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ANOTHER VERY IMPORTANT PURCHASE BY C.P. LTD

We are proud to announce that we have acquired, by outright purchase, the outstanding collection of N.Z. Second Pictorials formed by Mr F.W.Course, who has long been widely recognised as a leading authority on these issues, and was the contributor of the relevant chapters in Volumes 4 and 6 of "The Postage Stamps of New Zealand".

Only very rarely does a collection come on the market which can be described unequivocally as the finest in existence, but the Frank Course 'Pictorials' are certainly in that elevated category. Unique may be an over-used adjective, but it is unquestionably apposite here. Running to thirteen large and well-filled volumes, the collection is in reality a whole series of single value studies-in-depth, almost every one of which must in itself be unique. Virtually every catalogued variety, major and minor, is represented, as well as countless unlisted items. One of the many special features is the large number of complete sheets (suitably divided for display on album pages). These are of inestimable value for plating and research purposes, especially since in many cases there are sheets printed from different states of the plates. Of the innumerable individual gems, possibly the most outstanding is the mint pair of the 2½d with the frame doubly printed, one albino (L5aZ) — this remains the only recorded example of N.Z.'s finest unblurred 'albino'. Mention must also be made of the quite superlative study of the 1d Kiwi booklet issue with multiple watermark — it is on this, and on Mr Course's researches into proof sheets in the Post Office archives, that practically all the published information on these fascinating booklet stamps is based.

Inquiries are invited from all who may be interested in acquiring all or any part of this superb collection. From a philatelic standpoint, it should ideally be preserved intact but even if your interest is limited to a single item, do not hesitate to let us hear from you.

PREVIOUSLY UNRECORDED PLATE

Mr G.A.J. Scott of Gateshead has shown us a plate block of the 4c Cape Egmont (X30 in our Catalogue) from Plate 2a2a, which he tells us was issued in January 1975, Mr Scott's block is the first and only example from 2a2a we have seen or heard of. Like printings from Plate 22 (which is at present wrongly listed under X30a), it is on the later chalky paper with the mesh vertical to the design. Both will be properly listed under X30b in due course.

RECENT ITEMS

26/11/79 25th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference 14c, 20c, 30c.

Set of 3 mint	52p
Imprint/plate blocks (10 stamps per block). Complete set of 6 blocks, two different each value	£11.25
Imprint/plate blocks. Set of 3 blocks (one each value)	£5.75
Official Illustrated F.D.C. (Wanganui pmk)	63p

26/11/79 New \$1 and \$2 'Sea-Shell' Definitives. (as in the case of previous issues printed by Heraclio Fournier, S.A., Spain, no plate nos appear on the sheets).

\$1 mint single	80p
Imprint block of 6	£5.20
\$2 mint single	£1.60
Imprint block of 6	£10.40
Official Illustrated F.D.C., bearing both values (Wanganui pmk)	£2.60

Variety

4c/8c Rose Provisional. Block of 10 comprising stamps 1 and 2 from rows 1-5, including R2/1 black dot left of '4'. Also all 5 stamps in first vertical column show surcharge with a distinct backward slope	50p
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Postal Stationery.

14c White Envelope. (9"x4"). Impressed stamp printed in carmine	19p
99c Registered Envelope. Impressed stamp printed in vermilion	95p

EARLY N.Z. BARGAINS

A selection of items to fill those otherwise unfillable gaps in most collections. Don't be put off by the rock-bottom prices — obviously none of the stamps offered is perfect, but all are presentable and attractive copies.

201	A6a 1/- London Print (S.G.3). Superb colour	£75.00
202(a)	A2b 2d Richardson blue paper (S.G.5). Pale shade, lovely appearance	£40.00
	(b) As above. Deep bright colour, four margins	£50.00
203	A6b 1/- Richardson blue paper (S.G.6). Three small margins. Nice example of a rare stamp	£70.00
204(a)	A1d 1d Richardson white paper (S.G.8). Margins early all round	£25.00

