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N.Z. NOTES AND COMMENT

By Colin Hamilton

King Edward VII Inverted Watermarks. Reams of stamp printing figures may not be everyone's cup of tea, but the late Mr. F.H. Jackson spent untold hours over a period of several years making extracts of these figures for many issues from the Government Printing Office records. Some of the results of Mr. Jackson's labours have been published in "The New Zealand Stamp Collector" over the past ten years or so, and apart from their obvious value for research and information purposes, they occasionally produce snippets of an unexpected kind.

The latest in this series of invaluable notes ("N.Z.S.C.", Sept. 1980) covers the Edward issues, and against the record of a supply of 5000 sheets of the 8d in March 1918, Mr Jackson found a note stating: "Owing to numbers being printed wrong in sheet about500 of 8d showed watermark upside down". One can, I think, safely presume the reference to 'numbers' in this note to mean 'sheet serial numbers', and the '500' to mean '500 sheets'. So it would appear that this variety was the direct result of an error made at the time the sheets were numbered — an explanation I can't recall having seen previously for any inverted watermark.

Incidentally, it is also quite clear from the above that the sheet serial numbers were primarily an accounting safeguard for blank (unprinted) sheets of paper, rather than for printed sheets of stamps.

According to Mr. Jackson, other notes against supplies of 4d yellow indicate that about 75 sheets "were numbered on the bottom". One wonders if these similarly resulted in stamps with inverted watermarks, but in view of the extreme rarity of this variety, it seems doubtful that 75 sheets (9000 stamps) could have been issued. On the other hand, the first record of this 4d 'invert' dates from only a few years ago, so perhaps scant attention has been paid to checking copies.

One other point of interest to emerge from Mr. Jackson's work on the Edwards — and not at all connected with watermarks — is the detail on quantities overprinted for Official use. It may come as a surprise to many, as it did to us, that the 8d has the lowest overprinting figure (475,800), and by a considerable margin too, the next lowest being the 1/- (653,160).

STAMPEX 1981

New Zealand entries were thinner on the ground than usual this year. There were just four, and all gained awards as follows :

Bronze-Silver Medals: A.G.G. Riley (King George V Definitives); J.A.W. Smith (Second Pictorials).
Bronze Medals: D. Churchill (Railway Newspapers, Parcels and Freight Stamps); N.H. Willis ("Stamps with Inky Faces" — a study of overprinted N.Z. stamps. An interesting and attractive exhibit it was too).

Q.E. COMMEMORATIVES — CATALOGUED VARIETIES (Cont'd)

401(a)	1969 Law Society 3c. Top marginal copy with major variety Blue Doubly printed (S115aZ). The extra print is misplaced upwards, and shows clearly in the selvage. From the only sheet found. Mint unmounted	£45.00
(b)	As above. Plate 2223, R10/6 Pale Sky (S115aY), in marginal block of 4 with three normal stamps. Mint unmounted	£1.00
402	1969 Otago Univ. 3c. R2/9 'Extra Chimney' (S118aZ) in mint sheet value block of 6	£1.00
403	1969 Bay of Islands 4c. R4/3 Blue Flaw on Building (S120aZ) in marginal block, mint	£3.00
404	1969 Capt. Cook Bicent. 4c. R8/2 Background Retouch Behind AI of CAPTAIN (S122aZ), in unmounted imprint block of 6	£2.00
405	1969 Capt. Cook Bicent. 6c. Unmounted mint copy with Embossing Widely Misplaced (S123aZ)	£5.00
406(a)	1969 Capt. Cook Bicent. 18c. R6/6 'CQOK' flaw in unmounted mint block of 4 (S124aY). A good one!	£12.50
(b)	As above. R9/7 Retouch above 'RHAB' (S124aX) in marginal block of 4, unmounted	£12.50
407(a)	1970 United Nations 3c. R4/9 Flaw above W in corner block of 8, finest mint (S132aZ)	90p
(b)	As above. R6/5 vertical flaw between ZE, and R6/7 "Extra red flag at bottom right corner of skyscraper". These flaws were common to both plates 1A and 1B, and we can supply in positional (and identifiably different) blocks of 12 from either plate at, each block (S132aY)	£1.00
(c)	As above. Marginal block of 4, all stamps showing a superb and unusual "Blanket Offset" variety (S132aX) in which a clear uncoloured impression of the central part of the design of the companion 10c stamp appears on the face of the 3c! Lovely	£37.00
(d)	As above. The same variety, but in mint single	£10.00
408	1971 C.W.I. 4c. The near unique variety showing "Make-ready proof-readers marks" (S136aZ). The only other instance of such a variety known to us occurred on the King George VI 1/3d, and this C.W.I. one is even scarcer, just one or two used copies being recorded. Our example is superb used (Cat. \$ 400)	£127.50
409	1971 One Ton Cup 5c. Plate 1a, R7/6 "Torn Sail", in mint positional block of 10. A good variety!	£1.50
410(a)	1973 Commemorative 8c. Major variety Gold Colour Doubled (S167aZ). Both impressions are equally strong. Mint unhinged	£30.00
(b)	As above. The same variety, but in imprint/plate block of 10 — in this case one of the Gold impressions is weaker than the other	£15.00

