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N.Z. NOTES AND COMMENT

by Colin Hamilton

'On Maori Council Business Only'. Thanks to Major Henry Dumas of Wiltshire, I can now confirm the printing details for the postcard referred to in my Notes last month. The evidently sole surviving example of this card is in Major Dumas' collection, and he kindly sent me a photocopy of the reverse side. The full printing code (in the bottom left corner) reads 4000/1/1902 - 290, indicating a supply of 4000 cards in January 1902. I assume the final figure - 290 - is some kind of job number, and if this is the case, it is of interest in relation to the 'On Maori Council Business Only' envelopes. It will be recalled that the only known concrete evidence of the existence of these is a front, on which only part of the printing code remains, reading '.... 1902 - 291B'. It seems reasonable to conclude from this that these envelopes (there were apparently two distinct types) were printed immediately after the cards - early in 1902. Since we know that '291B' was the type without the L-shaped black frame enclosing the space for the frank, it is also a fair assumption that the other type, with the frame, was '291A'.

An interesting Crash Cover. One of our offers this month is of a cover from Auckland addressed to Utrecht, South Africa, bearing a two-line cachet in violet reading 'FLYING BOAT CORRESPONDENCE DAMAGED BY SEAWATER/VLIEGBOOT KORRESPONDENSIE DEUR SEEWATER BESKADIG'. Unfortunately, as is frequently the case with crash covers, the adhesive stamp has floated off, taking with it part of the Auckland datestamp - the only part of the date remaining is '12 AP'. However the cover was officially resealed at Durban on 6th May 1939, and there is also a Utrecht receiving mark dated 8th May 1939. From these dates, it is obvious that this cover was involved in the flying boat 'Challenger' crash in Mozambique on 1st May 1939. 'Challenger' was at the time en route from England to Southern Africa, so the question is why should a cover from N.Z. to South Africa be on a flight from England to South Africa? The answer, we suggest, is that at that time, mail from N.Z. to South Africa would travel via Australia, Singapore, and Karachi to Cairo, at which point it would connect with the U.K. - South Africa service. We know of only one other N.Z. cover involved in this particular accident, recorded in an extensive article on wreck mails by B.R. Peace in "The Kiwi" (journal of the New Zealand Society of Great Britain) in April 1973.

1986 C.P. Catalogue Supplement. At the time of writing these Notes, we regret we are unable to predict when this might be distributed to U.K. subscribers. No, the trouble is not one of Editorial nor printing delays. Both of these aspects were completed some time ago. The problem is the infrequency of vessels sailing from N.Z. to the U.K. - we understand from our colleagues in Auckland that the Woking supply of Supplements has been lying in the docks there for some weeks, awaiting

suitable transport. We can assure Catalogue holders, however, that they will receive their Supplements just as soon as is humanly possible.

LATER. We now understand the Supplements are on a ship scheduled to arrive in U.K. on 14th August, so all being well, distribution should be possible by late August — early September.

1899 FIRST TYPE POSTAGE DUES, MINT

An unusually comprehensive listing of this elusive series.

(i) Large 'NZ', Large 'D'

801	½d (Y1a). Fine condition	£9.00
802(a)	8d (Y2a). Very fine, well-centred	£37.50
	(b) As above. Another copy with excellent double strike showing as complete duplication of bottom frame. Part gum only, hence	£30.00
803(a)	1/- (Y3a). Good copy	£37.50
	(b) As above. Another copy, exceptionally fine, with good double strike	£50.00
804	2/- (Y4a). Fine, well-centred	£75.00

(ii) Large 'NZ', small 'D'.

805	5d (Y5a). Very fine	£17.50
806	6d (Y6a). Perf. fault, otherwise very fine	£12.50
807	10d (Y7a). Very fine copy	£50.00

(iii) Small 'NZ', large 'D'.

808(a)	½d (Y8a). Fine, well-centred	£1.75
	(b) As above, but average centring	50p
809	1d (Y9a). Very fine	£4.50
810	2d (Y10a). Fine	£20.00
811	3d (Y11a). Very fine	£9.50

(iv) Small 'NZ', small 'D'.

