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N.Z. NOTES AND COMMENT

by Colin Hamilton

1d Kiwi Multiple Wmk Booklets. The special plate made to print these stamps was first used in 1936. Subsequently, on two separate occasions, it received treatment to correct imperfections. On the first of these (around July-August 1937) nine impressions were re-entered. On the second (November 1937), a further twelve different impressions were re-entered.

A feature of the re-entries is that they display all the characteristics of Die 1 stamps, and they are thus readily recognisable by the unaided eye, when present among the normal Die 3 stamps of this booklet issue. (From an identification point of view, this is a fortunate circumstance, since in a number of cases the more usual signs of re-entry — duplication of parts of the design — are either not especially clear, or absent altogether). However, there appears to be at least one exception to this general rule.

Among the first batch of impressions re-entered were R1/18 and 2/18. These appear as the right-hand vertical pair of stamps in one of the booklet panes. We have recently seen a pane containing these re-entries. The peculiar point about this pane was that while R2/18 appeared clearly as a Die 1 stamp, **R1/18 appeared just as clearly to be Die 3.** Only on closer examination was the latter established to be a re-entry, by means of quite extensive doubling of the right-hand side of the design. So here we have a variety which is not covered by any of the current listings under W5b in our Catalogue — a pane with two re-entries, one being Die 1, the other Die 3.

1981 Royal Wedding Issue. Mr Nyss of London has shown us a vertical strip of 3 with an unusual variety affecting the inscription in the top right corner of the design. In the top stamp of the strip, this was quite normal, but in the stamp below there was a "shadow double impression" of all the lettering, the "shadow" being misplaced slightly low. The bottom stamp of the strip had similar doubling except that the misplacement was markedly lower still. Very odd! Mr Nyss also showed us a block of 4 with this inscription in **very pale grey.** We have previously noted considerable variation from grey to grey-black, but in this block the paleness was much the most extreme that we have seen.

Earlier Dates of Use Dept. Part 3 of the Samuel Postal Stationery catalogue gives the date of issue of the second 4d Mitre Peak registered envelope (with 'R' circle 27mm in diameter and 'REGISTERED LETTER' 4½mm high) as '1939 (?)'. We have seen used examples of this envelope dated 25/10/38 (at Lower Hutt) and 27/4/38 (at Rotorua).

Miss Dorothy Tutt. C.P. Ltd's longest-serving staff member (with the exception of course, of C.P. himself) leaves us at the end of August after 19 years with the English Branch. Dorothy joined the firm within a few weeks of the opening of the Branch in 1963, and has been a mainstay of our new issue and record-keeping departments ever since. The office will never be quite the same without her, and we are sure that all clients, old and not so old, will join us in wishing her well.

MISCELLANY

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| 901 | 1898 Pictorials. Simplified set of 14 (½d - 5/-, incl. both 2½d's) — all are in fact London Prints except the 5d, which is perf. 14 local printing. Fair mint only, but of attractive appearance | £85.00 |
| 902 | 1907-08 Pictorial Reduced Designs. Set of three (3d, 6d, 1/-), all perf. 14x15, fresh, well-centred, superfine mint. Seldom available so fine. Cat. \$ 295 (S.G. £176) | £97.50 |
| 903 | ½d Mt Cook. Fine mint copy on Basted Mills paper, perf. 11 (F2a, S.G. 324) — incidentally with wmk reversed (of little importance, other than that it is nice additional confirmation that the paper is Basted Mills, and not the common perf. 11 issue on Pirie paper) | £20.00 |
| 904 | 1d Dominion. Superb unmounted block of 4 on De La Rue unsurfaced paper (J3a). Scarce — Cat. \$ 40 per stamp | £52.50 |

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| 905 | 3/- Mt Egmont. Brilliant marginal unhinged copy of the 1936 Experimental Wet Printing with watermark inverted-and-reversed (L14c). The rarity | £275.00 |
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| 906 | Second Pictorial 2d Official. The very scarce perf. 12½ issue (L04e); in a superb plate block of 4. Very lightly hinged in selvage only — stamps brilliant unmounted. An 'Official' gem! | £250.00 |
| 907 | 1946 Peace 5d. Unhinged mint copy (marginal) with the rare Blurred Centre variety (S45aY). As quite often happens with 'Blurred' varieties, the colour is distinctive — in this case a bright green, tending towards emerald. Cat. \$ 300, offered at an incredible | £57.50 |
| 908(a) | 1948 Otago Centennial 1d. Unhinged mint copy with variety Watermark Inverted (S50aY). Cat. \$ 40 | £12.50 |
| (b) | As above. Plate block of 4 (Pl. A1) again with wmk inverted. Superfine mint | £47.50 |
| 909 | 1969 Armed Services 4c and 28c. Set of two sheet value blocks of 4, both with variety Watermark Inverted. Now Cat \$ 280 as single stamps | £27.50 |
| 910 | "Paid at Wellington". Superlative complete strike of this scarce Crowned Circle marking (S.G. CC8). If on cover, an impression of this quality would cost hundreds of pounds. This example is on piece, and offered at | £27.50 |

