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N.Z. NOTES AND COMMENT

by Colin Hamilton

Some three years ago (Bulletin, July 1976), I reported a block of 1d Universals overprinted King Edward VII Land, with the right hand part of the Royle "three-dot" plate marking. I have now seen a used block of 4, showing the left-hand part of the same plate marking. It will be recalled that these plate identification marks are grouped around the marginal arrow in the bottom selvage between vertical rows 12 and 13 of the full sheet of 240 stamps. But since the sheets were divided vertically into four panes of 60 before overprinting, and one of the divisions was between rows 12 and 13, these pieces showing part of the marking are the nearest approach to plate blocks which can exist in the supplies overprinted for the Shackleton Expedition. It is interesting to reflect, however, that at least one sheet from the Waterlow Trial Plate W1 was also overprinted, and since this plate number appears in its entirety below vertical row 12, well to the left of the central division arrow, it is possible that somewhere there exists an intact plate block. What a find that would be!

K.G.V 9d Yellow-Olive. In normal times one is fortunate to see more than a couple of copies of this distinctive colour at one time. But I recently had the extraordinary luck to have in front of me no less than nine separate examples of 'yellow-olives' simultaneously, and the range of shades within this group was quite startling. At one extreme there was a deep and relatively dull shade, with the olive definitely predominating. At the other extreme was a brilliant, relatively pale and strikingly bright shade best described as "pale bright olive-yellow" — the yellow content being overwhelmingly predominant. Between these there were two other intermediate, but clearly distinguishable shades. All of which serves to underline a point we have emphasised frequently — that no collector of shades should become a slave to listed variations.

901

FIRST SIDEFACE SET

Complete simplified set of 8 stamps (1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1/-, 2/-, 5/-).
Centring is a little variable, but condition is exceptionally fine and the colours fresh. A choice set, rarely offered, and under heavy buying pressure (S.G.1980 cat. £628)

£450.00

902

BOER WAR POSTCARDS

A fabulous complete set of 16, printed on yellow card. Issued in January 1900, each shows a different scene illustrating New Zealand's very considerable contribution to the war effort. Only the second such set we have seen in over a decade, and in brilliant pristine unused condition throughout. The rare set of Q.V. printed postcards

£275.00

2/- CAPT. COOK — REPLATING

A complete reconstruction of Plate 1, accomplished by utilising used single copies with multiple watermark, perf. 13½x14 (L13d). An item of infinite philatelic interest and fascination, involving untold hours of work, and the examination of many thousands of stamps. The reconstructed sheet of 120 stamps, superb buying at

£175.00

KING EDWARD VII LAND — PLATE MARKING

Used block of 4 (central Expedition c.d.s.) with bottom selvedge showing part of the Royle "three-dot" plate marking — see this month's Bulletin notes. Rare

£225.00

1940 CENTENNIAL — JOINED ff VARIETIES

All items offered are in marginal pair with normal stamp, unless otherwise stated.

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| 905 | 1d Captain Cook/Map. Mint unmounted | £12.50 |
| 906 | 2d Abel Tasman/Chart. Hinged in selvedge only | £15.00 |
| 907 | 2½d Treaty of Waitangi. Non marginal pair, some gum tones | £3.00 |
| 908(a) | 3d Settlers. Mint unmounted | £18.50 |
| | (b) As above. Not-so-fine pairs (foxing etc), each | £3.00 |
| | (c) As above. In marginal mint block of 4, with three normals. Unmounted | £23.50 |
| | (d) As above. Another block of 4, not-so-fine | £8.50 |
| 909(a) | 6d Refrigerated Transport. Fine appearance, but stamps creased | £3.00 |
| | (b) As above. Marginal single, hinged in selvedge only, stamp superfine | £15.00 |
| | (c) As above. Similar item, not-so-fine | £3.00 |
| 910 | 8d Maori Council. Non marginal pair, light hinge | £17.50 |