812	1d (Y12a). Very fine	£4.50
813	2d (Y13a). Fine	£9.50
814	4d (Y14a). Fine	£9.50
815	Complete set of 14 (Y1a—Y14a), in well above average condition	£235.00

Q.E. HEADS (cont).

Unless otherwise stated all offers are mint. Where necessary full variety details will be provided.

816 (a)	1/- Centre Die 1b (N10b). Spacefiller copy (small tear), unmounted	£10.00
(b)	As above. Used single (c.d.s. cancel)	£7.50
(c)	As above. 5 used copies, each on piece with complete (or large part) c.d.s. cancel, showing usage at Hamilton, Matangi, Waiki, Claudelands, Ngaruawakia, and all used in 1958/9	£45.00
817 (a)	1/6d (N11a). Three fine frame shades	£2.00
(b)	As above. Similar frame shades but each in block of 4	£8.00
(c)	As above. The elusive "blue" shade, unmounted	£15.00
(d)	As above. Three plate blocks (1B1B, 1A2A, 1B2B) and an imprint block, 4 stamps each block	£16.00
(e)	As above. Sheet value (£12) block of 4	£4.00
(f)	As above. Three imprint blocks showing different states of the R8/5 centre 1B variety — NCV2(c,d,f.). Fine lot	£20.00
(g)	As above. Two corner blocks of 6, with plate nos. 1B2B showing second state flaw and retouch of the R6/10 centre plate variety. (NCV5 d and e)	£15.00
(h)	As above. Marginal block of 8, with R6/3 centre (2B) second flaw and R6/2 frame (1B) retouch	£10.00
(i)	As above. Two corner blocks of 8, with flaw and retouch states of the R8/4 frame (1A) variety — NV11a (a,b)	£15.00
(j)	As above. Four blocks of 8 showing the following frame 1B varieties: (i) R3/4 flaw, R4/2 no flaw; (ii) R3/4 flaw almost disappeared, R4/2 no flaw; (iii) as (ii) but R4/2 now with flaw; (iv) R3/4 and R4/2 flaws retouched. NV11a(d — f, plus footnotes).....	£35.00
(k)	As above. Three plate blocks of 8 (all incl. plate nos. 1A2A) showing (i) R7/7 flaw; (ii) R7/7 flaw gone, white area remains, R8/8 flaw; and (iii) R7/7 and 8/8 retouched	£30.00
(l)	As above. Set of 4 counter coil pairs, (i) horizontal pair NC5a; (ii) vertical pairs NC6d, NC7c and NC7cZ (narrow gutter). All with different coil nos. for easy identification	£17.50
(m)	As above. Complete set (nos. 1 — 19) of NC5c horizontal coil pairs. Cat. \$418, a scarce set	£95.00
(n)	As above. NC6d counter coil pair, the two stamps in superb frame contrasts .	£6.00

