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N.Z. NOTES AND COMMENT

by Colin Hamilton

Volume 4 of the N.Z. Handbook, on pages 368—9, carries an extensive listing of material as in our illustration above, and similar with various additions to the blank value tablet.

In Vol. 4, all of these appeared under the heading 'Facsimiles', but in Volume 6 they are reclassified as Perkins Bacon 'Trade Samples', i.e. in the same category as the Waterlow and Sons miniature sheets of the First Pictorials. However, in the later volume no extension of the original listing of known variations of the Perkins Bacon samples is given.

Our recent acquisition of a dozen of these delightful items (offered elsewhere in this Bulletin) produced no less than nine which are not recorded in Vol. 4 and these, together with a few others which we have noted over the years, make a quite substantial addition to the Vol. 4 checklist, as follows :

- A. Value tablet 'H.P.S. 4TH JUNE 1907' in plain capitals.
Add: (4) On paper wmk'd small star, as found in the 1872 issues of Barbados, etc: green, deep green.
(Note: The above appears to be the first and only record of any of this material with the small star wmk).
- B. Value tablet 'H.P.S. 4TH MAY 1909' in fancy script capitals.
(2) On thin white paper. Add: blue, bright orange, deep rose-pink, mauve-purple, dull brownish-red.
(Notes: (i) The last two have been seen with part letters wmk — not enough of the wmk was present to permit identification, but it may be "SPECIAL POSTAGE PAPER LONDON".
(ii) In all examples seen with the '1909' inscription, a prominent dot in the same colour as the design is present, 2mm distant from each corner of the impression. These dots are absent in other types).
- C. Value tablet with single horizontal wavy line, with three dots above and two below.
(1) On unsurfaced white card. Add: carmine-lake, red-brown.
- E. Value tablet with three horizontal straight lines.
(4) Wmk broad star of South Australia. Add: deep dull red.

F. Value tablet blank.

(1) On unsurfaced white card. Add: deep slate-blue

(3) On medium white wove paper. Add: bright carmine-pink.

N.Z. Health Camps. Subsequent to our note (October Bulletin) querying the existence of a seventh Health Camp, at Nelson, Mr Latto — who originally raised the question — has done some research of his own. Although not yet complete, this has revealed that there was indeed a Camp at Nelson (presumably **without** a post office), which was used during the summer months, but it proved to be uneconomic, and was sold in 1974. The proceeds of this sale were earmarked for a new camp, and a site has been purchased at Rotorua, where building work may commence during 1980. Thanks for answering your own question, Mr Latto! It will be interesting to see whether the projected new Camp is accorded a post office.

1936 Health. Another minor 'Healts' mystery has been uncovered by my colleague Derek Redshaw. All sources known to us give the date of issue of the 'Lifebuoy' stamp as 2nd November, 1936. But Derek has found a souvenir first day cover of this issue, with the stamp clearly tied by a Balmoral c.d.s. dated 1st November! It is of course possible that a clerk at this office forgot to alter the date slug, but in view of the obvious philatelic nature of the cover, this seems an unlikely explanation. On the other hand, if our calculation is correct, 1st Nov. 1936 was a Sunday, so the alternative — that stamps were issued at Balmoral one day early in error — seems even more unlikely. In any event, quite a nice little cover.

RECENT ISSUES

10c Queen in Frame, Perf. 14½x14½. Plate block of 10 from plates 3A2A2A2A2A or 3B2B2B2B2B as before; but reprint with **three** dots in left selvage (instead of the two dots of the original printing). Each plate block £1.00

As above. From new plates 4A2A2A2A2A or 4B2B2B2B2B (these also show three dots in left selvage). Each plate block of 10 stamps £1.00

As above. New \$1 booklet, containing one pane of 10 stamps, perf. 14½x14½ (previous booklets contained stamps perf. 14½x13½). Booklet with left selvage pane £1.00

Note: Right selvage booklets of the above are not yet to hand, but orders for these gladly accepted, to be supplied when available.

14c on 10c Queen in Frame Provisional. This is the first of three new provisionals made necessary by the last increase in N.Z. postage rates (others will be 4c on 8c Rose and 17c on 6c Rose).

