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*The Directors & Staff of Campbell Paterson Ltd
wish all readers a*

*Happy Christmas
and a prosperous 1983*



N.Z. NOTES AND COMMENT

by Colin Hamilton

"Exhibition/Christchurch" datestamp of 1906-07. It is fairly widely known that this datestamp exists in two states — normal (state 1), and with the first C of CHRISTCHURCH seriously damaged, the upper two-thirds or so of this letter being completely missing (state 3).

Less well known is the fact that two other areas of damage occurred subsequently. The diagonal and right hand strokes of the N of EXHIBITION became notably shortened at the bottom, and in strikes with an afternoon time in the date-slug, the P of 'P.M.' lost its foot, appearing as a 'D' (state 4).

It is less well-known still — actually we have never seen it recorded at all — that there were two quite distinct and progressive states of the damaged 'C'. In the first of these, the top curl of the letter remained intact. Only a segment of the outline, corresponding approximately with the arc between 10 and 12 o'clock on a clock-face, was missing (state 2). The second was as already described (state 3).

(Refer to illustrations overleaf for the various states)

Earliest/latest dates of the above we have noted are:

State 2: 12th January 1907 — 31st January 1907 (earlier dates than 12th Jan. undoubtedly exist, since the original damage is understood to have occurred on or about 19th December 1906).

State 3: 6th February 1907 – 4th March 1907.

State 4: All we are able to say here is that the damage to the 'N' and the 'P' (which may or may not have been simultaneous) occurred after 4th March 1907, and prior to 9th April 1907, and the latest date would of course be 20th April 1907, when the Exhibition Post Office was closed down.



State 1



State 2



State 3



State 4

Readers are invited to examine any examples of this datestamp they have, and report any extension of the states of damage and/or dates detailed above.

1982 Healths. Derek Redshaw further reports:

Following my note on this year's Health stamps in last month's Bulletin, I can now add the following:

- (a) Last month's note "e" suggested the use of two different sets of plates in the 24c + 2c, both numbered 1111. It will come as no great surprise, therefore, that there now appear to be two different sets of plates in the 30c + 2c too — also both numbered 1111. Printings from one set (for convenience, let's call it Set A) show flaws on R9/3 (black), R10/2 (red) and R10/3 (black), as well as a prominent black 'serif' flaw on the N of No. in the imprint. Printings from the other (B) plates show none of these, but they do show a constant black spot in the imprint, and red spots in the selvedge left of R10/1, neither of which appears in A plate printings.
- (b) Last month's "Stop Press" mentioned an abnormal 30c + 2c plate block with three extra black plate numbers. These are evidently scarce. The few examples seen show all the characteristics of A plate printings. This would indicate two different states of the A plates, and indeed it has been reported elsewhere ("Captain Coq", Nov. 1982) that the printers have stated the three superfluous black numbers were noticed and removed after some sheets had been printed.
- (c) I have to date noted five apparently different miniature sheets, so it seems likely that, as in several earlier miniature sheet issues, a complete replating may be possible again. At present however, we have no information as to the number of miniature sheets in the all-up printed sheet.

More Postal Stationery Reports (from Derek Redshaw again). I have recently seen a Q.V. 1d red-brown postcard on creamish card (Samuel A4a), dated 23rd Nov., 1888, used at Cromwell. Samuel dates this card as "1889?". Also seen, a perf. 10 1½d Q.V. lettercard (Samuel A4d) in unused condition with variety 'No comma after Card'. This item is not listed in Samuel Part 2, although it has been recorded in "Captain Coq" since the catalogue was published.

I am indebted to Mr Zurrer of Switzerland for his report of two copies of the K.G.V. ½d + ½d postcard (Samuel C15) used at Dunedin on 6th May and 14th April 1931 — both earlier than the listed issue date, July 1931.

Readers may be interested to learn that Martyn Jackson of Leamington Spa is writing a comprehensive series of articles updating published information on N.Z. postal stationery. Publication of these

commences shortly in "The Kiwi", the journal of the New Zealand Society of Great Britain. (Anyone wishing to join this Society should contact the Secretary, T. Brock, 26 Old Cross, Hertford SG14 1RD).

BRITISH PHILATELIC EXHIBITION 1982

We extend our congratulations to the following N.Z. exhibitors on their awards:

SILVER MEDAL: A.P. Berry (Life Insurance Issues): A.E. Harrad (K.G.V. Recess).

SILVER-BRONZE MEDAL: J.G. Stonehouse (½d Newspaper).

BRONZE MEDAL: J.D. Evans (Ships on Stamps).

