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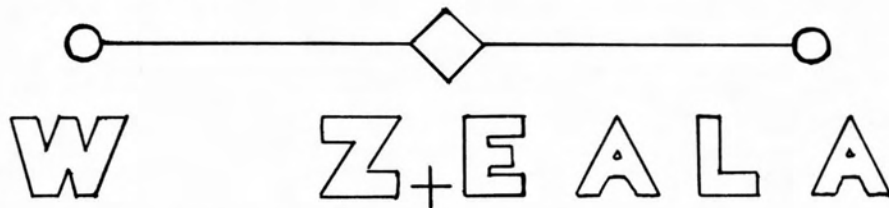
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N.Z. NOTES AND COMMENT

by Colin Hamilton

New Watermark Variety. Not for the first time, Mr A.B. Johnstone of Edinburgh has turned up something of quite unusual interest. On this occasion he has shown us two bottom marginal blocks of the 1d Second Sideface, perf. 10. Clearly these blocks were originally joined, and together formed the bottom right corner of a sheet. There are several points of note. Firstly, the sheet has been printed so badly out of register with the pattern of watermarks (which was specifically designed to fit these sheets), that the bottom selvedge and the bottom row of stamps are completely devoid of any watermark at all. The letters NEW ZEALAND, which normally appear in the selvedge, straddle the second and third rows of stamps, counting from the bottom, and only in the upper half of the stamps in the third from bottom row do the normal N.Z. and Star watermarks begin to appear. That isn't all, for it is perfectly clear from the latter that in addition to the enormous margin of error in registration (2½ inches, no less), the watermark is in fact **inverted**. Mr Johnstone inquires — with tongue in cheek, I suspect — whether this makes the stamps from the bottom row a new variety "No watermark inverted". He does have a point, however — so long as they remain joined to a provably inverted watermark stamp, this would be a not-unreasonable description.

The wide misregistration also revealed what appears to be an entirely unrecorded watermark. About three-eighths of an inch outside the marginal inscription (and thus appearing in this case on the second bottom row of stamps) there is a small circle above the W, joined to a diamond above the space between the letters ZE by a single line.



By a curious coincidence, I have since seen a marginal block of 1d Universal Reserve Plate proofs (owned by a collector friend in Hampshire) which has an abnormally wide selvedge, with what is evidently a continuation of the same watermark device. Reconstructed from the two pieces mentioned, the complete device would resemble the sketch above. (The watermark cross between the Z and E, incidentally, is described in the specification of this paper in Volume 1 of the N.Z. Handbook — but there is no mention of any markings outside the marginal inscriptions).

1960 Pictorial 6d Clematis. Two small but attractive and apparently constant plate varieties we don't recall having seen before. On R4/5 there is a prominent white 'fly' on the stalk of the top flower (seen in positional block and two other non-positional pieces), and on an unknown stamp in Row 1, there is a smaller 'fly' on the left side of the flower at the bottom right (seen in marginal block, and in two counter coil pairs, all on original paper). Perhaps someone can position the Row 1 variety precisely, and it would also be interesting to know whether these flaws continued into the chalky paper issues (in which case, because of the higher quality printing, they would stand out even more prominently), or whether they were retouched.

Translation Department. Part of the description of a New Zealand item (a used block) in a recent U.S. auction catalogue read "with S.O.N. cancellation". We were rather puzzled (no, totally flummoxed) by the S.O.N. But the list of abbreviations used in the catalogue revealed all. S.O.N. = "socked on the nose". Or (presumably) in language with which we are more familiar, **sontrally** cancelled. No wonder we were stumped!

FIRST PICTORIALS – BASIC MINT SETS

Four exceptional offers at never-to-be-repeated prices. One of each only available.

