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N.Z. NOTES AND COMMENT

by Colin Hamilton

1d Kiwi Newspaper Wrapper. R.D. Samuel, in Part 3 of his Postal Stationery catalogue, lists (as D.3) a 1d Kiwi wrapper with **horizontal** watermark (as opposed to usual sideways wmk), with the following footnote:

"This is a most interesting item. In the case of the earlier 1d wrappers (the 1920 ½d + ½d provisional, the 1920 1d Dominion and the 1931 1d Admiral) the fact that the watermark read ONE HALFPENNY does not appear to have concerned the Post Office or the Government Printer. The evidence suggests that this now became a matter of concern. On those wrappers we have seen the paper has been guillotined so as to remove that portion of the watermark reading ONE HALF, leaving only the word PENNY visible on the printed wrapper".

This is an attractive theory — it sounds just the sort of thing that would escape notice for years and years and worry no one, yet when brought to the attention of officialdom, would send them scurrying to panic stations. Moreover, based on Mr Samuel's stated experience of these wrappers, coupled with the fact that while one or two ½d wrappers did subsequently appear on watermarked paper, **none of the 1d or higher face value ever did**, it has a strong ring of truth.

So in a way I was just a little disappointed to find that the first example of this wrapper I have ever seen (offered as lot 452 in this Bulletin, incidentally) appears to pour cold water on a lovely story. The word HALFPENNY is present in full — in fact it looks as though the guillotining has been done in such a way as to leave this word, and the word ZEALAND below and to the right, as nicely centred as possible!

I said this **APPEARS** to wreck the theory advisedly. For there is another possible explanation (one that I would much prefer to be the accurate one) — that my wrapper was the result of an error of registration during printing (or, if these wrappers were printed individually, an error or guillotining prior to printing). In the absence of anything more conclusive, I think we're entitled

to indulge our fancy, and cling to Mr Samuel's delightful proposition.

First Pictorial 5d. We have seen a mint copy perf. 11 unwatermarked (E13b) with full selvage at left, with the first vertical row of perforations completely omitted (i.e. imperf. between stamp and selvage). This variety although similar in kind to the rare "imperf between" already listed, has never been recorded to our knowledge.

Q.E. 2d on 1½d "With Stars". Until recently, I had seen only two or three used copies with the 3¼mm dot surcharge (N41aZ) — never a mint example. Now I can report one mint. My colleague Warwick Paterson tells me he knows of five others mint (a block of 4 and a single).

Aggregating mint and used, I believe the total known must be less than a dozen, so this is certainly a variety to look out for, since (a) at least 240 must have been issued, and (b) it goes totally unrecognised by 99.9% of the philatelic fraternity, amateur or professional. Of course one is unlikely to find it on offer other than as a "normal" large-dot error, but even at that it would be an excellent find.

STAMPEX 1982

There were just two New Zealand entries in this year's exhibition, and both gained Bronze-Silver medals — J.A.W. Smith for his Second Pictorials exhibit, and D. Churchill for his Railway Newspaper Parcels and Freight Stamps. Congratulations to both.

MISCELLANY

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| 401 | Full-Face Queen — Special Die Print. Value tablet inscribed H.P.S. 4th JUNE 1907. Superb print in ultramarine on cream card (34 x 40mm) | £75.00 |
| 402 | 1d Universal. Brilliant mint corner block of 6 on 'Pirie' paper (G2a), with full selvages and sheet serial number, and including the PL1,R1/24 re-entry (being from the top right corner of this plate, all stamps show the 'London' dot, above the upper left corner of the value tablet) | £27.50 |
| 403 | K.E.VII 4d Yellow (H4d). Superfine used block of 4, c.d.s. dated 1914 | £15.00 |
| 404 | K.G.V 9d Official (KO11a). Glorious unmounted mint copy in deep yellow-olive. Rare in this Official issue | £75.00 |
| 405 | Second Pictorial 9d Panel. Unhinged mint block of 4, multiple wmk sideways (L11b). Note that all 9d's, except the reduced design with multiple wmk (L11e), are very much more difficult than is generally realised. The block | £35.00 |
| 406(a) | 1d Map Stamp. Complete set of three mint blocks of 4, on De La Rue, Jones and Cowan papers (S16a, b, c). Condition superfine — the Jones and Cowan blocks are unhinged | £85.00 |
| | (b) As above. Similar set, but single stamps, all superb unmounted mint | £22.50 |
| | (c) As above. Marginal block of 4, Jones paper, superb unhinged | £12.00 |

