for the best part of two months. By the time this note appears, therefore, Supplements may well already be in the hands of Catalogue owners. On the other hand it may not be generally known that transit times can vary from under six weeks to as long as fifteen weeks. In any event, we would assure subscribers who are anxiously awaiting their copies that they will be dispatched without delay, as soon as they are delivered to us. (Having already seen an advance copy, I can add that whether its arrival is sooner or later, the Supplement is certain to be absorbing reading!)

HEALTH ISSUES 1929 - 1976

- 701 A complete mint collection of all the N.Z. Health stamps and miniature sheets issued to date, including both winks of 1957 and both perfs of 1960. The 1931 and 1932 stamps are lightly mounted but superfine - otherwise the entire collection is in brilliant unhinged condition. 98 stamps and 39 miniature sheets. A fine lot for the collector with an eye to future appreciation (which will of course be easily kept complete by the addition of further annual issues as they appear). The Healths collection £285.00
- (If desired, we can supply the above separately as follows:
- The set of 98 stamps only £220.00
- The set of 39 miniature sheets only £72.50).

HEALTHS YEAR BY YEAR

- 702 1929 Nurse. Superfine mint block of 4, plus mint and used singles £55.00
- 703 1930 Nurse. The similar, but much scarcer, second Health issue, again represented here by a perfect mint block, and singles mint and used £112.50
- 704(a) 1931 Smiling Boys. Just four stamps - a mint set and a used set - but condition quite magnificent. The mint are lightly hinged, the used have light, neat and clear circular cancellations; all four stamps are beautifully fresh £275.00
- (b) As above. Another mint set, not quite so fine (on the gummed side) as the set in the previous lot, but facial appearance brilliant. A bargain set at £57.50
- (c) As above. The 'Red' and 'Blue' Boys, each in glorious mint blocks of 4. The 1931 blocks - the perfect centrepiece for a collection of distinction £625.00
- (d) As above. If you are fortunate enough to have mint blocks already, what about this - the set in breathtaking used blocks of 4! Incredibly fresh, stain-free, and of sparkling colour, each block is cancelled centrally by a neat 1931 c.d.s. - that on the 'Red' block is dated 31st October, the first day of issue. The faintest hint of a vertical crease on the blue block (invisible from the front) cannot dim the brilliance of a truly rare offering. The used blocks £550.00
- 705 1932 Hygeia. Two mint (in really outstanding shades of carmine and pink - quite different colours, in fact), plus a fine used copy in carmine £41.50
- 706 1933 Pathway. Collection of 9 stamps (1 used, 8 mint, incl. a block of 4). There are five good varieties annotated, among them R2/1 in both flaw and retouched states, and the R3/3 cloud flaw. A very fine lot £95.00

707(a)	<u>1934 Crusader.</u> Singles mint and used, mint block of 4, a plate block of 4, and a copy used on cover (not first day, but not too often seen on cover). The 1934 collection	£65.00
(b)	<u>As above.</u> The official date of issue was 25th October 1934, but the stamps were available only from the Chief Post Office, Wellington, on that date. At most other offices they were on sale the following day, so that covers postmarked 26th, at offices other than Wellington, are in fact first day covers. We can offer such a cover, in fine clean condition	£21.50
708	<u>1935 Keyhole.</u> Mint and used singles, first day cover, mint block of 4, plate block of 4 (with pl. no. in bottom left corner) and a pair with pl. no. in top right corner. The latter pair is creased, and ignored in the price of	£24.50
709	<u>1936 Lifebuoy.</u> Singles mint and used, first day cover, and two plate blocks, one each with plate number 1 (top left) and 2 (top right)	£11.60
710	<u>1937 Hiker.</u> Mint and used singles, first day cover, mint block of 4, and two plate blocks, showing pl. no. 1 (top right) and pl. no. 2 (top left)	£26.25
711	<u>1938 Children at play.</u> Singles mint and used, first day cover, mint blocks of 4, and a top right corner block of 8, with sheet serial no. and plate no. H1. Additional marginal singles show plate number in both left and right selvedge. The collection of 16 stamps	£12.25
712	<u>1939 Beach Ball.</u> The set of 2, both mint and used, plus a first day cover (scarce)	£12.85
713	<u>1940 Beach Ball.</u> This issue is much scarcer than is generally realised - here represented by mint blocks of 4, single sets mint and used and a first day cover	£35.00
714	<u>1941 Beach Ball.</u> Coverage exactly as in the 1940 collection above, 12 stamps and one cover	£15.00
715	<u>1942 Swing.</u> The set in mint blocks of 4, mint pairs and mint and used singles - will mount up into a beautifully balanced page	£2.65
716	<u>1943 Triangulars.</u> Mint pairs (tete-beche, of course), mint and used singles, a first day cover, and a complete set of 4 plate blocks	£6.25
717	<u>1944 Princesses.</u> The set complete in single stamps (mint and used), blocks of 4 and plate blocks, plus a first day cover	£1.95
718	<u>1945 Peter Pan.</u> A very fine lot of 39 mint, two used and a first day cover. Included are plate blocks complete excepting the near-impossible plate A2 of the 2d+1d, and there is a superb copy of the very scarce inverted wmk variety of the 1d+½d. The collection	£16.75
719	<u>1946 Soldier.</u> A collection strong in shades and varieties, incl. 1d+½d wmk inverted, blurred centres (both values), and numerous blocks showing plate flaws and re-entries. 90 mint, 2 used and a first day cover	£28.00

