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*From all of us
to
All of you, world wide,
A Happy Christmas
and a
Prosperous, Peaceful,
and Philatelically Rewarding
Year Ahead*

N.Z. NOTES AND COMMENT

by Colin Hamilton

Our offer of a pair of 'Calpurnia' crash covers this month (see lot no. 1209) reminds us of a couple of little anecdotes connected with the aftermath of this accident, as recorded in Volume 3 of "The Postage Stamps of New Zealand", to which acknowledgement is hereby made.

The mails aboard the flying boat were of course delayed by the crash, and those destined for New Zealand finally reached N.Z. in batches over the period 19th December 1938 to 9th January 1939. On arrival, the contents of the mailbags were found to be both damp and damaged. The dampness was particularly unfortunate for one consignment, some packets of seeds, which had germinated and were sprouting rampantly (Christmas is, of course, at the height of the growing season in that part of the world.)

No doubt because much of the mail was of a Christmas nature, the Post Office redoubled its normal diligent efforts to deliver the letters and packages, however badly damaged, and a major operation was mounted to decipher names and addresses, including the use of magnifying glasses. One poor soul involved in this detective work actually set himself alight by inadvertently concentrating the sun's rays on his jacket with the glass he was using!

The 1984 British Philatelic Exhibition. Although the total number of competitive entries appeared to be down on previous years, those with a New Zealand flavour were as numerous and as much to the fore as ever. Pride of place among these went to T.H. Brock, whose delightful N.Z. Internal Airmails exhibit took the British Air Mail Society Award and a silver medal. Other awards:

Silver-Bronze Medals: A.P. Berry (Govt. Life Insurance 1913-47); N.H. Willis (the first 10 years Health Issues).

Bronze Medals: D.J. Armitage (Junior Section 12 - 13 years, 25 years of Health stamps from 1949); J.D. Evans (Lakes/Milford Sound); E.W. Leppard (R.T.P.O.'s 1878 - 1971).

Diplomas: J.H. Buchanan (the first 20 years of Health issues); G.K. Molland (R.T.P.O.'s).

N.Z. PHILATELIC LITERATURE

There have recently been sinister rumblings about the imposition of value-added-tax on books, which have always been zero-rated since the tax was introduced into the U.K. in 1973. If this happens, it is inevitable that prices will rise overnight by the amount of the tax levied. So don't get caught — buy now! All prices in this listing are post paid.

- 1201 C.P. Specialised Catalogue of N.Z. Stamps.** A survey of our 'Bulletin' mailing list shows that a mere handful of subscribers do not already own a copy. For those few, and for any other subscriber wishing to give a friend a lasting Christmas present, we are making a special festive season offer. The normal price of this 'bible' for N.Z. collectors (now a massive 600 pages, incidentally) is £28.50. For orders received during December 1984 only, we will supply copies at

£23.50

- 1202 "The Postage Stamps of New Zealand", Volume 3.** The 'Handbook' that's always most keenly sought — devoted entirely to all aspects of N.Z. postal history. This copy (No. 245 of the limited edition of 1150), is without the original outer dust jacket, but otherwise is in absolutely as-new condition ... £225.00
- 1203 "The Postage Stamps of New Zealand", Volume 5.** The magnificent work which deals with all aspects (stamps and postal history) of the N.Z. Pacific and Antarctic Dependencies. Published in a limited edition of 1000, again this copy (No. 168) is in immaculate condition £165.00
- 1204 "The One Penny Dominion" by G.G. Fisher.** One of the monographs published by the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand as adjuncts to the main series of Handbooks, in this case in a limited edition of 750. Deals graphically with the plating characteristics of individual stamps from plates 12 and 13 £17.50
- 1205 "The Second Type Postage Due Stamps" by R.D. Samuel.** Another of the R.P.S.N.Z. monographs (again in a limited edition of 750). Like all of these publications, full of information and detail which is not available from any other source. New condition £11.50
- 1206 "The Air Mails of New Zealand".** A well-used but complete and sound copy of Volume 1, covering all the internal flights to 1955 in great detail. Although intended as the first of three volumes, the other two, dealing with overseas flights, air stamps, etiquettes, labels and aerogrammes were never published. The air mails handbook, very scarce £42.50
- 1207 1925 Dunedin Exhibition. "Official Photographic View Album, New Zealand and South Seas International Exhibition"** — a delightful 32-page illustrated record of the Exhibition. A book we haven't seen before. Couple of minor faults, but in remarkably good condition overall £25.00