411	1973 Steam Locomotives 5c. Magnificent example of Red Colour Doubled (S171aY). Mint uninged	£25.00
412	1975 Sailing Ships 18c. Plate 1A, R8/1 "Extra Seagull" (S202aZ). Attractive	£4.00
413(a)	1976 Vintage Farm Vehicles 7c. Plate 1B, R10/2 prominent "driver's door mirror" flaw (S210aZ). In imprint/plate block of 6 stamps	£2.00
(b)	As above. Similar block, but R9/2 (previously normal) now shows an equally large flaw on the lorry's bonnet	£2.50
(c)	As above. Yet another block, as (b), but R9/2 now has another huge flaw, very similar to the original one on R10/2. Interesting!	£3.50
414	1976 Vintage Farm Vehicles 25c. Plate 1B, R3/8 "Broken Spoke" (large green flaw), in mint marginal block of 6 (S214aZ)	£5.00

1d SECOND SIDEFACE – MAJOR FLAWS

Some very large and prominent flaws are found on plate 7, and we offer a fine selection below.

"Chisel Flaw", R4/6, top left pane. (This stamp also has another flaw in the form of damage to the right frame).

416(a)	Perf. 10 (D2jR) Used copy, in pair with normal	£2.25
(b)	As above. In pair with normal, used on cover. Lovely!	£7.50
(c)	Perf. 10 x 11 (D2mR). Single, used	£2.00
(d)	As above. In pair with normal, superb used on cover	£8.50
(e)	Perf. 11 (D2pT). Single, mint unmounted	£10.00
(f)	As above. Fine used copy	£2.00
(g)	As above. In pair with normal, used on cover	£5.00

"Screwdriver Flaw", R9/2, bottom left pane.

417(a)	Perf. 10 (D2jS). Fair mint example (off-centre)	£5.00
(b)	As above. Unused (no gum)	£2.00
(c)	As above. Used copy, fine	£2.00
(d)	As above. Used with First Setting advert (Sunlight) on back	£4.50
(e)	As above. Used with Second/Third Setting advert (Beechams) on back	£3.00
(f)	As above. In pair with normal, used on cover	£6.50
(g)	Perf. 10 x 11 Good mint copy	£8.50
(h)	As above. Fine used	£2.00
(i)	As above. In pair with normal, used on cover at Waddington (office closed 1924)	£7.50
(j)	Perf. 11 (D2pU). Good mint copy	£8.50
(k)	As above. Set of three mint, in brilliant shades, and all with the 'Screwdriver' flaw. Glorious material !	£30.00
(l)	As above. Set of two used pairs (one stamp in each shows the flaw), one pair being on the 1898 coarse paper	£5.00
(m)	As above. Used single	£2.00

R1/4, top right pane. Flaw at top left, above 'ND'.