Single stamp, mint 13p; Block of 4 50p

Plate block of 10 from plates 3A2A2A2A2A or 3B2B2B2B2B (original form with two reprint dots), each block £1.35

Set of 4 corner blocks of 6 stamps each (two from each plate) — two blocks being from upper right corner showing old sheet value obliterated, and two from lower right corner showing new sheet value \$14.00. The set of four different blocks £4.00

Top left corner block of 20 (5x4) including R1/2 Broken Serif on '1' of surcharge, and R4/5 Damaged foot to '1' of surcharge — both naked-eye flaws. The twin-variety block, from plates 3A2A £3.25

Similar block, from 3B2B, showing the same varieties	£3.25
<i>Note: These two variety blocks prove that the same letterpress form was used to surcharge sheets from both plates.</i>	
8c Rose Variety. Corner block of 10 (perf. 14½x13½) including R5/10 Diagonal flaw on petal at top centre (from pl. 2B, constant)	£1.00
1979 Health 10c+2c Variety. Corner block of 4 including R2/2 Prominent red flaws at bottom of stamp (from pl. 1B)	£1.00

CHALON HEADS — PERKINS BACON TRADE SAMPLES

All items are imperf, with huge margins on all sides (overall size of each piece is given in parentheses), colours are brilliantly fresh and condition is absolutely perfect in every case. Exceptional exhibition material!

Value tablet inscribed 'H.P.S. 4TH JUNE 1907'. On thin paper wmk'd Small Star.

1101 (a) Printed in green (27 x 33mm)	£75.00
(b) Another example, unusually full print resulting in deep intense shade (24x32mm)	£75.00

Value tablet inscribed "H.P.S. 4TH MAY 1909". On thin paper

1102 (a) Printed in blue (27x33mm)	£75.00
(b) Printed in bright orange (27x34mm)	£75.00
(c) Printed in deep rose-pink (27x33mm)	£75.00
(d) Printed in mauve-purple — paper shows part of letter wmk (27x32mm)	£75.00
(e) Printed in dull brownish-red — again part letters wmk (25x30mm)	£75.00

Value tablet with single horizontal wavy line, three dots above, two below. On white unsurfaced card.

1103 (a) Printed in black (33x39mm)	£60.00
(b) Printed in ultramarine (34x38mm)	£70.00
(c) Printed in red-brown (45x39mm)	£75.00

Value tablet blank. On white unsurfaced card.

1104 (a) Printed in red-brown (33x39mm)	£70.00
(b) Printed in deep slate blue (33x39mm)	£75.00