CRASH/ACCIDENT COVERS

- 1208 1930 S.S. "Tahiti".** August 1930 cover from Auckland to U.K. with large rectangular framed rubber-stamped marking DAMAGED BY/SEA WATER in violet (see Volume 3 of the N.Z. Handbook, page 275). Typical wreck-cover condition, but marking very fine, and unusually the adhesive used (a 1d Field Marshal) remains nicely tied by the Auckland c.d.s. A lovely and scarce postal history item £57.50
- 1209 1938 "Calpurnia".** Two covers from this ill-fated flying boat, which crashed in Iraq on Nov. 23rd 1938 while carrying a large Christmas mail for Australasia. Both covers are from Shepton Mallet in U.K. to the same addressee in New Zealand, and appear to be of types which would have contained Christmas cards. One bears a superb strike of the violet RECEIVED IN DAMAGED CONDITION/EX FLYING BOAT CALPURNIA,

the other a fair but quite legible strike of the RECEIVED AT/WELLINGTON/
IN DAMAGED CONDITION, also in violet (both markings are recorded in
Volume 3, page 315). An interesting and most unusual pair of covers £65.00

N.Z. PROOF MATERIAL

- 1210(a) 1906 'Hausburgs'.** Complete sheet (240) of the 2d Full-Face Queen from Plate 2, printed in black on card. Shows all the extensive retouching to the damaged areas of the plate. Most of the 1000 sheets printed have long since been broken up. The complete 'Hausburg' sheet, small facial scuff (affecting the adjacent corners of four impressions) otherwise very fine condition, and superb reference material £125.00
- (b) **As above.** Marginal block of 24 (Rows 9 - 12, Nos. 1 - 6). Very fine £25.00
- (c) **As above.** Two blocks of 4, one showing plate damage £12.50
- (d) **As above.** Single copy (undamaged) £1.00
- 1211 First Sidefaces.** Set of five colour trial plate proofs (in unissued colours), printed on thick glazed white paper, imperf, and each overprinted CANCELLED in black. Set comprises 1d orange-brown, 2d blue, 3d mauve, 4d carmine-rose and 6d brown. Superb condition — lovely! £37.50
- 1212(a) Second Sidefaces.** A matched set of 10 blocks of 4 of the official reproductions printed in black on unwmk'd cream-toned paper, imperf. —all being top right corner blocks with full selvages. Includes 1d (2 blocks), 2d (2), 3d, 4d, 6d (Die 1), 6d (Die 2), 8d and 1/- . More than complete as listed at the foot of page 353 of Volume 6 of the N.Z. Handbook, the 1d and 2d blocks being from different plates (one of the 1d blocks has a large bulls-eye selvedge marking, the other is without this marking). Unobtrusive crease on one block otherwise fine. The set of matching corner blocks £85.00
- (b) **As above.** Marginal block of 10 of the 1d value only, consisting of two complete rows from a left hand pane. Blocks larger than four are seldom seen. Condition immaculate £25.00
- (c) **As above.** The 2½d value (issued in 1890) was originally intended to be in red-brown, and an initial printing was actually made in this colour before the decision to alter the colour to blue, in anticipation of N.Z. joining the Postal Union. According to Vol. 1, all but one sheet of the red-brown printing (on wmk'd paper, but ungummed and imperf.) were destroyed. Our offer is of a superb imperf. pair in this colour. Rare £57.50
- (d) **As above.** Die-proof of the 1½d imprinted stamp as used on the lettercard of 1895. Printed in greyish-slate on cream unwmk'd paper. Superfine £17.50

- 1213(a) 1907-08 Redrawn Designs.** Marginal plate proof block of 4 of the 3d Huia on thick unwmk'd paper, printed in black, imperf. These proofs (and the 6d offered below) are much more commonly found on paper with NZ and Star wmk. The block, finest condition £27.50
- (b) As above.** Similar, but non-marginal, proof block of the 6d Kiwi, again on thick unwmk'd paper. Very fine £25.00
- (c) As above.** Imperf. proof single in black of the 1/- Kea/Kaka, on thin paper with wmk NZ and Star inverted £7.50
- 1214** ½d K.E. VII. Plate proof pair in black on gummed wmk'd paper and perf. 14x15 (i.e. exactly as the issued stamps, except for the colour). Superfine .. £12.50
- 1215** 1d Dominion. Proof pane of 6 (from the steel booklet plate), complete with full selvages and selvedge bars. Printed in black on gummed wmk'd paper, imperf. £32.50