720	<u>1947 Eros.</u> No less than 133 stamps in this lot, mainly in mint blocks, some with and without sheet values/selvage arrows, and others showing minor but constant varieties (all fully identified). Also present is a mint marginal copy of the rare 1d+½d with wmk inverted. The very fine 'Eros' collection of 131 mint, 2 used and first day cover	£45.00
721	<u>1948 Health Camp.</u> Includes plate blocks complete, sheet value blocks, and blocks on different papers (although Volume 2 of the Handbook states categorically that the St. Cuthberts fine paper was used for some of the 1d+½d printing only, one of the 2d+1d blocks here is on paper of a remarkably similar quality). Varieties include the 1d Frame plate 2 R7/10 re-entry in block, and a block of the 2d with partial double perforations. 70 mint, 2 used and a first day cover	£16.75
722	<u>1949 Nurse and Child.</u> Plate, sheet value and variety blocks (among the latter are the Catalogued 'Bandaged Finger' and 'No Stop') are complemented by used pairs and a first day cover. 44 mint, 4 used and the cover	£8.75
723	<u>1950 Princess Elizabeth/Prince Charles.</u> Ten mint blocks (64 stamps) showing selvage markings, incl. plate numbers and sheet values; further blocks of 4 of each value <u>with wmk inverted</u> ; a used set and a first day cover. The 1950 collection	£27.00
724	<u>1951 Yachting.</u> A complete collection of all items listed in the C.P. Catalogue - singles mint and used, six plate blocks, a fine mint copy of the 2d+1d variety wmk inverted, and a first day cover. For good measure, sheet value blocks are included	£9.75
725	<u>1952 Prince Charles/Princess Anne.</u> Again complete per C.P. Catalogue listings, with sheet value blocks added. 26 stamps and one cover ...	£2.55
726	<u>1953 Guides and Scouts.</u> Comprehensive 'standard' coverage, with plates and sheet values in blocks, mint and used singles and a first day cover. Varieties include the Catalogued R2/10 Leg flaw on the 1d+½d (in a block with a doctor blade flaw in the selvage), and an interesting strip of the same value showing two <u>different</u> sheet serial numbers. The collection	£4.85
727	<u>1954 Mt. Aspiring and Everest.</u> Plate blocks complete (4 different), sheet value blocks, singles mint and used, and a first day cover	£4.10
728	<u>1955 Medallion.</u> Yet again completion in plate blocks (8 different), sheet value blocks, mint and used singles, and a first day cover	£11.50

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1d KIWI – SOME UNUSUAL VARIETY OFFERS

729	<u>The Three Dies.</u> A reference set of three used copies, specially selected to show the differences between Die 1 (L2a), Die 2 (L2c) and Die 3 (L2d). Cheap and informative at	25p
730	<u>Letter Wmk Variety.</u> Used copy of the original (1935) issue showing this scarce variety (L2aX)	£3.00

- 731(a) Plate Variety. An excellent naked-eye flaw occurred on R1/7 from plate B1, appearing as a prominent red blob touching the left of the Kiwi's beak. Used copies with the flaw (LV2a), each 50p
- (b) As above. The outstanding "retouch to Z" - the top bar of the letter is crudely redrawn - from plate B3, R9/22 (LV2e). Used £3.50
- (c) As above. Set of 4 used, all showing plate flaws from plates A3 and B3 (full annotation and sheet positions supplied). The plated variety set £2.50
- (d) As above. A similar set of 4, with different flaws, but sheet positions are unknown to us. The unplated variety set £2.00
- (e) As above. Used copy showing one of the mysterious but quite magnificent re-entries mentioned in the footnote under LV2f in our Catalogue. The doubling of the whole of the Kiwi, and the lower half of the right hand panel is complete and superb. The rare re-entry £25.00
- (f) As above. Used example of the scarce die 1 re-entry to the die 3 booklet plate. The stamp shows only minor doubling in the top right hand corner, but the die 1 characteristics in combination with the multiple wmk horizontal mesh paper are conclusive. £15.00
- 732(a) "Officials" Reference Set. Complete mint set of the three issues of the 1d Kiwi which were overprinted for official use (LO2a, b, d) £6.35
- (b) As above. The same set, but in perfect mint blocks of 4 £27.50