SUPERIOR MISCELLANY

1105 First Sideface 4d. Glorious mint block of 4, perf. 12x11½ (C4d). Brilliant colour, excellent perfs, lightly hinged and beautifully fresh. Rare block, rare condition!	£240.00
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- 1106 **5/- Mt Cook.** Superb used (c.d.s.) example, perf. 11 wmk upright (E21d). Beautifully centred, and in a gorgeous deep rich shade £120.00
- 1107 **First Pictorial 6d Official.** Lovely mint block of 4 of the reduced design, perf. 14x15 (C.P. EO15c, S.G. 071). Superbly centred, and previous hinge so light as to be inconsequential. The official 6d block £220.00
- 1108 **1d Universal.** Finest mint block of 4 (deep bright shade) from Waterlow Trial Plate W1, including the R1/24 re-entry, with doubling of all the horizontal lines in the upper two-thirds of the central oval £12.50
- 1109 **Edward VII 2d Die Proof.** In maroon, printed centrally on large piece of white card (52x64mm). From the Royle recess die, and showing the engraver's working guide lines. One or two light tones do not detract. A rare item to embellish any collection of Edwards £250.00
- 1110 **Edward VII Colour Trials.** We can offer once more a set of three of these attractive and interesting plate proof items, imperf and printed on white card. Set consists of 4d yellow-green, 8d deep grey-blue, 1/- bright maroon. — all are top marginal copies £50.00
- 1111 **Edward VII Definitives, Perf. 14x13½.** Set of five in this the scarcest of the basic perms, including 3d, 5d, 6d, 8d indigo blue, 8d deep bright blue. Hinged but fine £80.00
- 1112(a) **1d Kiwi, Perf. 13½x14 (L2b).** Plate block of 4 (pl. no. B2, of course), fresh mint and — a minor miracle in this scarce issue — perfectly centred £150.00
- (b) **As above.** Single copy, superfine used (and we really do mean superfine) £13.50
- 1113 **1906 Christchurch Exhibition.** Set of 4, ½d-6d, unusually fine quality, fresh bright colours, lightly hinged £275.00
- 1114 **1913 Auckland Exhibition.** Complete set, as fine as we have seen for some long time — fresh, very lightly hinged (½d unmounted), good perms. The 3d and 6d are especially attractive well-centred examples. The Auckland set £385.00
- 1115 **½d Postage Due, Second Type.** A most unusual collection of 6 mint blocks, all marginal or positional, and all with 'Litho wmk' (Y15e). The blocks range in size from 4 to 12, a total of 52 stamps in all, and include seven constant plate varieties — full details supplied. One or two small defects, but generally condition is superb. The ½d variety collection (Cat. \$104 = £55+ as normals) £32.50
- 1116 **9d CENTENNIAL 'OFFICIAL' — SPECIAL OFFER.**
Quite a key stamp nowadays — Cat. £6 each, we have a few unmounted copies with a gum tone or two, very minor and not affecting superb appearance. Each £2.00
- 1117 **3/- Q.E. OFFICIAL — ANOTHER SPECIAL OFFER**
Due to a favourable purchase, we have a very limited number of perfect unmounted mint copies of this good stamp, now Cat \$40 (S.G. £22) which we are pleased to pass on to Bulletin subscribers at an excellent discount. First come, first served.

Single stamp, unmounted	£15.00
Block of 4, unmounted mint	£65.00
Imprint/plate block of 4, unmounted mint	£75.00

POSTAGE DUES

In most cases (but not all) only one of each item is available, so early ordering is advised.

1118 ½d First Type, Large D and NZ (Y1a). Superfine used single (this is an extremely elusive stamp)	£12.00
1119(a) ½d First Type, Small NZ, Large D (Y8a). Three mint copies, in varying contrasts of the green frame	£1.50
(b) As above. Mint block of 4 (centred slightly low) with inter-pane gutter attached	£5.00
(c) As above. Block of 4, unmounted mint. Centred slightly high, but most attractive	£4.00
1120(a) 1904 Cowan Wmk Sideways Paper, Perf. 11, Second Type. Set of three used, all perf. 11, including ½d (Y15b), 1d (Y16a) and the rare 2d (Y17a). Cat. \$103, but tiny thin on ½d and slightly soiled 2d allows	£30.00
(b) As above. Used copies of the ½d (Y15b) in the two Catalogued shades	£1.00
(c) As above. Used block of 4 of the ½d (Y15b), circular cancels	£4.00
1121(a) 1906 Perf. 14, Wmk Sideways. Complete set of 4 used, including shades of both the 1d (Y16b) and 2d (Y17b)	£3.00
(b) As above. Similar set of 4, but mint	£8.00
(c) As above. The two listed shades of the 2d (Y17b), mint — striking contrasts of both frame and centre colours	£4.50
(d) As above. Unmounted mint block of 4 of the 2d in rose-pink/pale green	£7.50
(e) As above. Yet another unmounted block, but with full corner selvages and sheet serial number. A little light creasing does not detract from an attractive block	£10.00
1122(a) De La Rue Paper. Three mint copies of the 1d (Y16c) all differing in both frame and centre shades	£6.00
(b) As above. Used copies of all three values ½d, 1d, 2d (Y15c, Y16c, Y17c)	£2.00
1123(a) Art Paper, 'Litho Wmk'. Mint copies of both the ½d and 2d values (Y15e, Y17d) — the ½d is unmounted	£2.50
(b) As above. Brilliant unmounted mint block of the ½d (Y15e)	£6.00
1124(a) 1928 Cowan Paper, Perf. 14. Superlative set of 7 stamps, all used, includes ½d (Y15g), 1dx3 listed shades (Y16e), 2d (Y17g) and 3dx2 Catalogued shades (Y18a). Absolutely complete and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity	£37.50