MISCELLANY

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| 911(a) | Queen Elizabeth. Set of three middle value horizontal counter coil pairs 9d, 1/-, 1/6 (NC5a,b,c). Fine mint | £12.00 |
| | (b) As above. Complete set of 12 Q.E. Booklet Panes of 6 stamps each. Included are 1d and 3d original design (N2 and N5); 1d Redrawn, original and white paper (N31a and b); and 3d Redrawn, original and white paper (N34a and b) — each represented by two panes, watermark upright and inverted. The mint set of booklet panes | £25.00 |
| | (c) As above. Set of 5 Q.E 4/- Booklets, including W7a (2, with and without the pane of airmail labels), W7b, W7c and W7d (S.G. B1x2, B2, B3, B4). Fine set, a number of the panes with inverted wmk | £40.00 |

912	4c Puriri Moth. Superb mint (unhinged) copy ex-booklet, with variety Wing Veins Inverted (P6cT). This example has binding selvage attached, and the nature of the variety is such that viewing the stamp with the binding selvage at left, only the wing veins are upright — all other colours in the design are inverted. Apart from the ephemeral inverted centre in the 4d Pictorial of 1903, this variety is unique in N.Z. philatelic history. The 'Inverted Veins'	£275.00
913	10c Coat of Arms. Vertical strip of 3, unwmk'd paper, bluish gum. Upper pair normal, bottom stamp with error Red Colour Omitted (P12bZ). This is the only example we have seen se-tenant with normal — all others have been from sheets with the red colour missing throughout. The strip, perfect mint	£35.00
914(a)	1971 4c/2½c Provisional. First surcharge (photogravure) issue with variety "Bars at top right, 4c at lower left" (P30aU). A notable variety, due to gross misplacement of the surcharge. Supplied with normal copy for comparison. Mint unhinged	£25.00
(b)	As above. Horizontal pair from right of sheet, the marginal copy showing variety "Red colour almost totally omitted" (P30aY). Omission in this example is at least 95% complete. Superb unmounted mint and highly spectacular	£92.50
915	1958 Marlborough Centennial (S81-S83). Collection of 11 pieces, including the following varieties, 2d R1/3, 2/2, 13/6, 14/3 second retouch, 16/1, 20/1; 3d R5/3, 9/1 and partial double perfs; 8d R7/1, 9/2, 19/7 and Doctor Blade flaw. 47 stamps and good buying at (full description provided)	£30.00
916	1959 Red Cross (S84a). Two (matching) positional blocks of 6 — the first includes the rare R13/6 coloured flaw variety (easily seen with the naked-eye) and the second is the R13/6 retouched state [SV84a(a & b)]. Both blocks include additional varieties at R11/6 and 13/5, full details provided	£62.50
917	1960 Westland (S85-S87). A 9 piece (40 stamp) variety collection, including varieties 2d R1/4, 1/5, 3/1, 3/2, 4/2; 3d R1/1, 1/19, 3/6, 3/7, 3/8, 3/17, 6/13; 8d R1/10. Full annotation supplied	£25.00
918(a)	1962 Telegraph 3d (S88a). No less than 11 blocks (68 stamps), with examples of 14 of the 16 varieties listed in Vol. 6 of the N.Z. Handbook, and a number of additional unlisted varieties. A fine variety collection including full plating details	£20.00
(b)	As above. Only 5 stamps in this set, but a finer album page one could not wish for. Included are two single stamps with the brown colour grossly disturbed (in one stamp it almost disappears), a vertical pair with the brown colour heavily blurred and showing the result of a 'hiccup' in the printing process, together with a normal stamp. Beautiful set.	£47.50
919	1963 Railway 3d (S90a). Superb mint copy with Blue Colour Omitted (S90aZ), plus normal stamp	£115.00
920	1969 Law Society 3c (S115a). Unhinged mint example of the variety Double Print Blue Areas (S115aZ). A highly spectacular and unusual error — the extra print was misplaced upwards by approx. 8mm, and the details of the Supreme Court Building appear strongly in the sky in blue silhouette! A must for the moderns collector	£100.00