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| 1001 | 1898 London Prints. Set of 14, ½d - 5/- (incl. both 2½d's). A few imperfections (more than fully allowed for in the price), but an extremely attractive set of superb unblemished appearance. Minimum 1980 Cat. well over \$ 900 (a major re-entry on the 2½d WAKATIPU is ignored) | £200.00 |
| 1002 | 1899 Perf. 11, No Wmk. Set of 9 (2½d, 3d, 5d, 6d green, 8d, 9d, 1/-, 2/-, 5/-). Exceptionally fine and fresh for these — the 5/- is a stunningly beautiful copy, perfectly centred. Minimum 1980 Cat. \$ 725, the unwatermarked set | £295.00 |
| 1003 | 1902-07 Perf. 11 Wmk'd. Set of 10 (2½d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 8d, 9d, 1/-, 2/-, 5/-). Rough perfs and variable centring, as in this set, are normal and to be expected in this group. Minimum 1980 Cat. \$ 659 | £225.00 |
| 1004 | 1903-09 Perf 14. Set of 12 (1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 8d, 9d, 1/-, 2/-, 5/-). Very fine lightly hinged throughout. The 5/-, although somewhat off-centre, has the design intact, and it is the much scarcer issue with wmk upright into the bargain. Minimum 1980 Cat. \$ 880, the set | £295.00 |

INVERTED WATERMARK VARIETIES

Second Pictorials.

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| 1005(a) ½d Single Wmk (L1aZ), Mint | 90p |
| (b) ½d Mult. Wmk (L1bX), Mint | 90p |
| (c) 1d Mult. Wmk (L2dZ), Mint | 60p |
| (d) 2½d Single Wmk, perf. 14-13x13½ (L5aY), Mint | £12.00 |
| (e) 2½d Mult. Wmk, perf. 14-13x13½ (L5cZ), Mint | £6.00 |
| (f) 2½d Mult. Wmk, perf. 14 line (L5dZ), Mint | £9.00 |
| (g) 3d Mult. Wmk (L6bZ), Mint | £17.50 |

(h) 4d Mult. Wmk, perf. 14x13½ (L7bZ). Mint	£7.50
(i) 5d Mult. Wmk, perf. 13-14x13½ (L8cZ). Mint	£6.00
(j) 2/- Single Wmk, perf. 13-14x13½ (L13aZ). Used	£12.50
(k) 3/- Mult. Wmk, perf. 14-13x13½ (L14dZ). Mint	£12.00

King George VI.

1006(a) ½d Green (M1aZ). Mint	£1.80
(b) As above, but used	90p
(c) 1d Scarlet (M2aZ). Mint	£1.80
(d) 1d Green, fine VM paper (M2cZ). Mint	£15.00
(e) As above, but used	£10 00
(f) 1d Green, coarse VM paper (M2dZ). Used	£25.00
(g) 1½d Chocolate (M4aY). Mint	£7 50
(h) As above, but used	£1.50
(i) 2d Coarse VM paper (M6aY). Known only from counter rolls. This copy has coil centre paper attached. Mint	£30.00
(j) As above. Used copy	£20 00
(k) 3d Coarse VM paper (M7cZ). Used	£22.50
(l) 6d Fine paper (M10aZ) Mint	£25.00
(m) 9d Coarse paper (M12bZ). Mint	£18.00
(n) 1/- Die 1, sideways wmk (M13bZ). Mint	£9 00
(o) 1/- Die 2 (M13cZ). Mint	£17.50
(p) 1/3d Die 1a (M14aZ). Mint	£3.00
(q) As above. Marginal block of 4, mint	£12.50
(r) As above. Plate block of 4 (pl. 3A-1), mint	£15.00
(s) 1/3d Die 1b, sideways wmk (M14bZ). Mint	£7.50
(t) 2/- Wmk Sideways (M15bZ). Mint	£6.00
(u) As above. Block of 4, mint	£25.00