- 911 Panpex 1977.** Complete set of the eight different pictorial cancellations used during this exhibition at Christchurch from 5th - 12th March inclusive. Each on Pictorial Date-Stamp Service postcard. The set, post paid £2.50
- 912 Special Cancellations.** Collection of 60 different "special event" cancellations, covering the period 1971-81, all on cover or card. Sufficient material to make an interesting album for only (post paid) £7.75

1960 PICTORIAL VARIETIES

- 913 Variety Collection,** of no less than 63 items, with at least 67 plate varieties noted - plate flaws, retouches, colour shifts, perf. varieties, printing oddities, etc., etc. Well over 300 stamps, all mint, with values to 10/-. Cat. as normals over \$300. Full of specialist interest, and superb buying at £67.50
- 914(a) 4d Puarangi.** Set of five plate blocks (varying in size from 8 to 25 stamps) demonstrating clearly and conclusively that two different blue plates, both numbered 1, were used in the printing of this stamp. Full annotation included £22.50
- (b) As above.** Three plate blocks (8 stamps each) all numbered 1111, showing R20/3 in three different states: (i) Normal; (ii) With A of ZEAL badly distorted; (iii) With A of ZEAL retouched. Minimum Cat. \$29.50 £10.25
- 915 6d Pikiarero.** Matching blocks of 6 on the original and chalky paper, both with clear Chambon perfs, and both including (on stamp 1) the R8/7 'PIKI' retouch (OV8a & b). Most unusual. The pair of blocks, mint £16.50

1975-82 PICTORIAL DEFINITIVES

The concluding part of last month's listing.

- 916 11c Artifact (PA11a).** Imprint/plate A111 (6 stamps) with one reprint mark £1.10
- 917 12c Artifact (PA12a).** Imprint/plate A111 or A211, with one reprint mark. Each block (of 6 stamps) £1.50
- 918(a) 13c Artifact (PA13a).** Imprint/plate A111 (6 stamps), original issue without reprint mark £2.50
- (b) As above.** Imprint/plate A111 (6 stamps) with one reprint mark £1.25
- 919 14c Artifact (PA14a).** Imprint/plate A111, A211, A221, A222 or A322, with one reprint mark. Each block (of 6 stamps) £1.75
- 920(a) 15c Maori Portrait (PA15a).** Imprint block of 8 stamps, with original large size printer's imprint £3.50
- (b) As above.** Imprint block of 6 stamps, with reduced size printer's imprint, no reprint asterisk £1.50
- (c) As above.** Imprint block as (b), with one reprint asterisk £1.00

921(a)	25c Maori Portrait (PA16a). Imprint block of 8 stamps, with original large size printer's imprint	£4.75
(b)	As above. Imprint block of 6 stamps, with reduced size printer's imprint	£2.25
(c)	As above. Imprint block as (b), with one reprint asterisk	£1.60
922(a)	35c Maori Portrait (PA17a). Imprint block of 8 stamps, with original large size printer's imprint	£7.50
(b)	As above. Imprint block of 6 stamps, with reduced size printer's imprint	£3.75
(c)	As above. Imprint block as (b), with one reprint asterisk	£2.40
923(a)	45c Maori Portrait (PA18a). Imprint block of 8 stamps, with original large size printer's imprint	£8.25
(b)	As above. Imprint block of 6 stamps, with reduced size printer's imprint	£4.25
(c)	As above. Imprint block as (b), with one reprint asterisk	£3.00
924(a)	60c Maori Portrait (PA19a). Imprint block of 8 stamps, with original large size printer's imprint	£9.50
(b)	As above. Imprint block of 6 stamps, with reduced size printer's imprint	£5.50
(c)	As above. Imprint block as (b), with one reprint asterisk	£4.00
925(a)	20c Shell (PA20a). Imprint block of 6 from the original printing (white gum)	£3.00
(b)	As above. First reprint. Imprint block of 6, with one brown asterisk in selvage (now with blue gum)	£3.00
(c)	As above. Second reprint. Imprint block of 6, with two brown asterisks in selvage (also blue gum)	£1.50
926(a)	30c Shell (PA21a). Imprint block of 6, from the original printing (white gum)	£3.60
(b)	As above. First reprint. Imprint block of 6 stamps with one violet asterisk in selvage (now with blue gum)	£3.60
(c)	As above. Second reprint. Imprint block of 6 stamps with two violet asterisks in selvage (also blue gum)	£2.00
927(a)	40c Shell (PA22a). Imprint block of 6, from the original printing (white gum)	£4.25
(b)	As above. First reprint. Imprint block of 6 stamps with one orange asterisk in selvage (now with blue gum)	£2.75
928(a)	50c Shell (PA23a). Imprint block of 6, from the original printing (white gum)	£5.00
(b)	As above. First reprint. Imprint block of 6 stamps with one red asterisk in selvage (now with blue gum)	£3.50
929	\$ 1 Shell (PA24a). Imprint block of 6 from the original printing (all \$ 1 and \$ 2 Shell stamps have blue gum)	£5.50
930	\$ 2 Shell (PA25a). Imprint block of 6 from the original printing	£11.00
931	\$ 5 Beehive (PA26a). Imprint block of 6 from the original printing (blue gum)	£23.00

932(a)	24c Map. The latest addition to the set, released 1st April this year. Original imprint/plate block of 6 stamps, bottom selvage not perf'd through	£1.30
(b)	As above. Similar original imprint/plate block, this time bottom selvage perforated	£1.30

Provisionals.

