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N.Z. NOTES AND COMMENT

by Colin Hamilton

1960 Pictorial 3d Kowhai. Plate blocks with the blue plate number 1 are of considerable interest. Volume 6 of the N.Z. Handbook states:

"There were apparently two cylinders made for the initial printing of the blue colour and both were numbered 1. In an early printing, the first had the number 1 of smaller size than the others and most of these had the flowers in a lemon shade. This was a small printing. *The number 1 on this cylinder was then increased in size to conform with the other numbers.* The first blue cylinder 1 was used only in the combination 1111.

"On the other blue cylinder also numbered 1 there was a prominent flaw on the fifth leaf from the bottom on the right frond on row 20, No. 4 [which is, of course the bottom right stamp in a standard sized plate block - Ed.] While this cylinder was being used in the combination 2111, this flaw was retouched but was still noticeable."

It could be inferred from the sentence in italics above that the cylinder which had the small number 1 continued in use after the size of the number had been increased to normal. We know of no evidence to corroborate this. However, there is definite evidence that some sheets printed from the **other** blue cylinder, in the combination 1111, showed neither the flaw nor the retouch on R20/4 — in other words, that the flaw developed after some sheets had been printed from this cylinder.

We suspect the statement in Volume 6 was based on an assumption that 1111 blocks with the normal sized blue 1 but without the R20/4 flaw, were from the other blue cylinder (with the number altered in size). But the evidence that this was not the case — or at the very least was not **always** so — is also to be found on R20/4. All examples we have seen with the flaw or the retouch have a small but definite "bite" out of the frame at right, about 5mm from the bottom. This is not present on blocks with the small number 1, but it appears on those blocks we have seen with the normal 1, and without the frond flaw.

2/- Capt. Cook Landing. Our Catalogue records four mint copies of the original issue (L13a) with the perforations gauging 14 — 13 x 13½ (normally they are in the form 13 — 14 x 13½). The most curious aspect of this rare variation is that three of the known copies — and possibly the fourth, too, for I have not personally seen it, and have no details — were all from the same sheet position (R10/4). Extraordinary coincidence apart, this proved that at least three sheets must have been issued, so it is odd that no other examples have ever come to light. However, I have recently seen a plate block with the reversed form of perforation. In such a block simple confirmation of the rarity, incidentally, is that there are no perforations running across the left selvedge.

KING GEORGE V SURFACE-PRINTED

601(a)	½d Green. Set of seven, representing all the basic issues listed in the C.P. Catalogue (K13a – g inclusive). Finest mint. Minimum Cat. \$45	£19.50
(b)	As above. Superfine mint block of 4 on the thick experimental paper with De La Rue-type wmk (K13b). Just a trace of a hinge on one stamp. Scarce – and guaranteed, of course	£37.50
(c)	As above. Marginal block of 4 on thin Jones paper (K13c). Mint unhinged, and superb	£20.00
(d)	As above. Corner block of 4, again on Jones paper, but the distinctly thicker variety (K13cZ). Superfine mint (light hinge)	£17.50
(e)	As above. Marginal unhinged block with lithographed 'wmk' (K13d)	£5.00
(f)	As above. Corner pair with variety Doubly Gummed (K13dZ) – unusually interesting because between the two applications of gum, the selvage has become folded back, resulting in part of the second gumming being applied to the front. Nice proving piece	£22.50
(g)	As above. Unhinged mint corner block of 4 on Cowan paper with wmk. reversed (K13g). Blue crayon mark in selvage – fortunately on the gummed side, so facial appearance unmarred	£15.00
602	1d Field Marshal. Complete set of the four basic issues listed (K15a – d) – the scarce reversed wmk example (K15c) is in the bright claret shade. The set of 4, superfine mint (unhinged/lightly hinged)	£20.00
603(a)	1½d Black. Mint copies from the Local Plate (K16a) and the London Plate (K17a). The two, finest condition	£8.00
(b)	As above. Top marginal pair (Local Plate), one stamp being the excellent R1/11 constant variety Frame Missing at Bottom Left Corner (K16aX). Very fine mint	£20.00
(c)	As above. Fine commercially used copy with the same R1/11 variety	£9.50
(d)	As above. Superb unhinged mint block of 4 from the London Plate (K17a) in the black shade	£15.00
(e)	As above. Another block (this one in grey-black) with full corner selvage and sheet serial number. Finest mint	£16.50
604(a)	1½d Orange-Brown. Mint set representing all four issues of this stamp (K17b – e). The last two – Cowan perf. 14x15, and Wiggins Teape – are particularly scarce stamps. Superfine mint	£75.00
(b)	As above. A similar complete set of 4 but finest used (all c.d.s.), and even scarcer thus	£95.00