(b)	As above. Another copy, fresh colour, three margins and showing a magnificent re-entry	£30.00
205(a)	A2c(1) 2d Richardson white paper (S.G.8a). The rare deep ultramarine (shade guaranteed). Fresh appearance	£45.00
(b)	A2c 2d Richardson white paper (S.G.9). Pale dull shade	£15.00
(c)	A2c 2d Richardson white paper (S.G.10). Marginal copy, bright colour	£20.00
(d)	A2c 2d Richardson white paper (S.G.11). Deep dull shade	£10.00
206(a)	A5a 6d Richardson Print (S.G.12). Nice example in the cold and distinctive bistre-brown	£30.00
(b)	A5a 6d Richardson Print (S.G.13). Rich brown shade, and a handsome four-margin copy	£25.00
207	A6c 1/- Richardson white paper (S.G.16). Highly attractive copy in dull emerald-green	£40.00
208	A2d 2d Davies Print (S.G.36). Nice copy, if pmk a little heavy	£12.50
209	A3a 3d Imperf (S.G.40). Deep, fine colour, three margins	£20.00
210(a)	A5b 6d Davies Print (S.G.41). Very dark shade (grey-black)	£12.50
(b)	A5b 6d Davies Print (S.G.42). The brown shade, margins nearly all round	£10.00
(c)	A5b 6d Davies Print (S.G.43). Fine colour, two margins	£8.00
211(a)	A6d 1/- Davies Print (S.G.44). Bright full colour, 3½ margins	£30.00
(b)	A6d 1/- Davies Print (S.G.45). Clean and fresh, three good margins	£20.00

LIFE INSURANCE DEPT STAMPS

Breaking a small collection provides a selection of lots we are seldom in a position to offer. Condition is generally very fine, although centring of the 'VR' issues is, as usual, not always absolutely perfect! In most cases (though not all) only one of each lot is available.

(i) 'VR' Issues.

212(a)	½d, perf. 12x11½, 4mm wmk (X1a). Used single, fine	£6.00
(b)	As above. Two contrasts of lilac (very distinctive) used	£12.00
213	½d, perf. 11x10 (X1c). Superb used	£2.00
214	½d, perf. 11, wmk upright (X1e). Three lovely shades, used	£1.50
215	½d, perf. 11, wmk sideways (X1g). Two shades as Catalogued, used	40p
216(a)	1d, perf. 12x11½, 4mm wmk (X2a). Used copy	£8.00

(b)	As above. The two listed shades, used	£16.00
217	1d, perf. 12x11½, 7mm wmk (X2b). Fine used single	£13.50
218	1d, perf. 10 (X2c). The two Catalogued shades of blue and deep blue, used	£2.25
219	1d, perf. 10x11 (X2d). Used single	£1.75
220(a)	1d, perf. 11, wmk upright (X2f). Used single	10p
(b)	As above. Three lovely shades, from deep to pale, used	50p
221	1d, perf. 11, wmk sideways (X2h). Again three delightful shades, used	60p
222(a)	2d, perf. 12x11½, 4mm wmk (X3a). Used copies in dull and deep red-brown. The set of two	£15.00
(b)	As above. Used copy	£7.00
223	2d, perf. 12x11½, 7mm wmk (X3b). Used single	£8.00
224	2d, perf. 10 (X3c). Set of 3 used, including the Catalogued red-brown and pale red-brown, together with a notable deep red-brown. Lovely trio of shades	£4.00
225(a)	2d, perf. 11, wmk upright (X3d). Used copy	75p
(b)	As above. Three shades — red-brown, pale red-brown and deep red-brown, used	£3.00
226	2d, perf. 11, wmk sideways (X3g). The two Catalogued shades, used	£2.00
227(a)	3d (X4a). Used copies in either grey-brown or pale grey-brown, each	£22.50
(b)	As above. Glorious used copy (part c.d.s. cancels), well-centred, full-bodied colour — couldn't be bettered	£35.00
228	6d (X5a). Used copy, not perfect but a bargain at (Cat. \$125)	£12.50
229	1/- (X6a). Nice used copy. Sound (is slightly off-centre) with part c.d.s. cancellation, dated NO 95. Cat. \$250, and attractively priced at	£75.00
(ii) No 'VR' Issues		
230(a)	1906 1d Blue. Superb contrasts of blue and deep blue (X8a 1 and 2), both used and both dated 1906	£35.00
(b)	As above. Used copy with part c.d.s. cancel	£15.00
231(a)	De La Rue Paper. A used set of 13 stamps representing all values and listed shades to be found on De La Rue paper. Included are X7a (2), X8c (3), X9a X9b, X10b, X10c (2), X11a, X12a (2). Lovely set, rarely seen	£45.00
(b)	½d Green, De La Rue Paper (X7a). Set of 5 used singles in varying degrees of green	£2.00