(o)	As above. NC7c coil pair, again two superb frame shades	£6.00
818 (a)	1/9d Original Paper (N12a). Two fine frame (orange) contrasts	£4.00
(b)	As above. Set of three blocks of 4, both plate blocks plus an imprint block .	£45.00
(c)	As above. Sheet value (£14) block of 4	£12.50
(d)	As above. Three matching corner blocks of 6, each with plate nos. 1B2B, showing R6/10 centre plate 2B varieties in pre-flaw, 1st flaw and 1st retouch states (NCV5a - c) - see lot 819d for the block required to make this set complete. Cat. \$ 180	£50.00
(e)	As above. Counter coil pair (NC7d)	£9.00
(f)	As above. NC7d coil pair, stamps in fine orange shades	£12.50
(g)	As above. Complete set (nos. 1 - 19) of NC7d coil pairs. Cat. \$ 418	£100.00
819 (a)	1/9d White paper (N12b). The two listed frame shades	£4.00
(b)	As above. Both plate blocks (1A2A, 1B2B), blocks of 4	£30.00
(c)	As above. Two sheet value blocks (£14 and £14 obliterated), 4 stamps each block	£27.50
(d)	As above. Corner block of 6 (pl. 1B2B) with R6/10 centre 2nd retouch variety (NCV5e) - together with lot 818 d above, this would make a set of all states known in the 1/9d value	£15.00
(e)	As above. Two corner blocks of 8, both incl. plate nos. 1A2A, showing flaw and retouched states of R5/10 frame variety, NV12b (a,b). Cat. \$ 100	£35.00
(f)	As above. Flaw state of this R5/10 frame variety in marginal pair (a beauty, this one readily visible to the naked-eye), NV12b(a). Cat. \$ 60	£10.00
(g)	As above. Series of variety blocks, all listed in A.L. Neeson's excellent little book on the 1954-58 Q.E. Middle Values:-	
(i)	Marginal block of 4, plate 1A2A, frame retouch R4/1	£12.50
(ii)	Marginal block of 8, plate 1A2A, frame re-entry R6/4	£20.00
(iii)	Corner block of 4, plate 1A2A, with R8/1 centre retouch and R8/2 centre flaw	£12.50
(iv)	Corner block of 4, plate 1B2B, with centre flaws R7/1, R7/2	£12.50
(h)	As above. Counter coil pair (NC8e)	£9.00
(i)	As above. Complete set (nos. 1 - 19) of NC8e coil pairs. Cat. \$ 475	£115.00
(j)	As above. NC8e coil pair, two lovely frame shades	£12.50
820 (a)	Queens on Horseback (N13a - N16a). Set of these 4 values 2/6d, 3/-, 5/-, 10/-, unhinged mint (Cat. \$ 215)	£70.00

(b)	As above. Set of four imprint/plate blocks of 4 stamps, complete, unhinged mint. (Cat. \$1050)	£300.00
(c)	As above. 2/6d, the two Catalogued shades, mint	£25.00
(d)	As above. 2/6d, lovely used block of 4 with c.d.s. cancels (Scarce thus)	£20.00
(e)	As above. 3/-, we only list one shade for this stamp, yet here are two fine contrasts, mint	£10.00
(f)	As above. 5/-, two superb shades, mint	£20.00
(g)	As above. 10/-, two super shades, mint	£35.00
(h)	As above. 10/-, used block of 4 with part c.d.s. cancels. (Cat. \$200 — like the 2/6d, scarce in used multiple	£60.00

COVERS MISCELLANY, continued.

821	1965 Churchill (S97a). Four 1965 Churchill F.D.C's, all illustrated and all different	£7.50
822	1931 Health 2d (T3b). 1931 air cover, Hamilton to Gisborne, including two 2d K.G.V recess (K2d), 3d air (V1a) and 2d Smiling Boy (T3b). Adhesives alone Cat. \$285, and in brilliant fresh condition	£75.00
823	1937 Health (T9a). Four 1937 Health F.D.C's, all illustrated and all different .	£25.00
824	Health Camp Postmarks. One Health-Camp-Postmarked cover for each of the years 1952—1955, 1957—59, 1961, 1963—68, 1970, 1971. Sixteen covers, an ideal starter collection	£20.00
825	Express Delivery. 1937 Envelope, Dunedin to Invercargill, sent by Express Delivery — includes a red express label, 6d express adhesive (U1d) as well as the 1d stamp paying postage. Lovely	£45.00
826	1947 Life Insurance. Official L.I. Dept First Day Cover for the Pictorial set as issued on 1/8/47 (½d, 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1/-)	£7.00
827(a)	Postage Dues. 1939 Envelope (from G.B. to New Zealand with TO PAY 3d DOUBLE DEFICIENT POSTAGE circular stamp, and 3d postage due adhesive (Y18). The back of the cover carries the boxed cachet "Please advise sender that letters should be prepaid 1½d for each half ounce". Nice	£32.50
(b)	As above. 1951 envelope (from Grenada) to New Zealand with 3d postage due adhesive (Y22)	£20.00
828	Arms. 1931 cover bearing a 1/3d Arms stamp in lemon — mint copies of this stamp are relatively common, used are elusive, and used on cover very scarce ..	£27.50
829	Victoria Land. Large (216mm x 140mm) Br. Antarctic Expedition envelope in blue (with Expedition crest printed on the back) bearing a 1d Victoria Land adhesive (RD3a), cancelled 9/2/11 with the expedition datestamp, and a	