(v) 3/- Chocolate and Grey (M16aX). Mint	£6.00
(w) As above. Block of 4, mint	£25.00
Queen Elizabeth	
1007(a) 1d Small Figures (N2aZ). Mint	30p
(b) As above. Booklet pane of 6, mint	£2.00
(c) 3d Small Figures (N5aY). Mint	30p
(d) As above. Booklet pane of 6, mint	£2.00
(e) As above, but the scarce variety from large sheets (N5aZ). Vertical pair with bottom selvage attached. Mint	£42.50
(f) 9d Brown/Green (N9aZ). Used. Rare	£100.00
(g) 1d Large Figures, coarse paper (N31aZ). Mint	48p
(h) As above, but booklet pane of 6, mint	£3.60
(i) 1d Large Figures, thick white paper (N31bZ). Mint	36p
(j) As above, but booklet pane of 6, mint	£3.60
(k) 3d Large Figures, coarse paper (N34aZ). Mint	£1.00
(l) As above, but booklet pane of 6, mint	£6.50
(m) 3d Large Figures, thick white paper (N34bZ). Mint	45p
(n) As above, but booklet pane of 6, mint	£3.60
1960 Pictorials	
1008(a) 2½d Titoki (O4aV). Finest used, scarce	£22.50
(b) 7d Koromiko (O9aZ). New Cat. \$ 20. Mint or used, each	£3.75
1967 Pictorials.	
1009 15c Tiki, original colours (OD12aZ). Mint	£7.50
1970 Pictorials.	
1010(a) 1c Red Admiral (P2aZ). Scarce, used	£25.00
(b) 2c Tussock (P3aZ). Mint	£2.00
(c) 3c Lichen Moth (P5aY). Mint or used, each	£1.00
(d) 4c Puriri (P6aZ). Used	£1.50
(e) 10c Royal Stamp (P12aZ). Mint	£6.00

(f) 15c Fish Hook (P13aZ). Mint	£25.00
(g) 18c Club (P14aY). Mint	£25.00

Commemoratives.

1011(a) 4d Lamb (S72aZ). Mint or used, each	£5.00
(b) 4d I.C.Y. (S99aZ). Mint	£3.00
(c) As above, but used	£1.00
(d) 4c Royal Society (S106aZ). Mint	£3.50
(e) 4c Armed Services (S109aZ). Mint	£7.50
(f) 28c Armed Services (S111aZ). Now Cat. \$ 25. Mint	£5.00

Healts.

1012 1959 3d + 1d Poaka (T31bY). Mint	£7.50
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1935-43 PICTORIAL VARIETIES

A selection of items from an extremely interesting issue — all mint unless otherwise stated.

1013 Waterlow Shift Dots. Four selvedge pieces all showing these fascinating markings (4d x 2 different, 6d, 8d). Some gum-staining on two, but a nice buy for someone at, the lot	£7.50
1014(a) ½d Fantail. Plate block of 6 (pl. 1A) on mult. wmk paper, including the R8/1 Clematis flaw	£5.00
(b) As above. Marginal block of 4 with wmk inverted, also including the R8/1 variety	£4.50
(c) As above. Marginal block of 6 again incl. R8/1, also the prominent value tablet flaw on R8/3	£6.00
(d) As above. The mysterious double-re-entry at R5/17 (unnumbered plate) in block of 4 with three normal stamps (LV1e). Cat. \$ 40	£12.00
(e) As above. Corner block of 9, unnumbered plate, with R8/3 normal, and with inverted watermark. Slight gum toning on two stamps does not detract	£5.00
1015(a) 1d Kiwi. 100 used copies (single and mult. wmk), every one with a plate variety. These are mainly of a minor nature, but noted are at least two re-entries (one really major) and an example of the P1. B3 R5/22 retouch. Doubtless some duplication, and condition varies (a few creases etc), but a superb and unusual specialist lot. In all 104 stamps (four are in pair with normal)	£25.00
(b) As above. Plate block of 10 (pl. A1) with attractive "Cap on Kiwi" (halo flaw) on R7/2, and a very early state of the plate crack which developed between R6-7/1-2. Perfect condition	£10.00