(c)	As above. Three mint blocks of 4 on De La Rue paper (K17b) showing a lovely range of shades	£20.00
(d)	As above. Another 'De La Rue' block, with corner selvage and sheet serial number. Gum tone does not detract	£5.00
(e)	As above. Superfine mint copy in the scarce pale chestnut shade (K17b(3)) ..	£6.00
(f)	As above. Brilliant unhinged copy on Cowan paper, perf. 14x15. (K17d) ..	£50.00
(g)	As above. Equally fine unhinged corner copy (with sheet serial number) on Wiggins Teape paper (K17e)	£37.50
(h)	As above. Another 'Wiggins Teape' copy, unhinged and appearance perfect, but vague toning of gum around some of the perfs., so an exceptional space-filling chance at only	£12.50
605(a)	2d Yellow. Eight issues in this value, and all represented here in a set which is also specially selected to display the widest range of shades. The complete set of 2d's (K18a - h), finest mint	£35.00
(b)	As above. Superfine mint block of 4 on De La Rue paper (K18a) in yellow	£5.00
(c)	As above. Perfect mint unhinged block of 4 on Jones paper (K18b)	£16.50
(d)	As above. Fine used (c.d.s.) copy on Jones paper in pale yellow or pale dull yellow. Scarce! Each	£10.50
(e)	As above. Corner block of 4 on Cowan paper, perf. 14x15 (K18d). Mint unhinged	£15.00
(f)	As above. Mint copy with variety Offset on Back (K18dZ). Attractive!	£12.50
(g)	As above. Unhinged mint block of 4, Cowan paper, perf. 14 (K18e) in a brilliant deep bright orange shade	£27.50
(h)	As above. Mint block of 6 of the same issue with perfs so spectacularly misplaced that they run through the centre of the designs both horizontally and vertically! A really eyecatching block	£32.50
(i)	As above. Fine used copy on Cowan Reversed Wmk paper (K18f) - the scarcest of all used 2d's	£25.00
(j)	As above. Beautiful mint block of 4 on Wiggins Teape paper, perf. 14x15 (K18g) in pale lemon yellow	£27.50
606(a)	3d Chocolate. Fine mint copies from each of the four issues listed (K19a - d). The set of 4, minimum Cat. \$90	£35.00

(b) As above. Set of two on De La Rue paper (K19a), in magnificent extreme contrasts of the two listed shades. Finest mint	£12.50
(c) As above. Superb mint unhinged 'De La Rue' block of 4 in deep chocolate	£30.00
(d) As above. Brilliant unhinged mint block of 4 on Jones paper (K19b) in deep chocolate	£70.00
(e) As above. Another block (same top quality) in a contrasting reddish chocolate	£70.00
(f) As above. Superfine mint copy with the R6/8 Face Flaw (K19bY)	£25.00
(g) As above. Set of three superb shades (chocolate, deep chocolate, red-chocolate) on Cowan paper, perf. 14x15 (K19c). Previously hinged, but facially magnificent	£15.00
(h) As above. Finest mint block of 4 on Cowan paper, perf. 14, including the R6/8 Face Flaw (K19dZ)	£42.50
(i) As above. Same issue, same variety, but mint single (hinged)	£12.50

Q.E. COUNTER COIL PAIR VARIETIES

A superb and unusual selection of varieties, mostly unhinged mint (where else could you obtain such material?). Most are one-off offers, so it's first come first served.

607(a) NC1a (2d Green). Pair of starter and centre papers, dated 10 SP 1954	£5.00
(b) As above. Three coil pairs, one pair thin paper, another thick paper, and the third thick and thin papers combined. Lovely set	£10.00
608(a) NC1b (3d Vermilion). A similar set of paper varieties to lot 607(b) above, again in 3 coil pairs	£10.00
(b) As above. Two coil pairs, shades of deep bright vermilion and pale vermilion. Fine contrasts	£5.00
609(a) NC1h (4d blue). Two coil pairs, one on thin paper, the other thick paper ..	£6.00
(b) As above. Two coil pairs in the Catalogued shades of bright and deep ultramarine respectively	£6.00
(c) As above. The same two listed shades (bright and deep ultramarine) but this time combined in the same coil pair. Unusual	£5.00
610 NC1k (8d Red). Starter/centre papers, dated 29/AP/1954	£5.00
611 NC3d (4d Blue type 'c' numbers). Coil pair, with the section number offset on the back	£7.50