(b) As above. Short set of 3 stamps, mint, comprising the ½d, 1d, and 3d values	£17.50
(c) As above. Two mint copies of the 1d (Y16e), contrasts of both red and green colours	£4.00
(d) As above. Superb unmounted mint block of 4 of the 3d (Y18a) — extremely scarce	£47.50
1125 1937 1d Wiggins Teape Paper (Y16f). Used single	£1.00
1126(a) Third Type, Registered Wmk. Complete set of 4 values, ½d, 1d, 2d, 3d (Y19a, Y20a, Y21a, Y22a), all superb used	£10.00
(b) As above. Short set of 3, mint (no 3d)	£3.50
1127(a) Third Type, Multiple Wmk. Complete mint set of 6, 1d (Y20b), 2dx2 (Y21b,c), 3dx3 (Y22b,c,d)	£30.00
(b) As above. Mint copy of the listed 2d variety watermark inverted (Y21cZ)	£4.50
(c) As above. The same 2d variety (Y21cZ) but fine unmounted mint marginal block of 4. Slight damage at the extreme edge of the selvage (40mm clear of the stamp!)	£20.00
(d) As above. Yet another copy of this 2d inverted wmk variety, but this time used, and very scarce thus	£10.00
(e) As above. Marginal unmounted block of 4 of the 1949 2d (Y21c) with two coloured bars printed in the selvage (mentioned in Vol. 2. of the Handbook, page 202)	£5.00
(f) As above. The two Catalogued shades of the 3d (Y22c), mint	£13.50
(g) As above. Unmounted mint corner block of 4 of the 3d (Y22c), with sheet serial number	£27.50
(h) As above. Yet another 3d unmounted mint block of 4 (Y22c), with right selvage and showing printed coloured bar in selvage (see Vol. 2, page 202) — blue mark at extreme edge of selvage	£25.00

SUPERB K.G.V.

Continuing the listing commenced last month. As then, all lots marked ★ consist of four mint blocks: (1) plate block with full corner selvage; (2) block perf. 14x13½; (3) block perf. 14x14½; (4) "two-perf" block.

1128(a) 4d Deep Purple (Plate 44), Perf. 14x14½ (K5g). Plate block with full corner selvage, in the scarce blackish violet shade. The upper pair of stamps show little evidence of retouching in the corner stars, which is a feature of the vast majority of plate 44 stamps, but these two impressions have had major attention nevertheless. In R1/1 the right outer frame line has clearly been completely redrawn, while in R1/2, the lower part of this line shows equally clear touching up. The block, mint unhinged	£150.00
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	(b) As above. Another fine plate block. While showing all the plate features described in lot (a) above, this is from a later printing in purple on esparto paper, and proves the not-so-well known fact that as in plate 20 plate wear became quite a prominent feature of plate 44 too. Superb mint	£55.00
1129	4½d Deep Green, Perf. 14x13¼ (K6a). Corner block of 4 (full selvage) with sheet serial number. Superfine mint	£65.00
1130	4½d Perf. 14x14¼ (K6b). Block of 4, beautifully centred, unmounted. Perfection!	£62.50
1131	4½d Two Perfs Se-tenant (K6c). Very fine mint block of 4	£82.50
1132(a)	5d Blue, Perf. 14x13¼ (K7a). Block of 4 in a notably deep full blue. Superb unmounted	£32.50
	(b) As above. Marginal block of 4 in ultramarine. Light hinge in selvage — stamps unmounted	£42.50
	(c) As above. Another block in the same shade. Non-marginal, and very light hinge	£40.00
	(d) As above. Superfine mint block of 4 in steel blue	£40.00
1133(a)	5d Perf. 14x14¼ (K7b). Brilliant mint unmounted block of 4 in light blue, from the small early printing in this shade perf. 14x14¼ throughout the sheet—thus the gum is distinctly brownish, and the impressions show no hint of plate wear. The block, scarce	£82.50
	(b) As above. Plate block of 4 (pl.no. 43) in the same shade, and with the same characteristics of course. Stamps just a trifle off-centre, but the block (with full corner selvage) in superfine fresh mint unhinged condition	£95.00
	(c) As above. Plate block of 4 (no side selvage) in pale ultramarine. Again superb unmounted	£67.50
1134(a)	5d Two Perfs Se-tenant (K7c). Superb mint block of 4 in the normal pale ultramarine (the 5d, along with the rare 4d plate 44, is abnormal in that 14x14¼ is above 14x13¼ in the two-perf form)	£82.50
	(b) As above. A similarly fine two-perf. block, but in an unusually full and bright shade	£110.00
	(c) As above. Yet another, and most remarkable block, being in steel-blue (previously unrecorded in two-perf format). Superfine mint	£150.00
1135 ★	5d Exhibition Page. The four-block content detailed in the introduction to this listing, but unusual in the fact that the plate block is perf. 14x13¼ in the scarcer ultramarine , and the perf. 14x14¼ block is in blue	£275.00
1136(a)	6d Carmine, Perf. 14x13¼ (K8a). Mint (hinged) block of 4 in deep carmine	£37.50
	(b) As above. Another block in deep bright carmine. Minute gum thin, lovely appearance	£25.00