- (d) **As above.** Marginal block of 6 on Jones paper, incl. the R10/7 and 10/9 varieties listed in the Handbook, Vol. 4. Again brilliant unmounted £20.00
- (e) **As above.** The scarcest of the three issues, on Cowan paper (S16c) in a perfect unmounted block of 4 £75.00
- (f) **As above.** Single stamp on Cowan paper, mint unhinged £19.50
- 407 1925 Dunedin Exhibition 4d.** We have three very collectable used copies, none quite qualifying as superb, but all perfectly sound and attractive. Cat. \$175 (S.G. £130), an excellent chance to fill that annoying gap at, each £47.50
- 408(a) 1930 Dominion Airlines.** The 6d label issued for the Hastings—Gisborne passenger service. Unhinged mint corner copy (perf. nearly 12 on two sides), with the incorrect 'AIRWAYS' altered to 'AIRLINES'. Rare £85.00
- (b) **As above.** Similar (but imperf) label issued for the reverse direction of this service (Gisborne—Hastings). Hinged mint, beautifully fresh £60.00
- 409 Second Type Postage Due.** Lovely used copy of the 2d on Cowan paper with reversed watermark (Y17f) — in our experience, the rarest of all N.Z. postage due stamps (to be listed at \$200 in the 1982 C.P. Catalogue Supplement) £95.00

POSTAL STATIONERY

Desirable material, which is becoming more and more popular. All unused, except where otherwise stated. Samuel catalogue numbers are quoted throughout.

Postcards

- 410 1881 Q.V. 1d Red—Brown.** Thick inner frame. Thin buff card (A.2.) Very fine. £7.50
- 411 1897 Q.V. 1d Brown.** Coloured view on reverse. Creamish card (A.7). Superb. £8.50
- 412 1903 K.E. VII 1d Deep Blue.** Inscribed 'NEW ZEALAND POST CARD', creamish card (B.1). Superb £7.50
- 413 1907 K.E. VII ½d Deep Blue.** Inscribed 'INLAND POST—CARD' (B.2). With added 1d Dominion adhesive alongside (prepared for provisional use in the early 1920's, when the postcard rate was 1½d). Some age-spots £3.50
- 414 1923 K.G. V 1d on 1½d Yellow—Brown Provisional.** Creamish card (C.6). Superb £10.00
- 415 1923 K.G. V ½d on 1½d Yellow—Brown Provisional.** Creamish card (C.10). Superb £10.00
- 416 1924 K.G. V ½d Green.** With uncoloured border round King's portrait. Creamish card (C.13). Superb £4.00