612(a)	NC3e (8d type 'c' numbers). Two coil pairs, shades of rose-carmine and pink carmine respectively	£6.00
(b)	As above. The same two shades, but this time in the same coil pair	£5.00
(c)	As above. Coil pair, with the section number offset on the back	£7.50
613	NC4a (2d redrawn). Two coil pairs, superb contrasts of deep and pale green respectively	£7.50
614(a)	NC4d (6d redrawn). One coil pair, showing thick and thin papers combined	£7.50
(b)	As above. Two coil pairs, in the listed shades of mauve and deep bright mauve	£8.50
(c)	As above. Coil pair with the section number offset on the back	£10.00
615(a)	NC5a (9d horizontal). Starter/centre papers, dated 14 MAY 1954	£20.00
(b)	As above. Coil pair, one stamp being R2/1 centre plate re-entry (NCV1b) ..	£15.00
616	NC5c (1/6d horizontal). Coil pair, also showing the R2/1 centre plate re-entry	£15.00
617	NC6a (9d, coil no. upright). Two pairs in brilliantly contrasting shades of yellow green	£8.00
618	NC6b (1/- coil no. upright). Coil pair (section no. 19) with the very scarce R8/2 first retouch (NV10a(r)) — the footnote in our Catalogue records that mint copies of this state have been seen only in coil pairs, as here	£37.50
619(a)	NC6d (1/6d, coil no. upright). Coil pair with R8/5 centre plate first state retouch, plus new flaw (NCV2f)	£10.00
(b)	As above. Coil pair in strip of 4 (i.e. two stamps above and below the coil join), the bottom pair being R1/1 and 2/1 centre plate re-entries (NCV1b) ..	£10.00
(c)	As above. A mid-coil join strip of 4 (see Vol 4, page 175), one stamp being R8/2 centre plate re-entry (NCV1b)	£7.50
620	NC7a (9d, coil no. inverted). One coil pair, showing shades of normal yellow-green, and the scarce pale yellow-green (N9a(2)) in combination. Most unusual	£12.50
621(a)	NC7bY (1/- coil no. inverted, narrow gutter). Three coil pairs, one each in smooth and coarse papers, whilst the third shows the same two papers combined	£15.00
(b)	As above. Coil pair, one stamp being R8/2 second state retouch (NV10aS)	£7.50
622	NC7c (1/6d, coil no. inverted). Coil pair, showing R8/5 centre plate first retouch (NCV2e) — one of the scarcer states of this variety on the 1/6d	£17.50

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1967 PICTORIALS

Concluding the listing commenced last month. Again all mint are unhinged, unless otherwise stated.

627(a)	30c Tongariro, Wmk'd. (OD15a). Set of two mint, with gum arabic (original) and PVA gum (later) respectively	£7.50
(b)	As above. Mint block of 4 with either gum, each block	£13.50
(c)	As above. Imprint/plate block of 6, gum arabic	£22.50
628(a)	30c Tongariro, No Wmk (OD15b). This issue had a short life for a definitive (a mere 15 months), and is quite elusive. Mint single £10 ; block of 4	£37.50
(b)	As above. Superb used copy	£3.00
629(a)	50c Falls (OD16a). Set of two mint, gum arabic and PVA	£5.50
(b)	As above. Mint block of 4, either gum. Each block	£10.75
630(a)	\$1 Glacier (OD17a). Like the 4c, 30c, 50c, this value first appeared with the shiny gum arabic, and later with the dull PVA gum. Mint copies with either gum, each £18 ; or the set of two	£32.50
(b)	As above. Mint block of 4, either gum	£65.00
(c)	As above. Imprint/plate block of 6, plate no. 1A, either gum arabic or PVA, each (Cat. \$280)	£100.00
631(a)	\$2 Magenta (OD18a). Mint single £17.50; block of 4	£65.00
(b)	As above. Imprint/plate block of 10, plate no. 1A (Cat. \$600)	£195.00

New Values

632(a)	7½c Trout, Wmk Sideways (OD26a). Easily recognised by the abnormally wide perforation 'tooth' at the top of each side. Single mint	60p
(b)	As above. Plate block of 6 stamps (pl. no. 1Ax4)	£5.00
(c)	As above. Imprint block of 6 — includes good constant variety R10/13 "Spot below Fin"	£5.00
633(a)	7½c Trout, Wmk Upright (OD26b). In addition to the change of wmk, now with extra perf. hole at top of each side. Single mint	60p
(b)	As above. Plate block of 6	£5.00
(c)	As above. Imprint block of 6, includes R10/13 variety as before	£5.00

