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N.Z. NOTES AND COMMENT

by Colin Hamilton

King Edward VII Die Proofs. The N.Z. Handbook (Vol. 1) carries quite an extensive listing of proofs from the dies for all the recess-printed values (2d - 1/-). These exist in a wide variety of colours. Of proofs from the **master** die for the series, however, only one item is recorded (in Vol. 4). This is a progress proof in black.

I have now seen an interesting group of six proofs which add considerably to the record. One was a die proof of the 2d in black — not included in the Vol. 1 list of colours. The remaining five items were all master die proofs (see illustration above), each printed on large pieces measuring 45mm x 70 mm approx. The first, in black, was on thin card, and was from an earlier state of the die, some details of the design being less complete than in the others, notably in the epaulette at right, the medals and the collar and neck shading. The last four were all printed on thickish paper, and appeared identical except for the colours of inks used, which were orange, greyish-brown, bistre-brown and black.

Two further peculiarities were noted. Firstly, although I have referred to the incomplete items as "master die" proofs, it is more probable that they may be very early proofs from a subsidiary die laid down for the 2d, for in all of them appear very lightly engraved circles corresponding to the frames enclosing the figure value tablets in the issued stamp. These do not show in the above illustration, but the breaks in the outer frame of the portrait (where the circles intersect with this line) are clearly visible.

Secondly, all the proofs mentioned in this note (including the "completed" 2d proof) show clearly the top of a star-shaped decoration on the King's chest immediately below the centre of the row of medals. There is no sign of this on the issued stamps of any denomination, so it must have been removed from the dies before the laying down of the plates commenced.

5/- Mt Cook — A Problem "Postmark". With reference to my note under this heading in the August 1981 Bulletin, Dr Hawley of Auckland suggests Mesopotamia as a possibility. He states there was (and may still be) a very large station of this name in the Mackenzie country of South Canterbury, and the station had its own postal agency. I can find no record of an office of this name, however.

1960 Pictorial 6d. Mr Holmes of Leamington Spa has been able to 'plate' the Row 1 variety (see October Bulletin note) to stamp no. 8 on the original paper, but we have had no report as yet of its existence on chalky paper. Mr Holmes also mentions the following: R8/12 green flaw in the top of lower central flower (on original paper, less prominent on chalky paper); R6/12 green flaw in centre of lower right flower (he has this on original paper only).

1960 Pictorial 3d Following our report (August Bulletin) of finding a strip on **chalky paper** with brown colour omitted, we can now record a second example with the same variety. This was found in similar circumstances – in a collection, annotated as a missing colour all right, but with no acknowledgement that the paper was chalk-surfaced! Isn't it astonishing that such an obvious variety should remain unreported for some 15 years, and that two examples should then turn up in front of our noses within the space of a few weeks?

BARGAINS GALORE

A recent large bulk purchase contained a quantity of mint material which is surplus to our present stock requirements. So we are offering this at a huge discount off normal prices, **to Bulletin subscribers only**. Condition is of a very high standard, about 95% being unhinged, the remainder being lightly hinged. Prices hold only until surplus quantities have been taken up.

Commemoratives (L.s.d. issues)		Usual Price.	Discount Price.	Blocks of
1101(a)	1962 Telegraph Cent. 3d, 8d	£1.85	£1.00	£4.00
(b)	1963 Railways Cent. 3d, 1/9d	£2.80	£1.50	£6.00
(c)	1963 COMPAC 8d	£1.80	£1.00	£4.00
(d)	1964 Road Safety 3d	6p	3p	12p
(e)	1965 ANZAC 4d, 5d	30p	15p	60p
(f)	1965 I.T.U. 9d	30p	15p	60p
(g)	1965 Churchill 7d	36p	20p	80p
(h)	1965 Wellington Govt Cent. 4d	9p	5p	20p
(i)	1965 I.C.Y. 4d	7p	4p	16p
(j)	1965 Parl. Conf. 4d	24p	12p	45p
(k)	As above, 9d	75p	45p	£1.80
(l)	As above, 2/-	£6.00	£3.25	—
(m)	1966 Scout 4d	7p	4p	10p
(n)	1967 P.O.S.B. 4d, 9d	45p	20p	80p

Commemoratives (1967 - 1970 Decimal issues).

