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N.Z. NOTES AND COMMENT

by Colin Hamilton

More on Salvador 'Adson'. Bernard Symonds of Warwickshire has kindly supplied some information on these interesting items (see Bulletin Notes, February 1986). Apparently the advertisements were printed under contract by a man named Seebeck, of the Hamilton Bank Note Co., New York. The stamps were in sheets of 100, arranged in four panes of 25, and the advertisements, in blocks of 9 as illustrated in our February Bulletin, were printed centrally on the back of each pane. Thus each block of adverts was surrounded by a border of stamps **without** adverts. They were applied not only to the unissued 12c of 1895, but also to other Salvador stamps of 1894 and 1895, and they are believed to exist too on some contemporary Ecuador and Nicaragua issues. The adverts are found printed in blue, and other (unspecified) colours. It is said that the man Seebeck later purchased quantities of these items from the postal authorities concerned.

Whether or not these Central/South American 'Adson' were inspired by the New Zealand issues of 1893, however, remains an intriguing and as yet unresolved question.

RECORD PRICE OBTAINED BY C.P. LTD.

Acting on behalf of the executors of the Michael Burberry estate, we at C.P. Ltd., recently sold the unique Christchurch Exhibition cover bearing three copies of the 1d Claret for £17,500. This, to the best of our knowledge, is a world record figure for any N.Z. cover, the previous highest price we are aware of being £15,000 for a cover bearing two copies of S.G. 1, obtained in a London auction several years ago.

It is of interest to note that the 'Burberry' cover actually accounts for not three, but **five** copies of the 'Claret', for due to rather careless separation, either by the original purchaser of the stamps, or by the postal clerk who sold them, two of the three copies have sizeable portions of adjacent stamps still attached!

½d Mt. Cook. Mr. J.P. Pearce of Derbyshire has shown me a copy of this stamp, printed from the Perkins, Bacon plates and perf. 14 x 15(F5c) with characteristics looking uncannily like the plate wear which affected later printings from the original plates. Volume 1 of the N.Z. Handbook states quite categorically that such wear did not occur on the Perkins, Bacon plates, and in point

of fact this characteristic (and lack of it) have for long been accepted as a standard test for distinguishing stamps printed from the old plates and those from the new, particularly the issues on Cowan wmk'd paper perf 14(F4b and F5a), which are otherwise identical.

I don't recall having noted such wear on any stamp from the F5 group before. It is possible, of course (since we have only the one copy as evidence) that Mr. Pearce's copy shows a fortuitous imperfection. On the other hand, it is equally possible that plate wear **did** occur on the 1907-08 plates, and that it has escaped the notice of everyone until now — stranger things have happened! A third possibility — that a 14 x 15 head was used to print one or more sheets printed from the old plates — can be discounted, I think, for by the time these comb heads first became available (1907), the old plates were so worn that printings from them at that stage are quite unmistakable.

½d Mt. Cook specialists please investigate, and report any interesting findings.

'Tarapex' Miniature Sheet. This item has proved to be highly controversial ever since it first appeared on the scene. Just about the only aspect of it not in some dispute is the fact that the labels which make up the sheet are valid to prepay postage in New Zealand!

Thus far, I have refrained from entering the controversy over these labels, and in particular the question of whether or not they warrant a catalogue listing. However, a recent report in the philatelic press makes some comment inevitable. Mr. A.J. Bick, New Zealand Post Office Senior Assistant Director General, is quoted as having stated (inter alia) in a letter to the P.T.S., London that: "The labels are not postage stamps, nor were they released by the Post Office"

That statement, straight from the horse's mouth as it were, surely gives the complete answer. These items have no place **as of right** in any postage stamp catalogue. It remains, of course, entirely at the discretion of each individual catalogue Editor whether he **chooses** to list them or not.

FULL-FACE QUEENS — PERKINS, BACON TRADE SAMPLES

All items are imperf., and printed from special dies in a design identical to the issued Chalon Head design, but with alterations to the value tablet at the bottom. Overall size of each piece is given in parentheses.

Value tablet blank.