418(a)	Perf. 10. Used copy	£2.00
(b)	Perf. 11. Used	£2.00
(c)	As above. In pair with normal, used on cover	£6.50

"N" flaw R8/3 (bottom left pane). This is an extension of the R9/2 'Screwdriver' variety

419(a) Perf 10. Used copy	£2.00
(b) Perf. 11. Used copy	£2.00

HEALTH MINIATURE SHEETS

Prices for these are on the up, and up, and up. All items offered are superb unmounted, but for those years marked *, we can supply lightly hinged in selvedge only at half listed price.

*1957 wmk. sideways (2).....	£10.00	*1969 (2)	£15.00
*1957 Wmk. upright (2)	£20.00	*1970 (2)	£12.50
*1958 (2)	£9.00	1971 (2)	£15.00
*1959 (2)	£8.00	1972 (2)	£15.00
*1960 (2)	£20.00	1973 (2)	£12.50
*1961 (2)	£12.50	1974 (1)	£20.00
*1962 (2)	£15.00	1975 (1)	£12.50
*1963 (2)	£15.00	1976 (1)	£5.00
*1964 (2)	£37.50	1977 (1)	£6.00
1965 (2)	£20.00	1978 (1)	£5.00
1966 (2)	£20.00	1979 (1)	£3.75
1967 (2)	£15.00	1980 (1)	£2.00
*1968 (2)	£15.00		

- 420 **Complete Set** as listed above, plus Capt. Cook sheet, N.Z. Day, Silver Jubilee and Zeapex (normal price for the four additional items alone is £36). Special offer, the complete collection of 47 N.Z. miniature sheets, all mint unmounted £345.00

1958 HEALTH MINIATURE SHEETS

These were printed "eight up" (in horizontal rows of 4), and each of the eight units can be readily identified and assigned to its cylinder position. This is of particular interest in the 3d + 1d, because of the retouching to the tents on seven of the stamps — affecting five of the miniature sheets — after some printings had been made.

- 421(a) **Complete Re-plating.** Set of 8 mint miniature sheets of the 2d + 1d, numbered 1 — 8, and with full plating details included £17.50
- (b) **As above.** Similar set of the 3d + 1d, but with additional examples of sheet no. 3 (showing one tent retouch), no. 4 (one tent retouch), no. 6 (one tent retouch) no.7 (two, one in second pre-retouch state, and one with two tents retouched), and no.8 (two tents retouched). The set of 14 miniature sheets, absolutely complete — the first we have seen for many years. Again full annotation supplied £45.00

- 422 **3d + 1d Retouched Sheets.** We can offer the following individually:
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| (i) Sheet no. 3 (one tent retouched) mint | £6.50 |
| (ii) Sheet no. 4 (one tent retouched) mint | £6.50 |
| (iii) Sheet no. 4 as above, but fine used | £7.50 |
| (iv) Sheet no. 6 (one tent retouched), mint | £6.50 |
| (v) Sheet no. 8 (two tents retouched), mint | £10.00 |
| (vi) Sheet no. 8, as above, but finest used | £12.00 |

1949 HEALTHS VARIETIES

423(a)	1d + ½d Green. R4/1 "Bandaged finger", in marginal mint block of 4, unmounted	£2.50
(b)	As above. R6/8 "Wristlet watch", in positional block of 4, unmounted mint	£2.50

(Note: The sheet positions of the above two varieties are transposed in our present Catalogue listings)

424	2d + 1d Blue. Unmounted corner block of 4 including the well-known R1/2 "No stop below D of 1D". Not quite so well-known is the fact that this variety was the result of an engraver's error. As can be readily seen under a glass, the stop was originally present, but some touching-up was carried out on a back-ground flaw immediately below the figure '1', and the stop, presumably in the belief that it was another flaw, was unwittingly touched out too. Interesting! ...	£4.00
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1960 PICTORIAL BOOKLET PANES

items offered are mint panes of six stamps complete with binding selvage.