1102(a)	1967 Royal Society 4c, 8c	45p	25p	£1.00
(b)	1968 Maori Bible 3c	9p	4p	15p
(c)	1969 Armed Services 4c, 10c, 28c	£4.70	£2.50	£10.00
(d)	As above, 4c inverted wmk	£9.00	£4.00	£16.00

		Usual Price	Discount Price	Blocks of 4
(e)	As above, 28c inverted wmk	£15.00	£5.00	£20.00
(f)	1969 Suffrage 3c	12p	7p	28p
(g)	1968 I.H.R. 10c	75p	45p	£1.80
(h)	1969 I.L.O. 7c	72p	40p	£1.60
(i)	1969 Law Society 3c, 10c, 18c	£2.90	£1.25	£5.00
(j)	As above, 3c only	9p	3p	10p
(k)	1969 Otago Univ. 3c, 10c	£1.05	60p	£2.40
(l)	1969 Bay of Islands 4c, 6c	£1.30	75p	£3.00
(m)	As above, 4c only	42p	25p	£1.00
(n)	1969 Capt. Cook Bicent. 4c, 6c, 18c, 28c	£10.20	£6.00	£24.00
(o)	As above, 4c only	30p	15p	60p
(p)	As above, 28c only	£4.80	£2.50	£10.00
(q)	1969 CORSO 7c, 8c	£3.60	£2.00	£8.00
(r)	1970 Cardigan Bay 10c	45p	30p	£1.20
(s)	1970 'EXPO 70' 7c, 8c, 18c	£4.35	£2.25	£9.00
(t)	As above, 7c only	£1.20	50p	£2.00
(u)	As above, 8c only	£1.20	50p	£2.00
(v)	1970 U.N. 25th Anniv 3c, 10c	69p	35p	£1.40

Commemoratives (1971 - 1979 issues).

1103(a)	1971 C.W.I. 50th Anniv. 4c	18p	10p	40p
(b)	1971 Rotary 10c	60p	30p	£1.20
(c)	1971 One Ton Cup 5c, 8c	57p	30p	£1.20
(d)	1971 Three Cities Anniv 3c, 4c, 5c	66p	35p	£1.40
(e)	1971 Antarctic Treaty 10th Anniv 6c	£1.80	£1.00	£4.00
(f)	1971 UNICEF, 25th Anniv 7c	£1.05	60p	£2.40
(g)	1971 Satellite 8c, 10c	£2.40	£1.50	£6.00

	Usual Price	Discount Price	Blocks of 4
(h) 1971 Rose Convention 2c, 5c, 8c	£1.20	75p	£3.00
(i) 1971 Rutherford Cent. 1c, 7c	70p	35p	£1.25
(j) 1971 Vintage Cars 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 8c, 10c	£4.20	£2.25	£8.50
(k) 1972 Five Commems 3c, 4c, 5c, 8c, 10c	£6.00	£3.50	£13.50
(l) As above, 3c only	6p	3p	10p
(m) As above, 4c only	7p	4p	15p
(n) As above, 5c only	9p	4p	15p
(o) 1973 Steam Locomotives 3c, 4c, 5c, 10c	£3.75	£2.00	£8.00
(p) 1974 10th Comm. Games 4c, 5c, 10c, 18c, 23c ..	£1.65	£1.00	£4.00
(q) 1976 Vintage Farm Vehicles 6c, 7c, 8c, 9c, 10c, 25c	£1.80	£1.00	£4.00
(r) 1977 Three Cities, 3 x 8c se-tenant	60p	30p	—
(s) 1977 AA/RACS, 2 x 10c se-tenant	60p	30p	—
(t) 1977 Silver Jubilee Miniature Sheet (5 x 8c)	£1.50	75p	—
(u) 1977 Education (5 x 8c se-tenant)	£2.40	£1.25	—
(v) 1977 Fire Engines 10c, 11c, 12c, 23c,	70p	50p	£2.00
(w) 1978 Four Commems, 2 x 10c se-tenant, 12c, 20c	69p	50p	—
(x) 1978 Agric. Science 10c, 12c, 15c, 16c, 20c, 30c	£1.25	£1.00	£4.00
(y) 1978 Sea Resources 12c, 15c, 20c, 23c, 35c	£1.40	£1.00	£4.00
(z) 1979 Statesmen 3 x 10c se-tenant	£1.50	£1.00	—

MISCELLANY

1104 Second Sideface Plate Proofs. Set of 8 (1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 6d Dies 1 and 2, 8d, 1/-) official reproductions, printed in black on thick unwmk'd paper, imperf. Complete as listed for the 1882 issue in Vol. 1 of the Handbook £17.50