933	4c on 8c Rose (PA50a). Imprint/plate 2A or 2B. Each block (of 10 stamps)	60p
934(a)	14c on 10c Queen in Frame (PA51a). Imprint/plate 3A2A or 3B2B, with two reprint dots. Each block (of 10 stamps)	£1.65
(b)	As above. Imprint/plate 3A2A, 3B2B, 4A2A, or 4B2B, with three reprint dots. Each block (of 10 stamps)	£1.65
935	17c on 6c Rose (PA52a). Imprint/plate 2A or 2B. Each block (of 10 stamps)	£2.20
936(a)	20c on 7c Rose (PA53a). Imprint/plate 2A, with one reprint dot. Block of 15 stamps	£3.00
(b)	As above. Imprint/plate 2A or 2B, with two reprint dots. Each block (of 15 stamps)	£3.00

KING GEORGE VI OFFICIALS

937	1½d Chocolate (M04a). Superb used block of 4, c.d.s. cancel. Scarce thus	£42.50
938	8d Violet (M011a). Commercially used block of 4, Nice condition	£10.00
939	9d Fine Paper (M012a). Commercially used block of 4. Brilliant	£12.50
940	9d Coarse Paper (M012b). Commercially used block of 4. Scarce and superb	£15.00

RECENT ISSUES

2/6/82	N.Z. Seasons (Scenic Issue) 35c, 40c, 45c, 70c.	
	Set of 4, mint or used	£1.45
	Imprint blocks. Complete set of 4 blocks (6 stamps each)	£9.25
	Official illustrated F.D.C. (Wanganui pmk)	£1.60
4/8/82	1982 Healths. Two 24c+2c se-tenant, 30c+2c.	
	Set of 3 from large sheets (perf. 12¼x13¼), mint	63p
	Set of 3 from miniature sheet (perf. 13½x13¼), mint	63p
	Imprint/plate blocks. complete set of 2 blocks	£3.30
	Miniature Sheet (6 stamps)	£1.25
	Official illustrated F.D.C. (Wanganui pmk)	75p
	Set of 6 Health Camp Postmarks, each bearing a complete set of the 1982 health stamps (post paid)	£6.25

OFFER OF THE MONTH

To round off with a bang our recent series of popular bargain offers under this heading, we present below a whole list of top quality material, **MOST AT 50% OR MORE OFF NORMAL PRICES.** Recoup your entire Bulletin subscription many times over in one fell swoop from this list! All are available in strictly limited quantities at these prices, of course — some are one only. First come, first served, no limit on individual orders. So hurry!

941	King George V 4½d. Two-perf pair (K6c). Very fine. Normally £50	£25.00
942(a)	King George V 8d Blue. Block of 4, perf. 14x14½ (K10b). Superfine. Normally £37.50	£18.50
(b)	As above. Two-perf block of 4 (K10c). Superb. Normally £62.50	£30.00
943	King George V 9d. Two-perf pair (K11c). Fine. Normally £75	£37.50
944	King George V ½d (C.P. K13b, S.G. 504a). The scarce one! Superb. Normally £12.50	£6.25
945	K.G.V. 3/- Admiral (K21b). Magnificent used copy (Cowan paper). Neat central c.d.s. Normally £125	£62.50
946	1960 Pictorial 3/- Multicolour (018b). Unmounted. Normally £4.50	£2.25
947	1d Map Stamp. The scarce 1925 Cowan paper issue (S16c). Unmounted. Normally £25.	£12.00
948(a)	1925 Dunedin Exhibition (S17a-c). Set of 3 complete, unmounted. Normally £85	£50.00
(b)	As above. Superb used set. Normally £117.50	£60.00
949	1935 Silver Jubilee (S18a-c). Set of 3, fine used, and scarce thus. Normally £25	£12.50
950	1965 Parl. Conf. (S100-S102). Set of 3, unmounted. Normally £7+	£3.50
951	NZ Christmas Issues. 1960 - 1981 complete (47 stamps). Unmounted. Normally £15+	£6.25
952	1929 Health (T1a). Unmounted mint copy. Normally £22	£11.00
953	1932 Health (T4a). Unmounted copy. Normally £40	£20.00
954	1933 Health (T5a). Unmounted copy. Normally £20	£10.00
955(a)	1934 Health (T6a). Unmounted copy. Normally £17.50	£8.75
(b)	As above. Marginal block of 4. Hinged in selvage only — stamps unmounted. Normally £77.50	£37.50
956	1931 Air Mails (V1a-V3a). Set of three (3d, 4d, 7d), superfine mint. Normally £90	£45.00