417	1932 K.G. V ½d Provisional. Card as C.13 above, but with additional ½d stamp printed alongside (making 1d rate), surcharged HALFPENNY in violet across both stamps (C.21). Reverse carries printed text (Hutt Valley Gun Club). Superb	£15.00
418	1932 K.G. V ½d Provisional. 'Reply Card' portion of K.E.VII ½d deep blue ('Reply Card' obliterated), with additional K.G.V ½d stamp printed alongside in green, surcharged HALFPENNY in blue across both stamps (C.23a). Good condition, if card somewhat toned	£5.00
419	1932 K.G. V ½d Provisional. 1d Field Marshal card with value obliterated and surcharged HALF PENNY in black type. Creamish card (C.24). Superb	£8.50
420	1939 K.G. VI ½d Yellow—Green. Buff card (E.1). Superb	£3.50
421	1940 K.G. VI 1d on ½d Provisional. Card as E.1 above, surcharged ONE/PENNY in black (E.2). Superb	£12.50
422	1940 K.G. VI 1d Carmine. Buff card (E.3). Superb	£4.50
423	1941 K.G. VI 1d Yellow—Green. Buff card (E.4). Superb	£3.00
424(a)	1964 Q.E. 2½d + ½d Provisional. Card with 2½d stamp printed in green, with ADDITIONAL/POSTAGE ½d in black below (F.6). Superb	£3.00
	(b) As above. Card identical to F.6 above, but with rubber-stamped 'PAID' in blue added below the surcharge. According to Samuel, the printed surcharge caused some confusion, and the clarifying word PAID was added to cards sold at Gisborne C.P.O. Scarce, and superb	£12.50
425	1965 Q.E. 3d Rose—Red. Cream card (F.7). Superb	£1.00
426	1967 Q.E. 2½c Rose—Red. White card (F.8). Superb	75p

Reply Postcards. All offers are of **unsevered** postcard/reply card.

427	1886 Q.V. 1d + 1d Red—Brown. Thin buff card (U.1). Superb	£30.00
428	1901 Q.V. 1d + 1d Brown. Creamish card (U.2). Superb	£35.00
429	1907 K.E. VII ½d + ½d Deep Blue. Creamish card (U.3). Superb	£30.00

N.B. The above three items form a magnificent complete set of N.Z. reply postcards. If ordered together, we will supply at £87.50 the set of three.

Printed Matter Card.

- 430 1957 Q.E. 2d on 1½d Provisional.** Printed stamp in red-brown. Cream card (V.3a). Superb £10.00

Letter Cards.

- 431 1901 Q.V. 1d on 1½d Provisional.** Perf. 10, type 2 panels, narrow setting of ONE (A.16b). Very fine £12.50
- 432 1903 K.E. VII 1d Deep Brown.** Greenish card, white inside (B.1). Superb £15.00
- 433 1916 K.G. V 1½d Black.** Blue card, portrait with diagonal shading lines, 'TO OPEN . . . ' 96mm long (C.1b). Superb £12.50
- 434 1923 K.G. V 1½d on 2d Provisional.** Surcharge in red-brown on yellow printed stamp (C.8). Fine £15.00
- 435 1923 1d Map Stamp.** Blue card, 'IF USED . . . ' on back, no adverts (C.12). Very fine £12.50
- 436 1932 K.G. V 1d Provisional.** Card with two impressions of 1d Field Marshal, surcharged ONE PENNY in blue across both stamps (C.23). "Direct Mail" advertisement on back. Superb £17.50
- 437(a) 1932 K.G. V 1d on 2d Provisional.** Card with K.G. V 2d bright yellow printed stamp, surcharged ONE PENNY in red (C.25b). "Saves the stairs" advertisement on back. Superb £12.50
- (b) As above.** Identical card, but with "Holidaymakers, Tourists, Travellers" advert on back. Superb £12.50
- (c) As above.** Same issue, but "To the boys and girls of New Zealand" advert on back. Superb £12.50
- 438 1935 Pictorial 1d.** Card with 1d Kiwi printed stamp, "When Travelling" advert on back (D.1(h)). Superb £10.00
- 439(a) 1939 K.G. VI 1d Carmine.** "Your friends are closer" advert on back (E.1(c)). Superb £10.00
- (b) As above.** Similar card, but with "Birthday Greetings" advert on back (E.1(d)). Superb £10.00
- 440(a) 1939 K.G. VI 2d on 1d Provisional.** Card as E.1 above, but surcharged TWO/PENCE in black. "You don't feel so isolated" advert on back (E.2(a)). Some minor thinning where gummed edges have adhered and been separated, otherwise superb £7.50