634(a)	28c Fox Glacier (0D27a). Mint copy	£1.00
(b)	As above. Imprint/plate block of 10 (pl. no. 1Ax4)	£12.50
Trade Promotion Designs		
635(a)	7c Fishing Industry (0D20a). Single mint	60p
(b)	As above. Imprint/plate block of 6, pl. no. 1x4 or 1ax4, each block	£4.25
636(a)	8c Fruit Industry (0D21a). Single mint	60p
(b)	As above. Imprint/plate block of 6, pl. no. 1x4 or 1ax4, each block	£4.25
637(a)	10c Timber Industry (0D22a). Mint copy	35p
(b)	As above. Imprint/plate block of 6, pl. no. 1Ax4	£2.50
(c)	As above. Counter coil pair (0DC22)	£3.00
(d)	As above, but previously hinged	£2.00
(e)	As above. Counter coil pair including constant plate variety R4/1 black panel extended at right, or R5/10 flaw on log, each pair (unhinged)	£4.75
638(a)	18c Wool Industry (0D23a). Mint copy	£1.50
(b)	As above. Imprint/plate block of 6, pl. no. 1x4 or 1ax4, each block	£10.00
639(a)	20c Meat Industry (0D24a). Mint single	£1.25
(b)	As above. Imprint/plate block of 6, pl. no. 1x4 or 1ax4, each block	£8.50
(c)	As above. Counter coil pair (0DC24), previously hinged but very fine	£4.50
640(a)	25c Dairy Industry (0D25a). Single mint	£3.00
(b)	As above. Imprint/plate block of 6, pl. no. 1Ax4	£20.00

SECOND PICTORIALS SPECIALISED (Contd.)

641(a)	8d Tuatara, Single Wmk (L10a). Unhinged mint copy	£2.40
(b)	As above, but lightly hinged	£1.85
(c)	As above. Fine commercially used copy in the rather scarcer brown shade ..	£1.00
(d)	As above. Mint plate block of 4 (pl. no. A2). Facially superb, but small faults on back, hence	£5.00

642(a)	8d Tuatara, Mult. Wmk Sideways, Perf. 14x13½ (L10b). Single copy, mint unhinged	£2.75
(b)	As above. Three brilliant shades, superfine mint	£9.00
(c)	As above. Block of 10 (5x2), fine commercially used. Unusual	£10.00
(d)	As above. Variety Watermark Inverted (L10bZ). Unhinged mint	£7.50
(e)	As above. Corner block of 4, also with inverted wmk. Superb unhinged	£30.00
(f)	As above. Superfine used copy with inverted wmk	£5.25
643(a)	8d Tuatara, Mult. Wmk Upright (L10c). Unhinged mint copy	£1.75
(b)	As above, but very lightly hinged	£1.35
(c)	As above. Corner block of 4, superb unhinged	£7.50
(d)	As above. Set of two used, in the listed shades. Lovely contrasts	£1.25
644(a)	8d Tuatara, Mult. Wmk Perf. 12½ (L10d). Single, mint unhinged	£1.20
(b)	As above. Lightly hinged copy	£1.00
(c)	As above. Plate block of 4 (pl. no. 3), finest mint	£5.25
(d)	As above. Larger plate block, of 8 stamps (2x4), to include the good constant plate flaw ('Broken 8') on R13/10 (LV10a). Minor hinge stain, otherwise superb	£9.50
(e)	As above. Huge mint block of 48 (8x6) from bottom left of sheet, with full selvages. Superfine	£20.00
(f)	As above. Used set of three fine shade contrasts	£1.75
645(a)	8d Tuatara, Perf. 14x14½, Coarse Paper (L10e). Unhinged mint copy in deep red-brown	90p
(b)	As above. Plate block of 4, plate no. 3 or 4. Each block, fine mint	£3.50
(c)	As above. Plate block of 6 (pl. 3), including the late R14/10 re-entry — this impression is noticeably darker than its neighbours	£13.50
(d)	As above. Top marginal block of 6 with the Waterlow 'shift' marking (of 15 dots) in the selvedge, and showing the plate crack which affected R3/5-6 (resulting in the attractive 'tongue out' variety on R3/5). The superb variety block (LV10b)	£22.50
(e)	As above. Mint pair from R3/5-6, with the variety described above	£12.50

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