MISCELLANY

- 733 K.G.V. 5d. The mint block of 4 in ultramarine (mentioned in this month's Notes), showing the R5/1 and 5/2 re-entries as described. Condition brilliant £45.00
- 734 1925 Dunedin Exhibition. (S17a/b/c). Unmounted mint set of 3, superb .. £27.50
- 735 10d on 1½d 1940 Centennial. (S37a). Three attractive shades of mauve, in a stamp not noted for shade variation, mint £1.00
- 736 1940 Centennial "Officials". Due to progressive wearing of the stereotypes, the "Official" overprints vary considerably, from neat, clear and thin lettered, to heavy, blurred and thick lettered. This set of 21 stamps includes two examples of each value (except the 1½d) representative of these two overprint extremes. An extra copy of the 2d is included (with a distinctive grey-black "Official") and the two 3d examples show markedly different shades (orange and brown-red) of the overprint. The 4 mint (½dx2, 2½x2) and 17 used stamps £17.50
- 737 Airs. A one-of-each collection of 8 mint stamps, including 1931 3d, 4d, 7d, 5d surcharge, 7d Trans-Tasman and 1935 1d, 3d, 6d. Six of the stamps are unmounted mint and condition of the others is superb, with the exception of the 5d surcharge which has a small defect on the back. The set of 8 £22.50

738(a)	<u>Express Delivery.</u> The original 1903 sideways wmk issue (U1a), 1926/36 Cowan paper perf. 14x14½ (U1b) and perf. 15 (U1c), 1937 Wiggins Teape paper perf. 14x14½ (U1d) and the 1939 Motor Car issue (U2a) with both white and brown gum, are included in this near-complete set of 6 stamps. Condition good to very fine mint	£22.50
(b)	<u>As above.</u> A simplified mint set of 2, representing each distinctive type (U1 and U2). The set of 2 mint stamps	£5.00
739	<u>Life Insurance.</u> A complete simplified set of 9 mint stamps from the 1913 - 1947 without "VR" types. Included are ½d green, 1d red, 1½d black, 1½d orange-brown, 2d purple, 2d yellow, 3d yellow-brown, 3d chocolate and 6d pink. The set, superb	£17.50
740	<u>Arms, mint, 3/6 on 3/6.</u> Two mint copies, both multiple upright wmk, one with serif lettering (C.P. Z53b, S.G. 657), the other in sans-serif lettering (C.P. Z53d, S.G. 657a). Cat £22 plus	£12.50
741	<u>Arms, mint, 11/- on 11/-.</u> Multiple upright wmk (C.P. Z55b, S.G. 659), very fine mint. Cat. £25	£17.50
742	<u>Arms, used.</u> A selection of some of the more difficult values:	
(i)	7/6 grey, W.T. single wmk paper (C.P. Z36b, S.G. 544j)	£10.00
(ii)	12/6 deep plum, Cowan paper (C.P. Z40a, S.G. 544n)	£30.00
(iii)	15/- sage-green, W.T. single wmk paper (C.P. Z41b, S.G. 5440), short corner	£5.00
(iv)	£1 pink, multiple upright wmk (C.P. Z42c, S.G. 646)	£2.25
(v)	£2 purple, multiple upright wmk (C.P. Z46c, S.G. 650)	£5.00
(vi)	£3 green, multiple upright wmk (C.P. Z48c, S.G. 652), slightly grubby copy	£7.50
(vii)	£4 light blue, Cowan paper (C.P. Z50a, S.G. 544x), superb	£30.00
(viii)	£5 indigo blue, Cowan paper (C.P. Z52a, S.G. 544z), creased	£10.00

RECENT ISSUES

1/6/77	<u>Seascapes.</u> 10c, 16c, 18c, 30c, printed by Fournier-Vitoria (Spain). Set of 4 mint	68p
	Imprint blocks (no plate numbers appear on issued sheets), set of 4 blocks of 6 stamps each	£4.15
	Official First Day Cover, postmarked Wanganui	80p
30c Park.	New plate 4444. Perf. and shade as in plate 4a4a4a4a previously issued. Imprint/plate block of 6 stamps	£1.80
	"Traffic lights" block of 6 from pl. 4444, including the words "Side Lay" printed in right selvedge - a marking unique to this plate. The block	£1.80
\$1 Booklet.	Containing one pane of 10x10c "Coat of Arms" stamps, on unwater-marked paper with bluish gum. Unlike the item offered last month (in which the pane had left selvedge), the pane in this booklet has <u>right</u> selvedge	£1.00