Lyttelton receiving mark 31/3/11. Facially fine, although the back is somewhat torn (cat. \$ 400) £87.50

830	1939 Crash Cover. The rare 'Challenger' cover referred to in this month's Notes. Fine, clear cachet, otherwise typical 'accident cover' condition. Only one other N.Z. cover from this crash is known to us	£67.50
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831(a) Special Cancels. 15 covers from 1937–1959, each with a different special cancellation – Centennials, Philatelic Exhibitions, Scout, Mail Coach, R.T.P.O. Fine interesting lot £20.00

(b) As above. 17 similar covers/cards covering the 1961–1974 period, each with a different special cancellation £15.00

832(a) Postcard. 1904 postcard, Dunedin to Christchurch. The adhesive is a 1d Universal booklet stamp (G7a – scarce on cover), card bears a Travelling P.O. Christchurch – Dunedin, 'inwards' datestamp £17.50

(b) As above. 1906 Postcard of Tay Street, Invercargill, postmarked at Invercargill. £3.00

833 Muir and Moodie Postcard. Unused example of these well-known cards (featuring Lithographed reproductions of the 1898 Pictorials) – this one is no. 59 and features a Maori beauty ! £10.00

834(a) First World War. 1916 cover to USA with the three-line cachet PASSED BY THE/MILITARY CENSOR/ N.Z. £10.00

(b) As above. Three On Active Service envelopes, all with Field Post Office cancellations, but showing three different types of censor markings £25.00

835(a) Meter Marks. Plain 1908 cover, to London, with two strikes of the early Wellington Postage Paid meter mark, no. 50 (Vol. 3, page 431, type 6). Also a strike of the Wellington Official Paid datestamp. Superb £15.00

(b) As above. Another (1908) example, to Christchurch, of this meter type, numbered 33, On Public Trust Office Business Only (State Guaranteed) envelope £10.00

(c) As above. A further (1909) example of this meter, numbered 35 – this cover carries private advertising for the Wellington Meat Export Co. Ltd., so presumably they were allotted meter no. 35. Brilliant £15.00

836(a) O.H.M.S. 1915 O.H.M.S. cover, bearing 1d Dominion official adhesive – from the Dept of Agriculture, Industries and Commerce. Also carries a rubber-stamped cachet WAERENGA EXPERIMENTAL FARM, PRIVATE BAG, AUCKLAND. Lovely official cover £20.00

(b) As above. 1917 O.H.M.S. postcard, with Official Paid printed frank (incidentally this is of a type not illustrated in Vol. 3), postmarked Wellington 19 OC 1917, and with the Chief Postmaster Wellington 19 OC 1917 cachet. Nice £12.50

837(a) O.P.S.O. 1889 O.P.S.O. envelope with the printed P.A.S.D. free frank (printing and Stationery Dept) – Vol. 3, page 463, type 10 £12.50

- (b) **As above.** Another P.A.S.D. envelope (1900), this time with a later P.A.S.D. free frank (type 11) £15.00
- (c) **As above.** Unused example of the Treasury free frank (Vol. 3, page 463, type 7) on O.P.S.O. cover — on the back flap there is impressed (in blue) the Treasury New Zealand coat of Arms. Superb £15.00
- (d) **As above.** Used O.P.S.O. cover with the Treasury free frank £6.50