1105 Second Sidefaces — Issued Stamps. A most attractive lot of 45, all mint/unused, various perms, mounted on three album leaves. Included are ½d (5), 1d (7), 2½d (4), 3d (5), 4d (5), 5d (3), 6d (2), 8d (3), 1/- (4). Condition is mixed — some have little or no gum — but there are a number of superb copies, two (one 1d and one 8d) have advertisements on the back, and appearance is generally exceptionally fine for these

	difficult issues. Reckoning every stamp as the cheapest issue, Cat. amounts to a massive \$ 1870, so this lot represents wonderful value (and a lovely basic collection) at	£275.00
1106	½d Mt Cook. Marginal pair on Cowan Wmk'd paper showing major variety Imperf Vertically (F4bZ, S.G. 342a)	£80.00
1107	1d Universal. Superb mint block of 4, London Print (G1a). Well-centred, fine colour, fresh, light hinge	£32.50
1008(a)	1d Field Marshal. Mint copy from top of sheet (with full selvage) — stamp perf. 14 at sides and bottom, imperf at top (K15aV)	£30.00
	(b) As above. The same variety, but in horizontal pair	£57.50
1109(a)	2/- Admiral. Brilliant copy on Cowan paper (K20b), perfectly centred, unhinged mint. Very scarce thus	£75.00
	(b) As above. The 2/- overprinted Official (K020b) in superfine mint block of 4 , light hinge	£375.00
1110	Q.E. 1/-. Superb unhinged mint copy with Double Centre Print, One Albino (N10aX). The blurred centre variety, with normal stamp for comparison	£25.00
1111	Q.E. 1/6d. Similar blurred centre variety (N11aY), considerably scarcer on this value. Mint, very light hinge	£42.50
1112	Q.E. 2/6d - 10/-. The set of 4 high values in corner blocks of 4 with imprint/plate number. Previously hinged, but two stamps in each block are superb unmounted, and appearance is quite magnificent. Our asking price is less than the normal for two sets of single stamps, so a really keen buy at, the set of blocks	£197.50
1113	Q.E. 1/- Coil Pairs. These exist in six basic forms: horizontal pair with coil no. sideways reading up; vertical pairs with coil no. upright and sideways; and vertical pairs with coil no. inverted on wide, narrow and trimmed gutters. Our set shows these variations complete, in the form of six matched coil pairs, all having the same coil number	£12.50
1114	1970 Pictorial 10c Coat of Arms. Set of four imprint/plate blocks demonstrating the complete history of the light blue and red plate numbers 1A. In their original form these were defective, and this is shown in the first two blocks (watermarked, and unwmk'd with colourless gum). The numbers were then retouched, and appear in this form on the other two blocks (unwmk'd with bluish gum, plates 1A1A1A1A and 1A1A1A2A). The complete set of 4 plate blocks, finest mint	£15.00
1115	50c National Park. Set of 4 mint: (i) normal; (ii) with headland at right omitted (the much scarcer second printing error); (iii) with buff omitted; (iv) with headland at left omitted. One set only, all unmounted, Cat. \$ 550, very special offer at	£120.00
1116	1970 Pictorial Booklet Panes. Set of 4 panes (1c x 6 stamps, 1c x 3 stamps and 3 labels, 3c, 4c) in each of the three forms existing: (i) wmk'd; (ii) unwmk'd, white gum; (iii) unwmk'd, blue gum. Thus there are 12 panes in all, absolutely complete, and finest mint.	£12.50

- 1117(a) 4c/2½c Moth.** Complete set of 14 imprint/plate blocks (6 x P30a, 6 x P30b, 2 x P30c). Difficult to find now. The 14 mint plate blocks, Cat. \$ 94 £37.50
- (b) As above.** Set of 6 difficult imprint/plate blocks with the original (Harrison Photogravure) surcharge, and complete thus £20.00
- (c) As above.** Set of three sheet value blocks (all from pl. 1B, with 'traffic lights' in top selvedge) from the local letterpress surcharge printings, showing: (i) error original \$ 5.00 sheet value unaltered; (ii) error corrected by manuscript insertion of '\$ 8' in blue ballpoint ink; (iii) error corrected by blue rubber-stamped insertion of 'VALUE \$ 8.00' and three obliterating bars. An attractive set £12.50
- 1118(a) 1d Map Stamp.** Block of 4 on Jones paper (S16b), fine mint £12.00
- (b) As above.** Another block on Cowan paper (S16c) — the scarce one. Brilliant unhinged mint £92.00
- 1119 1935 Silver Jubilee.** Complete set in unmounted mint blocks of 4 (the 6d is a corner block). Superb £70.00
- 1120 1963 Christmas.** Horizontal pair, one stamp normal, the other with **yellow colour largely omitted** — a clearly-defined vertical band about 17-18 mm wide is totally devoid of yellow. Spectacular and strikingly attractive variety. Finest mint, and rare £42.50
- (Note: We believe this to be the variety listed in the 'Elizabethan' catalogue as S.G. 817Eb at £300).

INTERESTING AND INEXPENSIVE N.Z. PLATE PROOFS

All items offered below are imperf (unless otherwise stated) and all are printed in black. The C.P. number given indicates the equivalent issued stamp design.