(b)	As above. Similar card, but "Shopping is faster" advert on back (E.2(e)).	
	Superb	£15.00
441(a)	1940 K.G. VI 2d Orange. "Use the long distance telephone" advert on back (E.5(a)). Superb	£7.50
(b)	As above. Similar card, but with panel referring to Dead Letter Office on back (E.5a(b)). Superb	£7.50
442	1953 K.G. VI 3d on 2d Provisional. Card on E.5, but surcharged 3d in black, and with "Full address means faster delivery" advert on back inverted (E.8(a)). Superb	£10.00
443	1971 Q.E. 3d Carmine. With "Street number ? Box Number?" advert on back (F.3(c)). Superb	£3.50
444	1964 Q.E. 3d Carmine. Card as F.3, but title, coat of arms and stamp, all reduced in size, and without adverts on back (F.5). 'LETTER CARD' 62mm long	£7.50
445	1971 Q.E. 3c + 1c Provisional. Printed stamp in red, '1c ADDITIONAL POSTAGE PAID' in black below. Superb (F.13)	£6.50

Newspaper Wrappers.

446	1878 ½d Newspaper. Four-lined inscription, in straight-lined frame, unwatermarked paper (A.1). The scarce first issue. Very fine example	£30.00
447	1881 ½d Newspaper. Four-lined inscription in wavy-lined frame, paper with wmk sideways (A.3). Gummed sealing strip has been removed, and tiny hole in wrapper, well clear of printed area, but nonetheless attractive.	£5.00
448(a)	1892 ½d Newspaper. Five-lined inscription in wavy-lined frame, wmk sideways (A.4). Very fine	£4.50
(b)	As above, but a superb used example	£8.50
449	1909? K.E. VII ½d Green. Pale yellow paper, wmk sideways (reading from left), '½' in panel in seriffed type (B.5). Superb	£12.50
450(a)	1923 ½d on 1d Provisional. 1d Dominion wrapper, with all references to '1d' obliterated and stamp surcharged ½D in green (B.9). Wmk sideways reading from left. Superb	£15.00
(b)	As above. Similar wrapper, but wmk sideways reading from right. Superb	£15.00
451	1924 K.G. V ½d Blue-Green. Stamp inscribed 'POSTAGE' (C.2a). Wmk sideways reading from left. Superb	£10.00

452	1977 1d Kiwi. The interesting wrapper referred to in a note elsewhere in this Bulletin. With horizontal watermark (actually inverted in relation to the design), and showing the full word HALFPENNY (variety of D.3). Right hand side slightly crumpled, but nice — and scarce in any form	£25.00
453	1942 K.G. VI ½d Yellow—Brown. Thin deep buff unwmk'd paper (E.4). Superb	£7.50
454	19?? K.G. VI 1d Yellow—Green. Thick buff unwmk'd paper (E.10). Superb..	£6.00
455	19?? K.G. VI 1½d on 1d Provisional. 1d yellow-green surcharged 1½d in black. This example is on deep buff laid paper (E.14), recorded in Samuel as "not known unused". Very fine	£22.50
456	19?? Q.E. 2d Green. Buff wove paper, inscription in sans-serif type (F.5). Very fine commercially used	£2.50
457	1967 Q.E. 2½c on 3d Provisional. White paper (F.9). Superb	£6.00
458	1970 Q.E. 2½c Green. Yellow paper (F.12). Superb	£1.50
459	1971 Q.E. 3c Green. Yellow paper (F.13). Superb	£1.50
460	1976? Q.E. 3c Green. White paper (F.14). Superb	£6.00
461	K.G. VI 1/— 1943 Prisoner of War Aerogramme. No blue frame on front (A.3). Superb unused example of this very scarce item	£75.00

KING GEORGE V RECESS

Breaking a magnificent lot of these beautiful issues. Except where otherwise stated, all items offered are in mint blocks of 4, and condition is exceptionally fine.