MISCELLANY

- 838 1/- **First Sideface.** Mint copy, perf. 12x11½ (C6c). Lightly hinged, exceptionally well-centred, and super appearance, but a couple of minor perf tones (barely perceptible on the design side) allow £40.00
- 839(a) 5/- **First Sideface** (C8a). Again appearance extraordinarily fine, but with a light horizontal crease (invisible on the face), so only £62.50
- (b) **As above.** Another copy, centred to right, and condition fair only. Excellent spacefiller at just £17.50
- 840 2½d **Second Sideface.** Imperf plate proofs in black and red-brown. The two .. £22.50
- 841 1898 4d **Terraces.** Mint block of 4 including the listed R2/5 re-entry (EV11b). Very fine, well-centred £45.00
- 842(a) 1d **Universal Mixed Perfs.** Superb mint corner block of 4 on Pirie paper, originally perf. 14 all round, but re-perfed 11 horizontally to correct poor registration — in this case a wasted effort, for the correction is even more poorly positioned than the original inaccuracy! The interesting and rare block (G2e), Cat. \$1800 (S.G. £1000), offered at £325.00
- (b) **As above.** Another block of 4, but on Basted Mills paper. This one originally perf. 14x11, re-perfed 11 horizontally, and showing exactly how the correction should be done, with the misplaced '14' officially patched, and the re-perfing perfectly positioned. The block (G3e), Cat. \$1000 (S.G. £400), condition superfine £175.00
- 843 **King Edward VII Officials.** Simplified set of 6, ½d—1/- (incl. 1d Dominion). Previously hinged but very fine and fresh mint. Cat. \$210 (S.G. £130) £57.50
- 844(a) 1d **Dominion Variety.** Mint block of 4 on De La Rue paper, including the R5/24 'Broken Globe' flaw (J1aO) £8.00
- (b) **As above.** Another 'De La Rue' block, all stamps with superb complete offset impression on back (J1aZ). Brilliant! £37.50
- (c) **As above.** Marginal block of 4 on Jones Paper, including the R3/1 'Feather' flaw (J2aV). Perfect unhinged mint £35.00
- (d) **As above.** Unhinged mint copy on 'Art' paper with the rare variety "Watermark on both front and back" (J5aY). Cat. \$250, one only at £75.00

	(e) As above. Unhinged mint copy on Cowan Reversed Wmk paper, with variety Offset on Back (J7aZ). Offset impression is complete, but not as strong as the J1a offset. Cat. \$ 50, special offer at	£12.50
845(a)	King George V Plate Numbers. 2d Violet, full corner selvedge single with plate no. 16. Superfine mint	£30.00
	(b) As above. 7½d Deep Red-Brown, pair (again with full corner selvedge) showing plate no. 24. Superb mint unhinged	£40.00
	(c) As above. 8d Indigo-Blue, corner selvedge single with plate no. 39. Superfine mint	£32.50
846	Second Pictorial Inverted Watermarks. We have a good selection of these at present:	
	(a) ½d Single Wmk (L1aZ). Mint unhinged	75p
	(b) ½d Multiple Wmk (L1bX). Mint unhinged	75p
	(c) 1d Single Wmk (L2aZ). Finest mint	£1.00
	(d) 1d Multiple Wmk (L2dZ). Mint unhinged	£1.00
	(e) As above, but marginal block of 4	£4.50
	(f) 2½d Single Wmk (L5aY). Finest mint	£11.50
	(g) As above, but very fine used, and scarce thus	£15.00
	(h) 2½d Multiple Wmk, perf. 14 line (L5dZ). Mint unhinged	£7.50
	(i) 3d Multiple Wmk (L6bZ). Mint unhinged	£22.50
	(j) 5d Multiple Wmk, perf. 13—14x13½ (L8cZ). Finest mint	£12.50
	(k) 8d Multiple Wmk (L10bZ). Mint unhinged	£10.00
	(l) As above, but corner block of 4	£40.00
	(m) 9d Multiple Wmk (L11cZ). Mint unhinged	£20.00
	(n) 2/- Single Wmk (L13aZ). Finest mint	£25.00
	(o) 3/- Multiple Wmk (L14dZ). Corner copy, unhinged mint	£20.00
847	Health Miniature Sheets. A complete run from 1957 (both sideways and upright wmk) to 1971 inclusive — 32 sheets. All are very lightly hinged in selvedge only, with the exception of 1962 (rather more heavily hinged), and all are of pristine fresh appearance. Cat. \$ 530, a wonderful opportunity for someone who does not insist on unhinged mint. The lot of 32 miniature sheets .	£52.50
848	1967 Ross Dependency 15c. Very lightly hinged mint copy with variety Watermark Inverted (RD11aZ). A scarce one !	£30.00