- 1121 6d Full Face Queen (A5).** The very scarce Perkins Bacon proof (not the 1906 Hausburg reprint). Superb clear, full impression £20.00
- 1122 1907-08 3d Reduced Design (E10).** £3.75
- 1123 1907-08 6d Reduced Design (E15).** Marginal copy £4.75
- 1124 1907-08 1/- Reduced Design (E19).** With wmk NZ and Star inverted £4.50
- 1125 1d Universal Surface Print (G11).** On thick card £2.75
- 1126 King Edward VII ½d (H1).** £2.75
- 1127 1d Dominion (J1).** Marginal copy of thick card £2.75
- 1128 King George V 2½d (K3).** £2.50
- 1129 King George V 3d (K4).** £2.50
- 1130 King George V 4d (K5).** From plate 20 £2.50

1131	King George V 4½d (K6).	£2.50
1132	King George V 5d (K7). Wmk'd NZ and Star	£3.00
1133	King George V 6d (K8).	£2.50
1134(a)	King George V 7½d (K9).	£2.50
	(b) As above. Block of 4	£10.00
1135	King George V 8d (K10).	£3.50
1136	King George V 1/- (K12).	£2.50
1137	King George V ½d (K13). Pair from booklet plate, with selvage bars at each side ..	£5.75
1138(a)	King George V 1½d Surface Print (K17). On glazed card	£2.25
	(b) As above. On gummed paper wmk'd NZ and Star	£3.00
	(c) As above. On gummed wmk'd paper, perf. 12½	£5.00
1139(a)	King George V 2d Surface Print (K18). On glazed card	£2.25
	(b) As above. On gummed wmk'd paper	£3.00
1140	King George V 3d Surface Print (K19). On glazed card	£2.25

EARLIER HEALTHS – MINT BLOCKS OF 4

1141(a)	1929 Nurse. Superb unmounted	£80.00
	(b) As above. One stamp very light hinge, and some light gum toning not affecting facial appearance	£22.50
1142	1932 Hygeia. Brilliant block, deep shade, beautifully centred, unmounted	£160.00
1143	1933 Pathway. Bottom left corner block, unmounted, well-centred. Perfection	£85.00
1144	1934 Crusader. Top marginal block, hinged in selvage only, stamps superb unmounted	£77.50
1145	1935 Keyhole. Unmounted and perfectly centred (rarely found thus)	£12.00
1146	1936 Lifebuoy. Same magnificent condition as previous block	£5.50
1147	1937 Hiker. Unmounted and superfine	£8.00
1148	1938 Children at Play. Marginal block, unmounted	£4.00
1149	1939 Beach Ball. Set of two blocks, unmounted	£13.50

1150	1940 Beach Ball. Both blocks marginal, unmounted	£22.50
1151	1941 Beach Ball. Both Marginal, unmounted	£8.00
1152	1942 Swing. Both marginal, unmounted	£3.00

SCENIC AND ILLUSTRATIVE STAMPS

As a group these are generally agreed to be the most attractive N.Z. stamps issued in recent years. All are available from stock individually (wants lists welcomed), but we can offer the following complete collections at advantageous prices.

1153(a)	1972 Alpine Plants — 1981 Rivers. 10 issues (40 stamps) complete unmounted mint (Cat. C.P. \$ 56, S.G. £44+)	£22.50
(b)	As above, but in unmounted mint blocks of 4	£85.00

Q.E. OFFICIAL PLATE BLOCKS

A few individual offers of these elusive items.

1154	1½d Lake-brown (NO22a). Pl. no. 4 in block of 6, unhinged	£8.75
1155	2d Myrtle-Green (NO23a). Pl. no. 3, coarse paper, in block of 4, unhinged	£4.25
1156	3d Vermilion (NO24a). Pl. no. 1, coarse paper, in block of 4, lightly hinged	£3.00
1157	4d Blue (NO25a). Pl. no. 5, coarse paper, in block of 6, unhinged	£6.25
1158	1/- Purple (NO27a). Pl. no. 6, coarse paper, in block of 4, lightly hinged	£6.25
1159	2½d Olive-Green (NO35a). Pl. no. 9, in block of 6, unhinged	£5.00
1160(a)	3/- Grey (NO39a). Pl. no. 10, in block of 6, unhinged, perfect	£160.00
(b)	As above, but in block of 4	£110.00

OFFER OF THE MONTH

1161(a)	1970 Pictorials. The high values — 23c, 25c (both perfs), 30c (both perfs), 50c, \$ 1 and \$ 2 — complete, unhinged mint. Normally £17.40, extra special price	£8.50
(b)	OR, the same set of 8, in unmounted mint blocks of 4	£32.50

1940 CENTENNIAL OFFICIALS

1162	Complete set of the "Joined ff" varieties (eight values, ½d — 8d) each in marginal pair with a normal stamp (2½d in marginal strip of 3). Condition superfine, all stamps being brilliant unmounted except one 2d and one 2½d, which are very lightly hinged. Scarce and desirable, S.G. cat. £250	£195.00
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