501(a) Printed in chocolate brown on creamish card (30 x 37 mm)	£45.00
(b) Printed in carmine-lake on creamish card (34 x 36 mm)	£45.00
(c) Printed in ultramarine on creamish card (31 x 38 mm)	£45.00
(d) Printed in black on creamish card (34 x 39 mm)	£37.50
(e) Printed in black, on thick white paper, unwmk'd (31 x 36 mm)	£37.50

Value tablet inscribed 'H.P.S. 4th JUNE 1907'

502(a) Printed in carmine-lake on creamish card (33 x 35 mm)	£45.00
(b) Printed in ultramarine on creamish card (35 x 39 mm)	£45.00

(c) Printed in black on thick white paper, unwmk'd (33 x 36 mm) £37.50

Value tablet with three wavy horizontal lines, middle one thick, with three crescent moons above and two below.

503(a) Printed in ultramarine on creamish card (34 x 37 mm) £45.00

(b) Printed in dull carmine on creamish card (29 x 37 mm) £45.00

(c) Printed in carmine lake on creamish card (33 x 37 mm) £45.00

(d) Printed in chocolate brown on creamish card (30 x 36 mm) £45.00

(e) Printed in orange vermilion on creamish card (33 x 38 mm) £45.00

(f) Printed in deep grey-green on creamish card (32 x 38 mm) £45.00

(g) Printed in black on creamish card (33 x 38 mm) £37.50

(h) Printed in black on thick white paper, unwmk'd (32 x 36 mm) £37.50

Value tablet with single wavy horizontal line, with three dots above and two below.

504(a) Printed in chocolate brown on creamish card (43 x 38 mm) £45.00

(b) Printed in carmine-lake on creamish card (37 x 37 mm) £45.00

(c) Printed in orange vermilion on creamish card (42 x 40 mm) £45.00

(d) Printed in ultramarine on creamish card (45 x 38 mm) £45.00

(e) Printed in deep grey green on creamish card (31 x 37 mm) £45.00

(f) Printed in black on creamish card (32 x 38 mm) £37.50

(g) Printed in black on thick white paper, unwmk'd (36 x 39 mm) £37.50

MISCELLANY

505 Imperf. Full-Face Queens. Simplified set of 5 used (1d, 2d, 3d, 6d, 1/- — S.G.97, 36, 40, 43, 100 respectively). Well above average condition. Colours beautifully bright and fresh. The 6d has a fine full impression of an unidentified marking (N.Z. Handbook, Vol. 3, Page 85, Type 21); other values all lightly cancelled. The set of imperfs, Cat. \$ 1300 £165.00

506 Perf. 12½ Full-Face Queens. A long set of the 1864–67 issues, incl. 1d (3 shades), 2d (Plates 1 and 2), 3d lilac, 3d mauve, 4d rose, 4d yellow, 6d (2 shades), 1/- Set of 12, fine to very fine used, min. Cat. \$ 1500 £275.00

507 'Austin Walsh' Card. A really superb example of this, the smallest item of N.Z. postal stationery, with ½d Newspaper stamp impressed. Small enough to fit into a packet of ten cigarettes — which is in fact how it was issued in 1892. In pristine mint condition £77.50