462(a)	1½d Grey, Cowan Paper. Perf. 14x13¼ block (K1a), very lightly hinged on upper stamps only	£8.50
(b)	As above. Plate block (pl. no. 14), full corner selvages. Never hinged	£85.00
(c)	As above. Perf. 14x14¼ block (K1b). Superfine	£8.50
(d)	As above. Marginal two-perf block (K1c), never hinged	£95.00
(e)	As above. Two-perf pair, light hinge	£35.00
463(a)	1½d Grey 'Pictorial Paper'. Perf. 14x13¼ block (K1d), right hand pair showing only a trace of watermark. Superb unhinged	£4.50

(b)	As above. Marginal block, otherwise similar in all respects to the previous item	£4.75
(c)	As above. Perf. 14x14½ block (K1e), brilliant unhinged	£3.75
(d)	As above. Another block, almost as fine (very light hinge)	£3.25
(e)	As above. A third block, one pair of stamps in this one showing the merest trace of a wmk. Unhinged	£4.50
(f)	As above. Marginal two-perf block (K1f), one light hinge	£37.50
(g)	As above. Another two-perf block, unhinged, but ink mark on gum	£20.00
464(a)	2d Violet. Perf. 14x13½ block (K2a), bright shade. Upper stamps hinged	£27.50
(b)	As above. Corner block in deep violet, with full selvages and sheet serial number. Minor tear at outer edge of very wide top selvedge. Unhinged	£35.00
(c)	As above. Plate block (pl. no. 16), deep shade. Top selvedge intact, side selvedge present but has been trimmed to a narrower width than usual. Superb unhinged	£75.00
(d)	As above. Perf. 14x14½ marginal block (K2b), bright violet. Some parting of perfs between selvedge and stamps only. Superb unhinged	£32.50
(e)	As above. Two-perf block (K2c). Never hinged, superb	£75.00
465(a)	2d Yellow, Cowan Paper. Perf. 14x13½ block (K2d). Superb unhinged	£25.00
(b)	As above. Marginal block, perf. 14x14½ (K2e). Superb unhinged	£25.00
(c)	As above. Marginal two-perf block (K2f). Light hinge on one stamp	£45.00
466(a)	2d Yellow, 'Pictorial' Paper (K2g). Corner block, unhinged	£12.00
(b)	As above. Marginal block, unmounted and superb	£10.50
467(a)	2½d Deep Blue. Perf. 14x13½ block (K3a), deep blue shade, very lightly hinged	£20.00
(b)	As above. Block in slate-blue, very fine, lightly hinged	£20.00
(c)	As above. Marginal block in an intermediate shade, clearly contrasting with both previous items. Perforation guide dot in selvedge, and brownish gum, prove the block to be from an early printing perf. 14x13½ throughout the sheet. Unmounted	£25.00