921	1933 Health (T5a). Selvedge block of 6 (stamps are brilliant unhinged mint) including the Catalogued R2/1 and 3/3 retouched cloud varieties (T5aX) — R2/1 also, of course, shows retouched LT in HEALTH. A lovely variety block	£70.00
922	1946 Health, 2d+1d (T18b). Unmounted mint single, with Blurred Centre variety (T18bZ) — also showing the characteristic golden shade of this variety ..	£6.00
923(a)	1949 Health, 2d+1d (T21b). Mint corner block of 4 with the R1/2 No Dot below D error (C.P. T21bZ, S.G. 699a)	£5.00
(b)	As above. Similar block of 4, also with R1/2 flaw, but used with Wellington c.d.s. dated 3 OC 49 — the first day of issue. Superb variety block, used	£10.00
924	1963 Health, 3d+1d (T35b). Two matching corner blocks of 15, with the R3/5 variety in the original flaw and the later partly touched out states (T35b Z and Y). This variety is of unusual interest in that the flaw was noticed after the complete supply had been printed, and it was scratched out by hand on the already printed sheets — only a few sheets still showing the flaw escaped this treatment (see Vol. 6, page 224-6). A glorious pair of variety blocks	£30.00
925(a)	1970 Health, 2½c+1c (T42a). Plate block of 6 (lightly hinged in selvedge) plate nos 1A1A1A1A, and with bottom panel in the scarce Scarlet shade. A beautiful plate block	£15.00
(b)	As above. Mint single with the Catalogued variety “Phantom” doubling of New Zealand (T42aZ) — showing as a faint but distinct doubling of the red colour over the bottom half of the stamp, and in the bottom margin	£6.00
926	1971 Health, 3c+1c (T43a). Unmounted mint copy, with delicate offset of all 4 colours on the back (T43aZ). An attractive variety	£10.00

SECOND PICTORIALS

A further specialised list of offers from this most interesting of issues.

927	8d Tuatara, Reg'd Wmk (L10a). Set of two mint, in the listed shades of sepia and brown — the latter is scarce. Lovely contrasts	£3.45
928(a)	8d Mult. Wmk Sideways, Perf. 14x13½ (L10b). Mint single (sepia)	60p
(b)	As above. Super set in the three listed shades — deep brown, sepia and sepia-brown. The mint shade set	£4.75
(c)	As above. Plate block (no.A2) in the scarce brown. Very light gum tone, but magnificent appearance	£7.50
(d)	As above. Another plate block, in sepia-brown. Finest mint	£6.00
(e)	As above. Marginal copy with variety Wmk Inverted (L10bZ). Mint	£3.75
929(a)	8d Mult. Wmk Upright (L10c). The Catalogued shades of sepia and sepia-brown. Two mint	£1.20
(b)	As above. Marginal block of 4 in sepia-brown. Superb unmounted	£3.00