- (c) **As above.** Unhinged copy with quite the weakest centre we have seen. The mountains appear as ghostly shadows seen through a thick mist! Supplied with normal for comparison £1.25
- (d) **As above.** Set of 3 (unhinged) perf. 14x13½, showing the retouches to the I of MITRE at R7/8, 7/10 and 8/10..... £5.00
- (e) **As above.** A mystery item. Corner pair, perf. 14x13½, being R7/10 and 8/10. The latter stamp has the retouched I, but R7/10 shows no sign whatever of the expected retouch, indicating that the retouching was executed on separate occasions — an unrecorded possibility! The pair £7.50
- 1020(a) 2/- Capt. Cook - R1/4 COQK Variety.** On L13b. Marginal copy £10.00
- (b) **As above.** On L13c. Marginal copy £5.00
- (c) **As above.** On L13c. Superb used £4.50
- (d) **As above.** On L13d. The scarce one. Lightly hinged £27.50
- (e) **As above.** On L13d. Marginal copy, commercially used £6.00
- (f) **As above.** On L013d. Marginal copy, unhinged, but small stain shows slightly on face, hence (Cat. \$ 75) £8.50
- (g) **As above.** On L13e. Marginal copy £6.00
- (h) **As above.** On L13e. Marginal copy, superb used £5.50
- (i) **As above.** On L13f. Marginal copy £5.00
- (j) **As above.** On L13f. Finest used £4.50
- (k) **As above.** On L013f. Marginal copy £12.50
- 1021(a) 2/- Capt. Cook - Pl. 1 R9/2.** On L13d. Flaw — two dots over bow of boat. Good used £6.00
- (b) **As above.** On L13f. Retouch to hills. Single copy £5.50
- (c) **As above.** On L13f. Retouch to hills. In plate block of 4 (Cat. \$ 50) £18.50
- (d) **As above.** On L13g. Retouch to hills. In plate block of 4, which also shows burele band in left selvedge (unusual on the 2/-) £27.50
- 1022(a) 2/- Capt. Cook.** Corner strip of 3 on coarse paper, perf. 12½ showing R10/10-12 in the cracked plate state. Scarce! £32.50
- (b) **As above.** Matching strip (same issue, but in a markedly deeper shade than the preceding item), but now the crack has been repaired, and all three impressions show clear re-entry doubling £22.50
- (c) **As above.** Block of four (again L13f) including the notable re-entries at R5/5 and 6/4. Offered at considerably less than the price of four normal stamps £16.50

(d) **As above.** Block identical to item (c), but from the final issue perf 13¼x13½ £20.00

(e) **As above.** Block of 30 (on coarse paper, perf. 12½), consisting of the entire right hand quarter of a sheet. Large blocks from plate 1 are scarce and desirable, being superb study material. Eleven re-entries and one retouch are noted, and in addition the block includes (R1/12) the only impression on plate 1 which received little or no attention from the engraver throughout its life. The large multiple, superb condition (all stamps unhinged) £95.00

1023 3/- Mt Egmont. The major plate variety on the 3/- is the massive centre re-entry at R9/4. We can offer this variety in positional block (on L14g) in either of the Catalogued shades. Your choice at, each block £17.50

KING GEORGE VI HEADS - BLOCKS OF 4

1024 A wonderful set of 41 blocks, one block for every C.P. Catalogue number from M1a through to M19a (including b, c, d and e numbers, and all provisionals). A set the like of which we haven't been able to assemble for many years, and which we cannot duplicate now. The scarcity of a number of the blocks included bears no relation to their Catalogue price – notable among these are M2e, M9b, M10b and M11b. Condition is brilliantly fresh mint, some blocks having one very light hinge, the remainder unhinged. The magnificent complete set of blocks £135.00

1025 A simpler set of 22 blocks, representing each value, colour change and provisional, but excluding changes of paper and watermark. Equally superb condition £50.00

..... AND KGVI COUNTER COIL PAIRS

Rubber-Stamped Numbers.