- 508 1898 1d Pictorial.** Unhinged mint copy of the London Print 1d, with brilliant complete offset of the central vignette on the back (E2aV). One of the most attractive major varieties £157.50
- 509 1½d Boer War Contingent.** Unhinged mint block of 4, perf. 14, including the best of all N.Z. re-entries (Row 2, No. 12), and the three lesser re-entries on R1/11, 1/12 and 2/11. The multi-variety block (EV4b, c, e, f) £50.00
- 510(a) ½d Mt. Cook Postal Stationery.** Set of three unused envelopes (Samuel CA1a), one with impressed stamp normal, one with impressed stamp showing the good Plate 1 R1/4 re-entry (one of the impressions used for the postal stationery was taken up from this position on the original plate), and the third showing the same re-entry plus a large and prominent flaw on the shoulder of Mt. Cook. Interesting and attractive £27.50
- (b) As above.** Example of the scarcer foolscap-size envelope with the re-entry (we have seen this item only in this form). Vertical fold, otherwise fine £10.00
- 511 1d Universals on Cover.** A quite exceptional lot of 10 covers, bearing a near-complete range of 1d Universal adhesives. The stamps are, respectively: (1) G1a — cover also bears an R.T.P.O. mark; (2) G2a (pair); (3) G4a (pair); (4) G5a (pair); (5) G6a (pair); (6) G7a (2 singles) — also R.T.P.O. mark; (7) G8a (pair); (8) G9a (pair); (9) G10a (pair); (10) G10f (rarely seen on cover). The unusual set of 10 covers, stamps alone Cat. \$ 120 £65.00
- 512(a) King Edward VII — Unhinged Mint Blocks.** ½d green in block of 4 (H1a) £5.00
- (b) As above.** 3d perf. 14 line (H3b), marginal block of 4 £85.00
- (c) As above.** The same issue (H3b), in corner block of 6. Superb £125.00
- (d) As above.** 4d red-orange, perf. 14 x 14½ (H4a), a perfect marginal block of 6 £120.00
- (e) As above.** 4d yellow (H4d). Block of 4 £70.00
- (f) As above.** 4d yellow again, but in top marginal block of 12 £200.00
- (g) As above.** 8d Official, perf. 14 x 14½ (H08b), in corner block of 4 £52.50
- (h) As above.** 8d Official perf. 14 x 13½ (H08c), in corner block of 4 £52.50
- 513(a) 1d Dominion Plate Varieties.** Set of 9. Includes examples of all the Catalogued flaws — 'Q', 'Bow Split', 'Feather', 'Broken Globe', 'Broken N', and 'Faulty Top Frame' (four different of the last, all major and all plated). Minimum Cat. \$ 105. The variety set of 9 used £27.50
- (b) As above.** The major 'Broken N' flaw (Plate 12, R9/23) is well-known. It occurred late in the life of the plate, and appeared only on the last three issues of the 1d Dominion (J6a, J7a and J8a). Much less well-known is a near-identical flaw, but in miniature, which was constant on Plate 13, R2/18 (and thus occurs in the first issue only, J1a). Our set of two used shows both of these astonishingly coincidental varieties £15.00

- (c) **As above.** Set of 3 used, J6a, J7a and J8a — all with the R9/23 'Broken N'. Complete variety set! £45.00
- (d) **As above.** Fine mint strip of 3, on Cowan Reversed Wmk. paper, centre stamp with big 'Broken N' variety (J7a(V)). Cat. \$ 100 £32.50
- (a) **As above.** Finest mint copy on Wiggins Teape paper with the same R9/23 'Broken N' flaw (J8aU) £35.00
- 514(a) 1d Field Marshal.** Set of three lovely mint blocks of 4, perf. 14 Cowan paper (K15a), showing nice shades (none is the rose-pink, however) £10.00
- (b) **As above.** Corner block of 12 with sheet serial number. Minor selvedge hinge-thinnings on reverse, but all stamps unhinged £9.50
- (c) **As above.** Booklet pane of 6, complete with all selvedges (no adverts.), fresh as the day it was issued, and perfect unhinged mint. The pane (W4fW) £87.50
- (d) **As above.** A rare first day cover, with 1d Field Marshal adhesive tied by Hamilton roller cancel clearly dated 15th Nov. 1926 £125.00
- 515(a) 1d Field Marshal, Reversed Watermark (K15c).** Set of six brilliant shades — rose carmine, scarlet, three shades of claret, and deep bright carmine. Mint unhinged £95.00
- (b) **As above.** The same six shades, but in superb unhinged mint blocks of 4. A magnificent show-page in the making £350.00
- (c) **As above.** We have one set only of the above shades, but for those collectors requiring a single representative copy of the issue, we can supply a rose-carmine example, mint unhinged, at £15.00
- 516 K.G.VI 1d Green.** As in the case of its counterpart overprinted Official, the ordinary 1d on coarse paper with horizontal mesh (M2e), is one of the key stamps of the whole issue, and seldom in stock. Quite exceptionally, however, we can at present offer the following:
- (i) Single copy, mint unhinged £5.00
- (ii) Single copy, very lightly hinged mint £3.00
- (iii) Block of 4, mint unhinged £20.00
- (iv) Block of 4, two stamps very lightly hinged, two unhinged £15.00
- (v) Marginal block of 4 including the excellent naked-eye retouch on Plate 85 R9/17 (MV2d(p)) £32.50
- (vi) The same variety, but in positional block of 14 (7 x 2) with imprint and plate number. A rare block, finest mint £67.50
- (vii) Marginal block of 9 including the above-mentioned R9/17 retouch and the R8/15 retouch, another naked-eye variety. The double-variety block (MV2d(o) and (p)), superb unhinged £67.50
- 517(a) 1920 Victory Plate Proofs.** Set of 6 (½d, 1d, 1½d, 3d, 6d, 1/-), imperf., on gummed wmk'd paper, and in the issued colours. Very fine £60.00
- (b) **As above.** Exactly similar set, but in imperf. pairs £125.00