425(a)	Stapled Panes. ½d, 1d and 3d, set of three panes, complete	£4.50
(b)	As above. The same set of three panes, but all with good Chambon perfs	£7.50
(c)	As above. ½d pane only, with excellent example of Chambon perfs	£3.75
(d)	As above. 1d pane only	£1.00
(e)	As above. 3d pane only	£1.00
(f)	As above. 3d pane only, but with good Chambon perfs	£1.50
426(a)	Stitched Unnumbered Panes. ½d, 1d and 3d complete, all with clear Chambon perfs.	£7.50
(b)	As above. 1d pane only, again with good Chambon perfs	£1.25
(c)	As above. 3d pane only	75p
(d)	As above. 3d pane with Chambon perfs	£1.00
427(a)	Stitched Numbered Panes. Complete set of 18 panes — six each of the ½d, 1d and 3d, in each case with cylinder numbers from 1 to 6 in the binding selvage. The set (some panes showing Chambon perfs.), extremely difficult to assemble nowadays ..	£37.50
(b)	As above. 1d pane only (our choice of selvage number), showing clear Chambon perfs	£1.50
(c)	As above. 3d pane only (our choice of selvage number)	£1.00

1970 PICTORIAL COUNTER COIL PAIRS

Some time ago we offered some of the "stop" and "no stop" varieties which are found in conjunction with the coil section numbers 1, 6 and 9. We can now do a good listing of the normal versions — essential to pair up with the varieties, where they exist.

Watermarked Issues

428(a)	PC5a 3c no. reading down. No. 1 no stop, 6 with stop, 9 with stop, each pair	£1.75
(b)	PC5b 3c no reading up. No. 1 no stop, 6 with stop, 9 with stop, each pair	£1.50
(c)	PC6a 4c. No. 1 no stop, 6 with stop, 9 with stop, each pair	£2.25
(d)	PC7a 5c no. reading up. No. 1 no stop, 6 with stop, 9 with stop, each pair	£3.75
(e)	PC7b 5c no. reading down. No. 1 with stop, 9 with stop, each pair	£3.75
(f)	PC8a 6c. No. 1 no stop, 6 with stop, 9 with stop, each pair	£3.75
(g)	PC11a 8c. No.1 no stop, 6 with stop, 9 with stop, each pair	£3.75
(h)	PC12a 10c. No. 1 no stop, 6 with stop, 9 with stop, each pair	£4.50
(i)	PC15a 20c. No. 1 no stop, 6 with stop, 9 with stop, each pair	£4.50
(j)	As above. Variety no. 9 no stop	£7.50

Unwatermarked Issues

429(a)	PC5c 3c. No. 9 with stop.....	£6.00
(b)	PC6b 4c white gum. No.1 no stop, 6 with stop, 9 with stop, each pair	£1.50
(c)	PC6b 4c blue gum. No. 1 no stop, 6 with stop, 9 with stop, each pair	£1.50
(d)	PC7c 5c. No. 1 no stop, 6 with stop, 9 with stop, each pair	£1.50
(e)	PC8b 6c. No. 1 no stop, 6 with stop, 9 with stop, each pair	£2.25
(f)	PC11b 8c. No. 1 no stop, 6 with stop, 9 with stop, each pair	£2.25
(g)	PC12b 10c white gum. No. 1 no stop, 6 with stop, each pair	£3.60
(h)	As above. Variety no. 9 no stop	£7.50
(i)	PC12b 10c blue gum. No. 1 no stop, 6 with stop, 9 with stop, each pair	£3.00
(j)	PC15b 20c. No. 1 no stop, 6 with stop, 9 with stop, each pair	£4.50