(c)	As above. Another marginal block (in sepia), including the pl. 3 R10/10 re-entry, with doubling of the frame at lower left. Slight hinge stain on the variety stamp, hence, the block	£2.50
(d)	As above. Set of three plate blocks of 8 stamps each (2x4) from pl. 3. The first with wmk upright (L10c) shows R13/10 and 14/10 normal; the second perf. 12½ (L10d) shows R13/10 with the prominent "Broken 8" flaw (LV10a), R14/10 still normal; the third, on coarse paper (L10e) again shows the broken 8 flaw, but R14/10 now re-entered (LV10d). The set of three "progressive state" blocks (fine shade contrasts into the bargain)	£30.00
930(a)	8d Perf. 12½ (L10d). Two delightful mint shades — deep sepia and red-sepia	£1.20
(b)	As above. The same two shades, but in mint blocks of 4	£5.00
(c)	As above. Plate block of 4 (pl. no. 3), mint	£3.00
(d)	As above. Plate block of 8 (2x4) including the R13/10 'Broken 8' flaw (LV10a). Note that another example of this block is part of lot 929(d) above, so the purchaser of the set can pass over this item	£6.00
(e)	As above. For someone interested in acquiring the 'Broken 8' flaw, but not concerned about a positional block, we can offer an example in mint pair with a normal stamp at	£2.25
931(a)	8d Coarse Paper (L10e). Single stamp, mint, sepia-brown or deep red-brown, each	45p
(b)	As above. Set of two plate blocks (plate nos 3 and 4) in the listed shades of sepia-brown and deep red-brown. Magnificent contrasts	£5.00
(c)	As above. Plate block of 4, plate no. 3 or 4, each block (please state which), finest mint	£2.50
(d)	As above. Set of three plate blocks of 8 (2x4) from plate 3. All include the R13/10 'Broken 8' flaw, but the real interest lies in R14/10 and 15/10. In the first block, neither of these stamps is re-entered (both show minor coloured flaws); in the second block R14/10 shows a coincident re-entry, while the R15/10 flaws have increased in prominence; in the third block R14/10 is as before, but R15/10 has the very late, and scarce, coincident re-entry. These coincident re-entries although showing little or no signs of doubling of the design, are naked-eye varieties, identifiable by being notably stronger impressions than those of the other stamps in the block. A wonderful set of progressive state blocks (we can't recall ever having handled such a series before). Few split perfs on the first block, otherwise fine mint	£65.00
(e)	As above. Top marginal block of 6, including the Plate 3 plate crack extending across R3/5-6, and resulting in the attractive "Tongue Out" variety on R3/5. In addition the top selvedge shows the complete "15-dot" Waterlow shift marking	£17.50
(f)	As above. Corner block of 20, (4x5), with plate no. 4 in bottom selvedge. An exhibition piece — blocks as large as this are not at all common. Finest mint ...	£12.50

932(a)	9d Maori Panel, Reg'd Wmk (L11a). Readily recognisable on sight, being the only larger-size 9d with black (as opposed to grey) background colour. Now becoming quite scarce. Mint single	£1.50
(b)	As above. Superfine mint block of 4	£7.00
933(a)	9d Mult. Wmk Sideways (L11b). Set of 4 mint copies all marginal (three showing selvage bar), in a remarkable range of shades of both colours	£6.50
(b)	As above. Mint block of 4 in bright scarlet/pale grey	£7.50
934(a)	9d Mult. Wmk Upright (L11c). Single stamp, mint	£1.20
(b)	As above. Mint block of 4	£5.00
(c)	As above. Bottom selvage block of 4 (two selvage bars), with variety Watermark Inverted. A few perf. tones, hence	£2.75
935	9d Reduced Design, Reg'd Wmk (L11d). Used copy with the rare variety Watermark Inverted (L11dY). This is only the second example we have seen, and the variety is unrecorded in any Volume of the N.Z. Handbook. Perfs a little ragged here and there, but good used	£30.00
936(a)	9d Reduced Design, Mult. Wmk (L11e). Single stamp, mint	35p
(b)	As above. Bottom marginal block of 9 (one bar in selvage)	£6.00
(c)	As above. Corner block of 20 from top left of sheet, with individual bars in top selvage above each vertical row, and continuous bar in side selvage. Superfine mint	£7.50
(d)	As above. Top marginal block of 4, again showing "stamp wide" black bars in selvage	£1.75

RECENT ISSUES

1979 Health. 2x10c+2c se-tenant, 12c+2c. Large sheets perf. compound of 13½ and 13½ (10c+2c 13½x13½; 12c+2c 13½x13½). Miniature sheets comprised of two sets se-tenant, perf. compound of 14½ and 14 (10c+2c 14½x14; 12c+2c 14x14½). Issued on 27/7/79 (one week earlier than scheduled. Due we understand to the increase in N.Z. postage rates on 1st August, which rendered the denominations obsolete!).

Set of 3 mint, ex-large sheets	34p
Imprint/plate blocks, Complete set of 4 blocks (2 different each value)	£3.25
Imprint/plate blocks. Set of 2 blocks (one each value)	£1.65
First Day Cover	45p
Miniature Sheet	75p
Set of 3 mint, ex miniature sheet	35p