1026(a) MC1b 1d FVM paper. Purple coil no. £1.50

(b) **As above,** red coil no. £1.50

(c) **As above.** Complete set, nos 1-19 £22.50

(d) **MC1d** 2d VM paper. Purple coil no. £3.75

(e) **MC1e** 2d HM paper. Purple coil no. £3.00

(f) **As above.** Complete set, nos 1-19 £40.00

(g) **MC1f** 3d CVM paper. Red coil no. £4.00

(h) **As above.** Complete set, nos 1-19 £50.00

(i) **MC1g** 4d fine paper. Red coil no. £6.00

(j) **As above.** Complete set, nos 1-19 £75.00

(k) **MC1h** 5d fine paper. Red coil no. £5.00

(l) **As above.** Complete set, nos 1-19 £65.00

(m) MC1j	6d fine paper. Purple coil no.	£5.00
(n)	As above. Complete set, nos 1-19	£65.00
1027	Simplified set of 6 coil pairs (one each value 1d - 6d). Cat. \$ 60+	£20.00
Machine-Printed Black Numbers, Type (a).		
1028(a)	MC2a 2d VM paper	50p
(b)	MC2a(Y) 2d VM and HM paper combined	£3.00
(c)	MC2c 3d fine VM paper	£1.00
(d)	As above. Complete set, nos 1-19	£15.00
(e)	MC2e 4d fine paper	£2.50
(f)	As above. Complete set, nos 1-19	£37.50
(g)	MC2eZ 4d fine and coarse paper combined	£15.00
(h)	MC2f 4d coarse paper	£2.50
(i)	MC2g 5d fine paper	£2.00
(j)	MC2h 6d fine paper	£1.50
(k)	As above. Complete set, nos 1-19	£22.50
(l)	MC2j 8d fine paper	£3.00
(m)	MC2k 8d coarse paper	£3.00
(n)	As above. Complete set, nos 1-19	£40.00
(o)	MC2l 9d fine paper (very scarce)	£30.00
(p)	MC2l (Z) 9d fine and coarse paper combined (equally scarce)	£30.00
(q)	MC2m 9d coarse paper	£3.00
(r)	MC2n(Z) 1/-, Die 1, wmk upright and sideways combined	£12.50
(s)	MC2o 1/- Die 1, wmk sideways	£3.75
(t)	MC2p 1/- Die 2, wmk upright	£3.75
(u)	MC2q 1/3d Die 1a, wmk sideways	£3.00
(v)	MC2r 1/3d Die 1b, wmk sideways	£3.00
1029	Simplified set of 9 pairs (one each value, 2d - 1/3d). Cat. \$ 52	£16.50

N.Z. AIR MAIL STAMPS

- 1030 (a) 1931-34 Issues.** Set of 5 (3d, 4d, 7d brown-orange, 5d/3d, 7d blue), brilliantly fresh, very lightly hinged mint. A beautiful set in wonderfully fine condition
Now Cat. \$ 295 £110.00
- (b) As above.** Superb unhinged mint example of the rare 3d perf. 14x15 (V1b).
Centred just a trifle left, but much better than normal for this stamp £200.00
- (c) As above.** Superfine mint block of 4 of the 5d/3d surcharge (V4a). One almost imperceptibly light hinge, otherwise absolutely immaculate £52.50
- (d) As above.** 7d blue Trans-Tasman on first flight cover with purple circular cachet dated Feb 1934. Clean fresh and fine. Stamp alone Cat. \$100. Our price for the cover £35.00

OFFER OF THE MONTH

The second in our series for Bulletin subscribers only.

- 1031 (a) ½d Mt Cook.** Perf. 14x11 on Pirie paper (C.P. F1c,
S.G. 319/20). Finest mint £3.00
- (b) As above.** Perf. 11x14 on Basted Mills paper (C.P. F2d,
S.G. 328/9). Finest mint £6.00
- (c) As above.** One copy each of (a) and (b) above £7.50

RECENT ISSUES

- 1981 Royal Wedding** (issued 29/7/81). Two 20c stamps se-tenant. For the first time the different designs are se-tenant both horizontally and vertically throughout the printed sheet — perfectly demonstrated in our offer of a mint block of 4 60p
Se-tenant pair, vertical or horizontal, each pair 32p
Imprint/plate blocks (of 6 stamps each). Plate nos 1A x 5 or 1B x 5, each block .. £1.05
Official illustrated F.D.C. (Wanganui pmk) 40p
- 1981 Healths.** (issued 5/8/81). Two 20c + 2c se-tenant, 25c + 2c.
Set of 3 mint 57p
Imprint/plate blocks. Set of 4 (2x8, and 2x6 stamps respectively). Complete £5.75
One imprint/plate block of each value £2.95
Miniature Sheet (comprising of 2 complete sets) £1.15
Official N.Z.P.O. First Day Cover (Wanganui pmk) — includes a strip of 3 stamps from miniature sheet 67p
Special Health Camp F.D.C. (Wanganui pmk) — includes 3 stamps from large sheets 67p
Health Camp Postmarks, set of 6 covers, each with full set of stamps, and cancelled at different Camps on the day of issue £5.00