(c)	1d Red, De La Rue Paper (X8c). Mint copies in carmine and carmine-pink. The set of two	£10.00
(d)	As above. Unmounted mint horizontal pair, one stamp with listed variety Retouched Sky (X8cZ) from R7/7	£10.00
(e)	As above. The three Catalogued shades, used	£2.00
(f)	1½d Black (X9a). Grey-black and a notable dull grey-black, both used	£5.00
(g)	1½d Orange-brown (X9b). Two mint singles, one of which is the listed orange- brown while the other tends towards light brown. Quite distinctive	£3.00
(h)	2d Purple (X10b). Contrasts of purple ranging from pale to deep. Set of 3 used, most desirable	£30.00
(i)	As above. Two used varieties. The first is R9/2 (break in frame below T of DEPARTMENT). Although the second is unplated (scratches under RTM of DEPARTMENT and through LIFE) we have seen two identical examples. The two	£25.00
(j)	6d Pink (X12a). Two mint stamps, in shades of pink and deep rose	£20.00
232(a)	Cowan Paper, Perf. 14x15. Set of 4 used stamps, including both listed shades of the ½d (X7b) and the 1d red (X8d)	£5.00
(b)	1d Cowan Paper, Perf. 14x15 (X8d). Two shades of carmine-pink, both mint	£10.00
233(a)	½d Cowan Paper, Perf. 14 (X7c). Pale green and pale yellow-green, mint.....	£6.00
(b)	1d Cowan Paper, Perf. 14 (X8e). Mint single	£5.00
(c)	As above. Two mint, one in the normal scarlet, the other in pale scarlet. Striking!	£12.00
(d)	As above. Unmounted mint corner block of 4. Light diagonal crease, but a bargain at (Cat \$40)	£10.00
(e)	As above. Four scarlet contrasts, all used	£5.00
(f)	As above. Variety Watermark Inverted (X8eY), used	£3.00
(g)	3d Perf. 14 (X11b). Two mint shades (one unmounted), best described as plain and milk chocolate. Sweet contrasts! (Sorry)	£20.00
(h)	As above. Unmounted mint bottom marginal block of 4. Cat. \$20 per stamp, and given away at	£17.50
(i)	As above. Fine commercially used example (used 3d's are perennially elusive) ..	£15.00
234(a)	Wiggins Teape Paper, Registered Wmk. The ½d (X7d), 1d (X8f) and 6d (X12c) were the only three stamps issued on this paper, and this is a mint set of all three (incidentally these have now been listed by S.G., as L36a,b,c)	£10.00

(b)	As above. Similar mint set, but in unmounted mint blocks of 4	£40.00
(c)	½d Green, W.T. Paper, Reg'd Wmk (X7d). Mint singles of the two listed shades	£1.25
(d)	6d Pink, W.T. Paper, Reg'd Wmk (X12c). The two Catalogued pink shades, mint	£15.00
(e)	As above. Used single, and very scarce thus	£7.50
235(a)	W.T. Paper, Multiple Wmk. Unmounted mint set of 5, including ½d (X7e), 1d (X8g), 2d (X10e), 3d (X11c), 6d (X12d). Cat. \$27, offered cheap at	£9.50
(b)	As above. Similar set of 5, all in unmounted mint marginal blocks of 4	£40.00
(c)	1d W.T. Paper, Multiple Wmk (X8g). Unhinged corner block of 4, with Sheet Serial Number printed in black	£7.50
(d)	2d W.T. Paper, Multiple Wmk (X10e). Corner block with Sheet Serial Number printed in the same yellow as the stamps. Unmounted mint	£15.00
(e)	3d W.T. Paper, Multiple Wmk (X11c). Mint single	£3.25
(f)	As above. Mint corner block (stamps unmounted) with Sheet Serial No. printed in chocolate	£13.50
(g)	As above. Unmounted mint corner block of 8, including the R1/3 and 2/4 varieties as recorded in Vol. 1 of the NZ Handbook. Light toning in the selvage in no way affects the stamps	£20.00
(h)	As above. Magnificent marginal block of 4 (stamps unhinged) with the R1/7 variety (also listed in Vol. 1)	£15.00

USED MULTIPLES

Continuing this super listing of used blocks. Once again overall condition and content is remarkable.

K.G.V Surface Prints.

236	De La Rue Paper. Set of seven blocks covering all values, incl. ½d, ½d War Stamp (block of 6), 1½d Local Plate, 1½d London Plate, 1½d Orange-brown (block of 6), 2d (block of 6), 3d. Fair to very fine	£3.50
237	K13e ½d Cowan Paper. Fine block in pale yellow-green	45p
238	K15a 1d Perf. 14. Block of 6, light parcel cancel	45p
239	K15b 1d Perf. 14x15. Two blocks (minor faults) showing superb shades. One block has a near-complete and perfect strike of the large Christchurch Parcels rubber-stamp c.d.s.	£1.50
240	K17b 1½d Orange-brown. Fine block of 4 cancelled by multiple strikes of the General Post Office Fiji c.d.s. Unusual	£1.00