MISCELLANY

430(a)	1d Universal. Gorgeous mint block of 4 of the very scarce Royle Plates perf. 11 x 14 issue (G10d). Colour brilliant rich aniline, centring superb, condition beautifully fresh, lightly hinged	£250.00
(b)	As above. Imperf. proof block of 4 with top right corner selvedge, printed on card, in the issued colour, from the surface-printing plate (GII)	£55.00
431	Edward VII Heads. Simplified set of 9, ½d – 1/-, incl. both colours of the 4d, superlative used. Every stamp of selected quality. An exceptional set	£24.50
432(a)	Edward VII 8d Official. Mint copy, perf. 14 x 14½ (HO7b), in deep bright blue or indigo-blue, each	£10.00
(b)	As above. Mint example (deep bright blue) with variety Watermark Inverted (HO7bZ)	£12.50
(c)	As above. Perf. 14 x 13½ (HO7c), deep bright blue or indigo-blue, mint, each	£10.00
433(a)	K.G.V. Admirals. 2/- and 3/- on Jones paper, used with rather heavy parcels cancels, but sound stamps and eminently good spacefillers (Cat. C.P. \$310, S.G. £158), The pair	£37.50
(b)	As above. Similar pair on Cowan paper, similar condition	£32.50
434	2/- Capt. Cook Landing. Stamps from the three plates used are all readily identifiable one from the other (as any user of our Catalogue will know). Here we offer the ultimate in reference sets – a plate block of 4 from each of plates 1, 2, and 3. All finest mint. Cat. \$135, extra-special offer at	£42.50
435	O.E. 3d Small Figures, Inverted Watermark. The good one, from sheet (rather than the common booklet 'invert'). To be collectable as such, any example must of course be demonstrably not from a booklet pane. We can again offer a proving piece of the scarce variety, in the form of a vertical pair with full bottom selvedge, mint unmounted (N5aZ)	£42.50
436	1960 Pictorial 1/9. Set of two counter coil pairs of the original design, with red coil nos. (OC15a) – one pair is in yellow-bistre, the other in bistre-brown, and by way of a bonus, both include the R6/16 retouch to skyline. A 'C.P. special' offer which you won't find anywhere else. Stamps are unmounted mint, hinged in central gutter only. Stamps alone cat. C.P. \$40, S.G. £40 as normal singles. Our price, the two coil pairs	£18.50

437	1967 2½c Kowhai. Unmounted strip of 5 comprising three normals, stamp imperf. at right, and stamp totally imperf. The last time such varieties occurred was in the King George V issues (4d, 5d, 6d, 9d, 1/-), and this one will join those in the C.P. Catalogue listings. A superb error	£225.00
438	1967 Tiki (OD12a). The original green/orange design, in the never easy to find imprint/plate block of 12. Finest mint	£24.00
439	1969 \$2 Multicolour. The key high-value of all modern issues. Imprint/plate block of 10, lightly hinged in selvage only, stamps unmounted. Now Cat. \$1300 as singles and still rising. The block	£595.00
440(a)	1906 Christchurch Exhibition. Very good mint set of 4, clean, sound, fresh appearance and attractive. Would be offered in many quarters without any apology whatsoever, but not quite the very finest in our view, hence	£185.00
(Note: The 'Christchurch' set is now Cat. \$800, S.G. £470 but don't be put off by the low price above. The set offered is very much better than "less-than-half-cat." would suggest. See it on approval.)		
(b)	As above. Fine-looking marginal example of the 6d with rare variety Watermark Reversed (S4aY) – not the much less scarce wmk. inverted. A couple of gum-side imperfections do not detract, but allow	£45.00
441(a)	1940 Centennial. The complete set of 14 (incl. 10d surcharge), superb unmounted mint. Now very elusive in this condition	£30.00
(b)	As above. The difficult – but not yet expensive – 5d value (S33a), unmounted mint, single £1.50 . Or unmounted mint block of 4	£6.50
442(a)	Decimal Arms Types. \$4 – \$10, set of 4 with the original line perfs. (and wmk. sideways inverted), unmounted mint (Cat. \$125)	£47.50
(b)	As above. The same set of 4, but with change of perf. (now comb) and of wmk. (now sideways), unmounted mint	£22.50

KING GEORGE V1 SPECIALISED

Continuing this most popular of listings, with the 6d – 9d values. Somewhat shorter than usual, staff holidays having thrown a spanner in the works this month!