MISCELLANY

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| 1201 | Perforated Full Face Queens. A beautiful long set of 12, used — 1d red, 1d brown, 2d blue plates 1 and 2, 2d orange, 3d lilac, 3d mauve, 4d rose, 4d yellow, 6d brown, 6d blue, 1/- All sound copies of excellent colour, centring well above average. Overall grading good to very fine. Cat. \$ 1300+. Superb value at, the set | £345.00 |
| 1202(a) | 2d Second Sideface 'Adson'. Set of three used, showing guaranteed examples of all three settings of the advertisements | £6.50 |
| | (b) As above. A magnificent used block of 6 in the Second Setting. Multiples with advertisements are highly desirable — this item comprises the bottom right corner block from the top right pane. | £18.50 |
| 1203 | 1d Universal. Beautiful example from the first local plates, on Cowan paper with single-lined wmk., perf. 14x11 (G5d, S.G.348). Marvellously well-centred for this issue, and superfine in all respects (Cat. \$ 200, S.G. £120) ... | £87.50 |
| 1204 | K.E. VII 4d Orange. Brilliant mint block of 4 with line perf. 14 (H4b) | £90.00 |
| 1205 | K.E. VII 5d. Another line perf. block (H5a), deep brown shade. Not quite so fine as the previous item, having a light gum crease, and two or three short perfs. affecting one stamp, but stunningly fine and fresh appearance | £37.50 |
| 1206 | 1d Dominion. A selection of offers, all superb unhinged mint: | |
| | (a) De la Rue Chalky Paper (J1a). Single stamp | £1.50 |
| | (b) As above, but block of 4 | £6.50 |
| | (c) Jones Paper (J2a). Single stamp | £7.50 |
| | (d) De la Rue Unsurfaced Paper (J3a). The scarce one | £20.00 |
| | (e) De la Rue Chalky Paper, Sideways Wmk. Copy with variety, No Watermark (J4aZ) | £5.00 |
| | (f) As above. Set of three marginal copies, one normal, one no wmk., and one with complete letter Wmk (J4aX). Unusual! | £15.00 |
| | (g) Cowan Paper, Reversed Wmk. (J7a). Single copy | £13.50 |
| | (h) Cowan Paper, OFFICIAL opt. (J06a). Block of 4 | £10.50 |

King George V Recess. A particularly advantageous auction purchase allows us to make the following six exceptional once-only offers:

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| 1207(a) | 2½d Deep Blue (K3a). Mint block of 4, lightly hinged, fine | £12.50 |
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	(b) As above. Top marginal block of 6 (3 x 2) in the slate blue shade. Hinged once in selvedge, stamps unmounted	£22.50
1208	4d Deep Purple (K5g). Top marginal block of 6 (matching the previous item) from plate 44. Again selvedge hinge only, stamps unmounted	£30.00
1209	5d Blue (K7a). Block of 4, with bottom selvedge, in steel blue. Brilliant unhinged	£30.00
1210	6d Carmine (K8a). Unhinged block of 6 in a deep shade	£30.00
1211	1/- Vermilion (K12b). Glorious block of 4 in pale orange-vermilion (shade 5 in the C.P. Catalogue). Unhinged	£40.00
1212(a)	K.G.V. Official "No Stop". This popular and attractive variety on the 1½d orange-brown, perf. 14 (K017cZ) in mint block of 4 with three normals. Previously hinged, but fresh and fine	£30.00
	(b) As above. The same variety on the 2d perf. 14 (K018eZ), in similar mint block with three normals. One stamp (not the variety) has a tiny gum-thin, otherwise very fine	£17.50
	(c) As above. Yet another example of the 'No Stop', on the 3d Cowan paper, perf. 14x15 (K019cZ). Again in fine mint (hinged) block of 4	£27.50
1213	1d Kiwi Official. Brilliant unmounted copy of the very scarce perf. 13½x14 issue (L02b)	£50.00
1214	Q.E. 1/-. Complete set of seven sheet value blocks of 4, showing the original values (8£ and £8) and the five different £4 markings resulting from the issue of half-sheets. All finest mint, and the makings of a fascinating display	£42.50
1215	Queen on Horseback 2/6 — 10/-. The set of high values in corner Imprint/plate blocks of 4. Hinged in selvedge only, stamps superb unmounted. Cat. \$ 1030, a fine Christmas gift for someone at	£375.00
1216	Q.E. 4d Official. The scarce error "Printed on the Gummed Side" (C.P. N025aZ, S.G. 0164a) — only part of one sheet was found thus. As a natural consequence of the error of printing, the watermark is invariably inverted-and-reversed. Brilliant mint	£90.00
1217(a)	Christchurch Exhibition. 1d value tied to small piece by a very fine and complete strike of the Exhibition datestamp with the early damage to the 'C' (State 2 as described in this month's Notes)	£30.00
	(b) As above. A perfect copy of the 3d with a perfect impression of the datestamp, centrally struck, in its pre-damage form (State 1 in our Notes). A connoisseur's item, quite outstanding	£115.00
	(c) As above. Another 3d with Exhibition cancel. Stamp good looking, but not so fine as the previous lot. On the other hand, the datestamp impression is superb, and this one shows the advanced damage to the 'C' (State 3 in our Notes)	£35.00