241	K20b 2/- Cowan Paper. Blocks in deep blue (sound and fresh) and blue (faults), both with reasonable parcels cancels. Cat. £70+ as fine singles, offered at, the two blocks	£20.00
K.G.V. Surface Print Officials.		
242	Collection, of eight blocks covering all values and colours to 3d, with ½d (2 shades, both De La Rue), 1d (perf. 14), 1½d Local, 1½d London, 1½d orange-brown (De La Rue), 2d (De La Rue) and 3d (De La Rue). One or two faults, but general condition fair to superb. Unusual set	£8.00
Second Pictorials.		
243	Registered Watermark Issues. Short set of 10 blocks to 1/- (no 1½d or 9d). Values from 5d upwards have parcels cancels, as one would expect. Condition fair to fine. Nice lot, and keenly priced at	£14.25
244	Multiple Watermark Issues. Simplified set of 13 blocks, ½d — 3/-, complete except 2/-. The 2½d is in block of 6, which includes three stamps with minor frame re-entries. Condition good to superb. Minimum 1978 Cat. as normal singles \$45+. The 13 blocks	£15.00
245	LO5d 2½d Official Perf. 14 Line. Superb block, central c.d.s. Very scarce	£27.50
246	LO6b 3d Official. Fine commercially used block	£4.50
King George VI Definitives.		
247	Complete Simplified Set. 22 blocks, all fine to superb, with both colours of the ½d, 1d, and 1½d, and all provisionals including the 1½d Arms Type. A lovely set, very difficult to repeat	£12.00
K.G.VI Officials		
248	MO1a ½d Green. Superb block, 1940 c.d.s.	£3.00
249	MO2a/c 1d. Blocks in the original scarlet and the later green. Good to fine	65p
250	MO4a 1½d Chocolate. Magnificent block (1939 c.d.s.) of an extremely scarce stamp — we consider ourselves fortunate if we handle more than two or three single copies a year! The purchaser of this block will have a real plum	£60.00
251	MO7a 3d Blue. Very fine dated block of 6 on the scarcer fine paper	£3.50
252	MO15b 2/- Sideways Wmk. Good used block, indistinct cancel and slightly blunt corner	£2.75
Queen Elizabeth Definitives.		
253	Simplified Set. Complete to 1/9, original issues (values to 8d have small figures). Small defects on 1d and 2d blocks, otherwise fine to superb throughout. The set of 12 blocks	£3.95
254	10/- Queen on Horseback. Very minor reinforcement of vertical perfs, but a superb block nonetheless. Cat. \$140 as singles, offered at the block	£55.00

255	Redrawn Designs. Simplified set of seven blocks with large figures of value 1d — 8d complete. Good to very fine	£11.50
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Q.E. Officials

256	NO22a 1½d Lake-Brown. Another of those unconsidered but very elusive little stamps, here offered in superfine used block	£4.50
257	NO24a/b 3d Vermilion. Set of two blocks on the original and later thick white papers. Fine	50p
258	NO25a 4d Blue. Fine block	25p
259	NO26a 9d Rose-Carmine. Beautiful block with Government Buildings c.d.s. ..	75p
260	NO27a 1/- Purple. Very fine block, c.d.s. cancel	70p

1960 Pictorials.

261	Set to 1/3d. Delightful series of 13 blocks covering all values from ½d Manuka to 1/3 Trout (the latter in the scarcer bright "shocking" blue). All the ingredients of an attractive, unusual and inexpensive display	£4.00
262	O18a 3/- Sepia. Very fine, and scarce in used block	£8.50
263	O19a 5/- Falls. Another very fine (dated) block	£1.85
264	O20b 10/- Glacier. Superfine used block on chalky paper	£27.50
265	O21a £1 Geyser. Magnificent block, which incidentally includes the prominent R2/1 sky retouch	£42.50

Commemoratives.

266	S9a ½d Victory. Nice block in a soft yellow-green, immaculate but for two or three short perfs	£4.50
267	S10a 1d Victory. Brilliant block in deep, deep carmine, each stamp cancelled with neat light Wharua c.d.s. (office opened 1908, closed 1931). This particular datestamp includes an interesting error, the date reading 81 31 20	£5.50
268	S11a 1½d Victory. Block with near complete strike High St Christchurch oval parcel cancel. One stamp with small, near-invisible, tear. Attractive	75p
269	S12a 2d on ½d Victory. Multiple parcel cancels of 17 APR 1922 (quite early date). Unusual in used block	£1.75
270	S13a 3d Victory. Fresh block of 6 (one stamp minor defect). Clean and crisp parcel cancels. Used blocks of this size must be rare	£32.50
271	S14a 6d Victory. Fair used block. Stamps sound and clearly dated (30 NOV 20), but some soiling. Cat. \$120 as fine singles. Cheap at	£18.50
272	S15a 1/- Victory. Very fine block, each stamp cancelled by neat small Ashburton c.d.s. (13 MR 20). Just a slight trace of soiling on two stamps does not spoil a highly desirable block	£90.00