443(a)	6d Carmine, Fine Paper (M10a). Four fine shades, mint	£2.00
(b)	As above. Three equally fine shades in unmounted blocks of 4	£6.00
(c)	As above. Imprint/plate blocks of 6, plate nos 92 and 98. The pair	£5.00
(d)	As above. Mint imprint/plate block of 6 (no.98) with double perforations in the bottom selvage	£7.50
(e)	As above. Mint copy with variety Watermark Inverted (M10aZ)	£15.00
(f)	As above. Imprint/plate block of 6 (no.146 – the scarce one on fine paper) made infinitely scarcer by the fact that it has Watermark Inverted. Fine mint, and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity	£125.00

(g)	As above. Complete set of counter coil pairs, black machine-printed coil nos 1-19 (MC2h); Cat. \$ 76, offered at	£22.50
(h)	As above. Coil pair showing thick no. 1 in coil number (see C. Scott, p.34)	£3.50
444(a)	6d Carmine, Coarse Paper (M10b). Two mint shades	£2.50
(b)	As above. Similar pair of shades, but in mint blocks of 4	£10.00
(c)	As above. Imprint/plate block of 4 (no. 146, of coarse !!). Mint, and quite scarce ...	£5.50
(d)	As above. Imprint/plate block of 6, one stamp with extensive and attractive partial offset on back	£10.50
445(a)	8d Violet, Fine Paper (M11a). Three shades, mint	£2.00
(b)	As above. Two shades, in mint blocks of 4.	£5.00
(c)	As above. Complete set of Imprint/plate blocks of 6, plate nos 93, 95, 99. Mint	£12.00
(d)	As above. Mint block of 4 with vertical pre-printing crease. Small tone spot, but an attractive block	£4.00
(e)	As above. Marginal block of 10 (2 x 5) showing the variety Defective Watermark, resulting from an imperfection in the manufacture of the paper	£8.00
446	8d Violet, Coarse Paper (M11b). Single, block of 4, imprint/plate block of 6, and counter coil pair. All mint, and all the ingredients for a fine album page	£15.00
447(a)	9d Brown-Sepia, Fine Paper (M12a). Four lovely shades, mint	£5.00
(b)	As above. Three shades, in mint blocks of 4	£12.00
(c)	As above. Imprint/plate block of 6, no 97, mint	£6.50
(d)	As above. Imprint/plate block of 6, with extra strike of perforations in bottom selvedge	£7.50
(e)	As above. Counter coil pair, fine and coarse papers combined (MC2IZ). Only coil nos 5 and 8 exist in this form — this one is no. 5. Mint and scarce	£30.00
448(a)	9d Brown-Sepia, Coarse Paper (M12b). Two shades, mint	£4.00
(b)	As above. Two stamps, mint, normal and thin papers	£5.00
(c)	As above. Variety Inverted Watermark (M12bZ). Cat. \$ 10 (and considerably undervalued at that!). Slight toning, hence	£3.00
(d)	As above. Counter coil pairs, complete set nos 1—19. Cat. \$ 190, given away at	£37.50
(e)	As above. Set of three counter coil pairs: (i) both stamps thick paper; (ii) both stamps thin paper; (iii) thick and thin papers combined. All mint	£15.00
(f)	As above. Two coil pairs with matching coil numbers — one has the normal thin clean-cut figures, the other has abnormally thick figures. Nice!	£10.00