1218	Auckland Exhibition. Complete set, ½d – 6d, fine used, all with the Exhibition c.d.s. cancel, and particularly desirable thus. Cat. \$ 1085, S.G. £471	£385.00
1219	1940 Centennial Officials. Set of 11 complete in superb mint blocks of 4, mainly marginal, and all unmounted except the 1/-, which has a single very, very light hinge. A real high-flying set nowadays. (C.P. \$ 125, S.G. £80 for a single set), and seldom offered in blocks	£225.00
1220	N.Z. Health Stamps 1929-1970. A complete mint presentation collection (78 stamps) housed in a special album, inscribed in gold with the N.Z. coat of arms and personally signed by the then Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Sir Keith Holyoake. Included is the relevant correspondence from the P.M. to the recipient. Stamps alone Cat. about \$ 860	£275.00
1221	1959 Health 3d + 1d. Mint copy with error Red colour Omitted (T31bZ). Lightly hinged, and very fine. Possibly the bargain of the month at	£27.50
1222	Express Delivery. An all-mint collection of 13 stamps, representing every issue in this little avenue of N.Z. philately. Includes first design: 1903 (single), 1926 (marginal block of 4), 1936 (single), 1937 (single), 1939 (single) – an exceptionally elusive stamp; and 1939 Motor Car design: corner block of 4 with brown gum plus a single (in a notably bright contrasting shade) with white gum. Rarely seen in such comprehensive array	£150.00
1223	Life Insurance Dept. Complete mint set of the De la Rue paper issues, comprising ½d, 1d carmine, 1½d black, 1½d orange-brown, 2d purple, 2d yellow, 3d yellow-brown, 6d. Also included is an extra shade of the 1d. A difficult set (Cat. \$ 250), fine and fresh	£75.00
1224	Second Type Postage Due 2d. A really outstanding used example of the rare one, perf. 11 (C.P. Y17a, S.G. D20). Full perfs, and perfectly centred	£75.00
1225	7/6d Arms. Finest used copy on unsurfaced paper (C.P. Z36c, S.G. F185). Again immaculate centring	£45.00
1226	25/- Arms Type. Superfine, very lightly hinged mint copy on Cowan paper (Z43a, S.G. F159)	£172.50
1227	5/- Arms Official. The unsurfaced paper issue (C.P. Z033e, S.G. 0133a) in corner block of 4 with sheet serial number – unusual thus. Stamps unmounted, hingeing confined to the edge of the extremely wide top selvage	£40.00

1898 PICTORIALS

A continuation of last months listing

1228(a)	2½d WAKATIPU, London Print (E8a). Very nice mint single	£5.00
	(b) As above. Four lovely shades, fine used	£9.00

(c) As above. Superb mint copy of the R1/6 re-entry (EV8a)	£12.50
(d) As above. The same R1/6 re-entry, used	£7.00
(e) As above. Used copy of the R3/5 re-entry (EV8e)	£7.00
(f) As above. Another used stamp, this time with R7/2 re-entry (EV8j)	£7.00
(g) As above. EV8m, R11/6 re-entry, used	£7.00
(h) As above. Brilliant mint copy, with the major R12/6 re-entry and retouch (EV8p)	£15.00
(i) As above. The same R12/6 variety, used	£7.50
(j) As above. The R12/7 re-entry (EV8q). Superb mint	£12.50
(k) As above. Used copy of the R12/7 variety	£7.00
1229(a) 2½d, Perf. 11, No Wmk (F8b). Four fine shades, used	£7.50
(b) As above. Used single, with a pronounced "dry print" effect. Very distinctive	£4.00
1230(a) 2½d, Perf. 11, Watermarked (E8c). Lovely mint copy	£7.50
(b) As above. Three blue contrasts, used	£12.50
(c) As above. Watermark varieties on the "Cowan Sideways Wmk " issues of this series, are not uncommon — on normal "upright wmk " values they are much scarcer. This used copy has the watermark inverted (W7c), and although not 100% in condition it is facially superb	£5.00
1231 2½d, Perf. 14, Watermarked (E8d). Three shade variations, used	£3.50
1232(a) 3d London Print (E9a). Brilliant unmounted mint single, deep yellow-brown shade	£15.00
(b) As above. Very fine mint single, yellow-brown	£10.00
(c) As above. Mint not so fine copy (ideal space filler)	£3.50
(d) As above. Superb used copy	£5.00
(e) As above. The two listed shades, both used, and both very fine	£10.00
(f) As above. R5/9 re-entry (illustrated in our Catalogue); used — a small thin hence only	£3.50
(g) As above. Fine mint copy of the R6/10 re-entry	£12.50
(h) As above. R6/10 variety again, but used — not top grade, so	£3.50