(c) As above. Corner block of 4, with sheet serial number, in deep carmine rose . A scarce and beautiful shade		£575.00
1137(a)	6d Perf. 14x14½ (K8b). Block from very worn plate in a magnificent pale carmine pink. Finest mint	£50.00
	(b) As above. Finest used (dated c.d.s.) block of 6, again from markedly worn plate, in deep carmine pink. Used multiples of this quality are extremely scarce, the vast majority having received the heavy-handed attention of a parcels canceller	£20.00
1138(a)	6d Two Perfs Se-tenant (K8c). An exquisite two-perf block in deep, deep carmine pink (again with notable plate wear, which is a feature of the stamps in this shade). Perfect unmounted	£195.00
	(b) As above. Used two-perf block of 4 in carmine. Parcel cancel (fortunately not too heavy, and such a cancellation does, incidentally, impart the seal of genuine commercial usage). One or two slightly ragged perfs, but without doubt a rare block	£110.00
1139 ★	6d Exhibition Page. The usual four blocks, in this set showing a superb range of shades, from the deepest of deep carmines (in the plate block) to a vibrant carmine-pink (in the two-perf block)	£335.00
1140(a)	6d Pictorial Paper (K8d). Block of 4, mint and superfine	£13.85
	(b) As above. Two finest mint blocks in attractive shades of carmine and pale carmine. Unusual in this issue	£28.00
	(c) As above. By no means the most expensive item in this listing, but certainly one of the most elusive — a superb used block of 4 (1916 c.d.s.)	£50.00
1141	7½d Deep Red Brown, Perf. 14x13½ (K9a). Plate block of 4 (pl. no. 24), with full corner selvage, and superb mint	£70.00
1142(a)	7½d Perf. 14x14½ (K9b). Mint block of 4, brilliant unmounted. Note that in this perf the 7½d is very considerably scarcer than in 14x13½	£65.00
	(b) As above. Mint block of 4 with bottom selvage. A few minor gum tone spots do not affect magnificent appearance	£45.00
1143	7½d Two Perfs Se-tenant (K9c). One of the more elusive "two-perfs" in superfine mint (lightly hinged) block of 4	£97.50
1144	8d Indigo Blue, Perf. 14x13½ (K10a). Plate block of 4 (pl. no. 39), no side selvage, hinge and slight gum crease on lower pair of stamps, but fine appearance	£37.50
1145	8d Perf. 14x14½ (K10b). Finest mint block of 4	£27.50
1146	8d Two Perfs Se-tenant (K10c). Block of 4, merest trace of hinge. Superb	£67.50
1147 ★	8d Exhibition Page. The standard set of 4 blocks — but each block is in a clearly different shade, remarkable as far as this stamp is concerned!	£192.50

(To be concluded)