- 518 1920 Victory – Issued Stamps.** A few mint blocks of 4, all brilliant unhinged:
- (i) ½d green £6.00
 - (ii) 1d Carmine £6.00
 - (iii) 1½d Orange brown £6.00
 - (iv) 1/- Deep Orange Vermilion £125.00
- 519 1931 Health – First Day Covers.** Set of two plain covers, one value tied to each by c.d.s. of 31st October 1931. Beautifully clean and fresh. We have recently seen 1931 F.D.C.'s on offer elsewhere at £1100. Our price for this pair of covers £725.00
- 520 1932 Health F.D.C.** Superb example, with marginal copy tied by Timaru c.d.s. of 18th Nov. 1932 £110.00
- 521 1899 ½d Postage Due.** Set of three colour trials, all imperf. on thick white unwmk'd paper and printed in vermilion/deep green, sepia/blue green, and vermilion/pale blue green respectively £32.50
- 522 Antarctica.** Rarely offered mint set of the three Polar Expedition stamps – King Edward VII Land (Royle printing), ½d and 1d Victoria Land (RD1a, 2a, 3a). All previously hinged, but all of glorious appearance. Cat. \$ 2600 (S.G. £1145). An incredible bargain at only £495.00

OFFER OF THE MONTH

Or to be precise, **two** offers of the month – available to Bulletin subscribers only.

- 523(a) 1d Dominion.** The key issue of this series, on De La Rue unsurfaced paper (J3a). Mint unhinged, and carrying our unconditional guarantee, of course. Cat. \$ 40 £9.50
- (b) As above, but in unhinged mint block of 4 £37.50
- 524(a) 1934 7d Blue Trans-Tasman Air Stamp (V5a).** Perfect mint unhinged. Cat. \$ 100 £32.50
- (b) As above. Lightly hinged mint example £20.00

Q.E. HEADS

A listing from stock, mainly inexpensive, but nevertheless including some unusual offers. All stamps are mint.

- 525(a) ½d Grey (N1a).** Three fine shade contrasts 75p
- (b) As above. Both listed imprint/plate blocks of 6 (nos. 1 and 2) £3.75
- (c) As above. Marginal block of 6 from plate 2, including the R8/4 retouch (NV1a) . £10.00
- 526(a) 1d Orange (N2a).** Three lovely shades 75p