N.Z. BOOKLET ITEMS

- 1216(a) K.G.V ½d.** Pane of 6 from the 1915 2/- booklet, printed from electrotypes plates, perf. 14x15. Complete except for binding selvedge, and fine. The pane (W4aZ or Y) £52.50
- (b) As above.** Similar pane, but from the 1928 steel-plates 2/- booklet, without selvedge adverts, and perf. 14. Again no binding selvedge, but otherwise complete, and superfine mint (W4fZ) £47.50
- 1217(a) 1d Field Marshal.** Mint block of 4, perf. 14x15, with full side selvages showing 'Parisian' ads. (W4jX x 2) £25.00
- (b) As above,** but complete pane of 6 less binding selvedge (W4jZ). Finest mint £42.50
- 1218(a) 1d Kiwi, Single Wmk.** Pane of 6 complete with all selvages, wmk upright (W5aZ). Superfine mint £25.00
- (b) As above.** Pane of 6, but binding selvedge missing. Offered at the price of six single stamps £21.00
- (c) As above.** Complete pane as lot 1218(a) above, but with wmk inverted (W5aY). Finest mint £27.50
- (d) As above.** Pane without binding selvedge, wmk inverted. Again finest mint £22.25
- 1219(a) 1d Kiwi, Multiple Wmk.** Complete pane of 6 (W5bZ), perfect unhinged mint £18.00
- (b) As above.** Part booklet (unexploded). Covers and interleaving intact, but some stamps have been removed – one complete pane and two part panes remain. Fresh and fine £25.00

- 1220 King George VI.** Complete 2/- booklet of 1938, containing three 1d panes and two ½d panes (W6b), with blank white paper interleaving. Booklet looks superb, but some staining on all panes of stamps, hence only £15.00
- 1221 Q.E. Booklets.** A complete set of five different 4/- booklets, i.e. the four basic issues listed (W7a,b,c,d,), plus the elusive later printing of the first type with a pane of air mail labels added, and two of the advertisements altered. The set of five complete booklets (panes with mixed upright and inverted watermarks), all in superb condition £65.00
- 1222 1960 Pictorial Booklets.** Complete set of the three basic issues (4/-, 4/6d and 4/3d), plus an additional 4/3d booklet with panes numbered on the binding selvages. The set of four complete booklets (W8a, W8b, W8c(a) and W8c(b)), finest condition £57.50

MISCELLANY

A selection from stock, with the emphasis on material one doesn't see every day, every month, or in some cases every year!

- 1223 Collection Frontispiece (1)** Full-colour reproduction (5½ ins x 8 ins) of A.E. Chalon's portrait of Queen Victoria, which was, of course, the basis of the design of the N.Z. Full-Face Queen issues £7.50
- 1224 Collection Frontispiece (2)** In connection with the British Stamp Centenary Exhibition in 1940, an extremely attractive miniature sheet (finely printed by Messrs. Perkins Bacon Ltd.) was produced. This had very strong N.Z. interest, since the major part of the design was an adaption of the A.E. Chalon portrait of Queen Victoria (condensed from full- to three-quarter length). This was repeated four times – 2 x 2 – in the miniature sheets, which were printed in black or blue on gummed unwmk'd paper. We have available, in superb condition, the complete miniature sheet in black at £7.50, or in blue at £10.00
- 1225 1855 London Print 1/- (S.G.3).** Very attractive copy – design intact (just touched at lower right), lightly cancelled 6 (or 9) in oval of bars, leaving portrait virtually clear. Only fault is that some fool has apparently tried, quite unnecessarily, to add a blue tint to the back, and has decimated the intrinsic worth of a very nice stamp. Cat. \$6750 (S.G. £5250) £295.00
- 1226 1862-64 Perf. 13 at Dunedin.** Set of 7 (1d, 2d, 3d, 6d black-brown, 6d brown, 6d red-brown, 1/-). Exceptionally well-centred for these notoriously variable issues; beautiful fresh colours; light cancellations – altogether the makings of a delightful page of N.Z. classics. Min. Cat. \$1700+ (S.G. £635), but one or two small faults (none affecting appearance) allow £200.00
- 1227 First Sidefaces.** A complete simplified set of 8 (1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1/-, 2/-, 5/-) in not-so-fine used condition – but we have seen much worse. A rare opportunity to fill several difficult gaps in one fell swoop at only (as fine, Cat. C.P. \$2093, S.G. £867) £52.50