(d)	As above. Plate block (pl. no. 17) in deep blue, with full corner selvage. Hinged once in selvage only — stamps unmounted	£65.00
(e)	As above. Perf. 14x14 block (K3b) in a brilliant deep and intense shade. Lightly hinged, superb	£40.00
(f)	As above. Two-perf block (K3c) in slate blue, superb unhinged	£110.00
468(a)	3d Chocolate, Cowan Paper. Corner block perf. 14x13 (K4a), full selvage with sheet serial no. One stamp (R2/12) shows minor re-entry doubling at centre right. Superb unhinged	£37.50
(b)	As above. Another block in paler chocolate brown. Lightly hinged	£30.00
(c)	As above. Marginal block perf. 14x14 (K4b) in the deepest of deep chocolate. Very lightly hinged	£30.00
(d)	As above. Two-perf block in chocolate-brown with notable plate wear (K4cZ). Never hinged	£80.00
469(a)	3d Chocolate, 'Pictorial' Paper (K4d). Very fine lightly hinged block	£10.00
(b)	As above. Unhinged marginal block including yet another unrecorded re-entry (on R7/1, proved by the presence of the perforation guide dot in the selvage, although whether from plate 18 or 19 is not yet ascertained). Doubling is both prominent and extensive, making it all the more surprising that it has hitherto gone unnoticed. This value is rapidly overtaking the 4d as an 'interest' stamp!	£15.00
470(a)	4d Yellow. Perf. 14x13 block, top right stamp being the big R1/6 'wrong value' re-entry (KV5a(a)). Unhinged	£45.00
(b)	As above. Plate block (pl. no. 20), with full corner selvage. Hinged once in selvage, stamps unmounted. Superb	£60.00
(c)	As above. Marginal block perf. 14x14 (K5b). Unhinged	£27.50
(d)	As above. Two-perf block (K5c). Lower stamps unhinged, upper pair with light crease, one pulled perf., and a little tired at the top. One of the very few less-than superb blocks in the entire listing, and priced accordingly at	£17.50
471(a)	4d Violet (Plate 20). Perf. 14x13 block (K5d) in bright violet, light hinge ..	£25.00
(b)	As above. Another block in a much deeper less bright shade. Excellent contrast. Again lightly hinged	£25.00
(c)	As above. Perf. 14x14 block (K5e) on paper notably more transparent than the normal opaque Cowan. Bright reddish violet shade. Upper stamps hinged.	£35.00

- (d) **As above.** A second block on similarly transparent paper, and in a striking bright blue-violet — the contrast with the previous block is quite remarkable. Centred a trifle left, but superb unhinged £37.50
- (e) **As above.** Two-perf block (K5f) in deep violet. Light hinge £75.00
- (f) **As above.** Another two-perf block, in bright violet, this one including the major R4/10 'Club-foot' re-entry. (The evidence of the original wrong value impression stands out much more clearly in the violet issues than in the yellows). The block (KV5f(a)), lightly hinged £80.00
- 472 4d Deep Purple (Plate 44).** Marginal unhinged block, perf. 14x14 (K5g) in blackish purple. Colour and the characteristic crude retouching of the shading in the star at the bottom right (seen here in three of the four stamps) immediately distinguish these as plate 44 stamps. One slightly rounded corner, otherwise perfect £22.50
- 473(a) 4½d Deep Green.** Perf. 14x13 (K6a). Brilliant unmounted £65.00
- (b) **As above.** Perf. 14x14 (K6b). Hinged at top centre, and minor reinforcement of horizontal perfs. Very fine £50.00
- (c) **As above.** Two-perf block (K6c). Very fine, lightly hinged £100.00
- (to be continued)

OFFER OF THE MONTH

- 474 Health Miniature Sheets.** The first three years issues, 1957 (wmk sideways), 1958 and 1959. S.G. cat. £37, C.P. normal price £30. Six sheets, all superb unmounted £15.00

RECENT ISSUES

- 20/1/82 Ross Dependency 5c, 10c, 20c, 30c, 40c, 50c.**
- Set of six, mint £1.15 ; superb used (Scott Base c.d.s.) £1.60
- Imprint blocks (six stamps each). Complete set of six blocks £7.75
- Official illustrated F.D.C., special Scott Base 25th anniversary cancellation £1.50
- 3/2/82 1982 Anniversaries. 2 x 20c se-tenant, 25c 30c 35c.**
- Set of five mint 98p
- Imprint/plate blocks. Complete set of eight blocks (two diff. each value) £11.50
- Set of four imprint/plate blocks (one each value) £5.90
- Official illustrated F.D.C. (Wanganui pmk) £1.10
- 7c Rose Reprint.** Imprint/plate block of 15 stamps, with one reprint dot alongside R8/1. Block from plate 2A x 5 or 2B x 5, each block £1.10