(b)	As above. Imprint/plate block of 6 (pl. No. 5)	£1.35
(c)	As above. Unmounted mint single with inverted wmk. (N2aZ). The beauty of this cheap offer is that it has full perforations on all 4 sides (many booklet stamps are found with a straight edge, or two!)	£1.00
(d)	As above. Two booklet panes of 6, watermark upright and inverted respectively (W7a Z and Y)	£4.50
527(a)	1½d Lake-brown (N3a). Four contrasting shades. Lovely!	£1.50
(b)	As above. All 4 imprint/plate blocks (nos. 11, 12, 13, 14), six stamps per block	£8.00
(c)	As above. Two plate blocks, in fine shades of rosy-lake and brown-lake	£5.00
528(a)	2d Green (N4a). Three shades, as listed	75p
(b)	As above. All 4 imprint/plate blocks (4 stamps per block), nos. 15 – 18	£5.50
(c)	As above. Two plate blocks of 4, on widely differing papers	£5.00
(d)	As above. Similarly notable paper contrasts, but this time in the same counter coil pair (NC1a)	£5.00
529(a)	3d Vermilion (N5a). Two (unmounted) singles, die 1a and 1b respectively .	£1.35
(b)	As above. Corner block of 4, die 1b	£5.00
(c)	As above. Complete set of Die 1a imprint/plate blocks of 6 (nos. 3, 4, 7, 8, 21 – 30 incl.) 14 blocks	£22.50
(d)	As above. Three imprint/plate blocks, in shades of pale vermillion, vermillion and deep bright vermillion	£7.50
(e)	As above. Imprint/plate block of 6 (pl. no. 21) with additional part strike of the comb perforating head in bottom selvedge	£4.00
(f)	As above. The two die 1b imprint/plate blocks (nos. 32 and 33), seldom offered	£30.00
(g)	As above. Marginal block of 10 including the plate 22 R5/11 extensive retouch, NV5a(a) – illustrated in our Catalogue	£10.00
(h)	As above. Marginal block of 6, with plate 23 R8/3 retouch (NV5a(b))	£10.00
(i)	As above. Horizontal strip of 4 from slot machine, with central butt join ...	£4.00
(j)	As above. Bottom selvedge block of 4 with inverted watermark proving conclusively that it is from the much scarcer large-sheet printing (N5aZ). Very elusive	£42.50
(k)	As above. Two booklet panes of 6, watermark upright and inverted (W7aW and X)	£5.00

- (l) **As above.** Three counter coil pairs, all die 1a stamps, including NC1b, NC1c and NC3a. Incidentally the coil section numbers are all different so they are easily identified £3.75
- (m) **As above.** Counter coil pair (NC3a), the two stamps on superbly contrasting papers £5.00
- (n) **As above.** Complete set of NC3a coil pairs (nos. 1 — 19) £20.00

RECENT ISSUES

- 1986 Police** (issued 25/1/86), 25c x 5 se-tenant
- Mint se-tenant strip of 5 95p
- Used se-tenant strip of 5 £1.25
- Imprint block of 10 (two se-tenant strips) £2.35
- Official Illustrated F.D.C. (Wanganui pmk.) £1.05
- 1986 Frama Labels** (issued 12/2/86). A complete set of these would consist of 9999 labels, with a face value of just over half a million dollars!
- Our set consists of all values 1c — 25c (the first class postage rate at the time).
- Mint £3.00
- Official Illustrated F.D.C. (Wanganui pmk.) with a 25c label 40p
- 1986 Vintage Transport** (Motor Bikes) 35c, 45c, 60c, 75c — (issued 5/3/86).
- Mint set of 4 £1.45
- Complete set of 4 imprint/plate blocks (6 stamps per block) £9.75
- Official Illustrated F.D.C. (Wanganui pmk.) £1.55
- 1986 Year of Peace**, 25c x 2 se-tenant (issued 5/3/86).
- Mint se-tenant pair 36p
- Set of two imprint/plate blocks (4 se-tenant pairs each block) £3.20
- One imprint/plate block £1.65
- Official Illustrated F.D.C. (Wanganui pmk.) 46p
- 1985 Special Cancels.** No less than 29 different special cancels (each on the N.Z. Pictorial Postcard), and all issued in 1985. Featuring: Anniversaries, Centenaries, Air Flights, Stamp Exhibitions and many, many, more (post paid) £12.75

1984 N.Z. STAMP COLLECTION

This, the first in the series, was published by the N.Z.P.O., and includes all 1984 stamps and miniature sheets, housed in a lavishly illustrated and written-up royal blue album, with matching slip-in case.

Quantities produced were small in relation to the demand, consequently it very soon sold out not only at the N.Z.P.O. but also from most dealers stocks. We have been fortunate in obtaining just one or two copies, each (post paid) £60.00

N.B. We still have copies of the 1985 Album collection in stock, price £24.75 post paid.