1228	First Sideface 3d. A perfect mint copy, perf. 12½ (C3a). Beautifully centred pristine fresh, and unhinged o.g. What else is there to say?	£80.00
1229	First Sideface 1/-. A superbly centred and very good used copy, perf. 10x12½ — itself a very scarce stamp — with variety Watermark Inverted (C6bZ). Must be one of N.Z.'s rarer 'inverts', Variety unpriced, but normal Cat. \$225	£77.50
1230	1898 Pictorial 5d Otira Gorge. A beautifully fresh, lightly hinged mint copy in sepia (E13a(4), S.G. 261). Absolutely sound and unthinned — we mention this specifically because a very high proportion of those we have seen have been defective in this respect. The 5d Sepia	£50.00
1231(a)	K.G.V Admirals. Mint copy of the 2/- on Jones paper with wmk inverted (K20aZ). Superb, very very light hinge (Cat. \$200)	£52.50
(b)	As above. Another example, showing clear letter wmk. Finest mint	£55.00
(c)	As above. 3/- 'Jones' (K21a). Superbly centred, mint unhinged. Perfection! (Cat. \$350)	£125.00
(d)	As above. Excellent used copy of the 3/- Jones. Portions of two neat (non-parcel) c.d.s. Cat. \$300	£70.00
(e)	As above. Superfine mint copy of the 2/- on Cowan paper (K20b). Brilliantly fresh, very lightest hinge. Cat. \$125	£45.00
(f)	As above. 'Cowan' 3/- (K21b). Finest mint, light hinge. Cat. \$260	£90.00
(g)	As above. 2/- Official (K20b). Superfine mint copy, light hinge. Cat. \$200	£75.00
1232	K.G.V 'No Stop after Official'. Unhinged marginal blocks of 4 of the ½d and 1d, both perf. 14 and each including the 'No Stop'. This good variety occurred in some printings only on R5/24, and invariably the foot of the L of the overprint is shortened and damaged on the same stamp. The two blocks, (K013fZ, K015aX), Cat. \$40+, lovely fresh appearance, but a little light gum toning allows	£10.00
1233	K.G.V 1½d Official, Local Plate (K016a). Two mint blocks of 4 in the listed shades, superb unhinged. Now Cat. \$15 per stamp. The two shade blocks ...	£57.50
1234	King George VI 1½d Chocolate Official. The key stamp of the entire set, and rarely available in such relative profusion:	
(i)	Marginal block of 4, mint unhinged	£150.00
(ii)	Single stamp, mint unhinged	£35.00
(iii)	Mint single, lightly hinged	£22.50
(iv)	Fine used (c.d.s.)	£11.00
(v)	Commercially used	£7.50

- 1235(a) Q.E. Official Variety.** Marginal mint (lightly hinged) copy of the white paper 3d with Watermark Inverted (N024bZ). Quite elusive, nowadays. Cat. \$20 .. £7.50
- (b) As above.** 4d on original paper with major error Printed on the Gummed Side (N025aZ S.G. 0164Ea). Mint unhinged £95.00
- 1236 1906 Christchurch Exhibition.** Complete set of the seven gummed labels issued to publicize this exhibition (No. 1 is imperf. and unnumbered, nos. 2 - 7 are perforated, and each has its number incorporated in the design). Inevitably one or two small faults on some, mainly confined to minor perf-tones, but 'way, way above average condition for these, and just about the finest complete set we have seen (we have not seen many!). Wonderfully colourful and attractive £72.50
- 1237 Pigeon Posts.** Marginal mint copy of the March 1899 'SPECIAL POST' issue (VP2). Minor faults affecting gummed side, but good for this stamp, and excellent appearance. Cat. \$300 £30.00
- 1238 1/- 'VR' Life Insurance (X6a).** A very fine mint example. Previous hinge, but fresh, and for this stamp very well centred. One of N.Z.'s most difficult stamps to find in fine mint condition. Cat. C.P. \$1200 (1982); S.G. £600 .. £425.00
- 1239 Arms Types.** A tremendous run of 27 different values, all fiscally used. Includes 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 9/-, 10/-, £1, 22/- on 22/-, 30/-, £2, £2/10/-, £3, £4, £5, £6, £6 on £6, £7, £8, £9, £10, £10 on £10, £15 on £15, £20 on £20, £30, £40 on £40, £50 on £50. Unrepeatable £42.50
- 1240 Austin Walsh Card.** Unused example of this unique little postal stationery item (with imprinted ½d Newspaper Stamp), issued in packets of 'Atlas' cigarettes in 1892. A little age-staining, but in quite collectable condition ... £22.50

K.G.V – SOME UNUSUAL MINT BLOCKS

- 1241(a) 2d Violet (K2a).** Top right corner block of 12 (4x3) with sheet serial number, and in a bright shade. Qualifies on these counts alone for inclusion under this heading but surprise, surprise! The corner stamp (R1/12) is a previously unrecorded re-entry. Doubling is quite extensive throughout the top half of the design, but is most noticeable in the cross on the crown, which is clearly and completely doubled to the right. From Plate 16. A superb block, mint unhinged £125. 00
- (b) As above.** An identical block, with the same re-entry, but in not quite so fine condition (selvedge faults, and one stamp— not the re-entry — with gummed-side defects) £77. 50
- 1242 2d Yellow (K2e).** Bottom left corner block of 12 (4x3). No varieties— just a beautiful big block in absolutely superb condition £62. 50
- 1243 4d Yellow (K5b).** A mere block of 4, but with full corner selvedge showing wmk '4' (dandy roll number). Mint unhinged £42. 50