(i) As above. Fine used copy of R10/11 re-entry	£7.50
1233(a) 3d, Perf. 11, No Wmk. (E9b). Very nice mint copies of the two listed shades	£15.00
(b) As above. Mint corner pair, with full selvages. The top row of perforations misplaced upwards, and runs diagonally across the selvedge. Most attractive	£15.00
(c) As above. Three lovely shade contrasts, all used	£2.25
(d) As above. Superb used horizontal pair, one stamp being the R1/10 major re-entry (EV9b)	£10.00
(e) As above. Used single with the R1/10 variety	£7.50
(f) As above. R5/11 re-entry, used	£5.00
(g) As above. R6/11 re-entry, used	£5.00
(h) As above. R7/9 re-entry, used	£5.00
(i) As above. R10/2 re-entry, used	£5.00
1234(a) 3d, Perf. 11, Watermarked (E9c). Superb mint bottom selvedge copy, showing only the slightest trace of a wmk. Unusual	£12.50
(b) As above. Fine used single with, more unusually still, no trace at all of a watermark (shade and paper prove it to be E9c)	£10.00
(c) As above. The three listed shades, superb used. Brilliant contrasts	£4.00
(d) As above. The scarcer pale bistre shade (S.G. 356), fine used	£2.25
(e) As above. Variety Double Perfs. (E9cZ), used copy	£10.00
(f) As above. Three different watermarks, 'normal' sideways, sideways-inverted, and sideways-inverted-reversed. All fine used, and in striking contrasts of shade	£6.00
(g) As above. Used copy with letters Wmk.	£2.50
1235(a) 3d, Perf. 14, Watermarked (E9d). Two violently contrasting shades, mint and in glorious condition	£20.00
(b) As above. Mint single with bottom selvedge attached, showing the complete letter watermark 'N'. Heavy horizontal crease (not affecting facial appearance) allows	£4.00
(c) As above. Three brilliant contrasts, all used, and all superb	£7.50
(d) As above. For the collector seeking a top grade used copy, we can offer a quite outstanding example	£1.00

(e) As above. Letters watermark, used	£3.00
(f) As above. R10/2 re-entry, used	£5.00
1236(a) 3d Reduced, Perf. 14x12½ – 13½ (E10b). Fine mint	£12.50
(b) As above. The two listed shades used, a few pulled perfs., otherwise superb (Cat. \$ 62.50)	£17.50
(c) As above. Very nice used example, but for a few pulled perfs.	£8.00
1237(a) 3d Reduced, Perf. 14x15 (E10c). Brilliant unmounted mint copy, yellow-brown shade	£25.00
(b) As above. Attractive mint copy, also yellow-brown shade	£15.00
(c) As above. The two Catalogued shades, superb used	£17.50
(d) As above. Fine used single	£7.50

1238

2d on 1½d 'WITH STARS'

Marginal unhinged copy with variety Small (3½mm) Surcharge Dot (N41aZ). A great rarity, less than 10 mint and 3 used being known to us ... **£375.00**

RECENT ISSUES

1982 Christmas (issued 6/10/82). 18c, 35c, 45c.	
Set of 3 mint	75p
Imprint blocks. Complete set of three (6 stamps each block)	£5.25
Official illustrated F.D.C. (Wanganui pmk)	85p
24c Map. New imprint/plate blocks, showing:	
(a) one blue dot, one green dot, one print dot – bottom selvage perforated, and not perforated, through.	
(b) one blue dot, one green dot, two blue dots, – bottom selvage perforated, and not perforated, through.	
(c) one blue dot, two green dots, two print dots – bottom selvage perforated, and not perforated, through.	
The set of 6 imprint/plate blocks (six stamps each block)	£8.25
Special Cancellations. 25/8/82 Air N.Z. Inaugural Flight/Auckland – London	35p
8/11/82 Centennial of the Baptist Union, Auckland	35p
1982 Collectors Pack. All 1982 special issues (Anniversaries, Architecture, Seasons, Healths, Health mini sheet, Christmas) contained in an attractive decorative and informative folder. Post paid	£7.50