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N.Z. NOTES AND COMMENT

By Colin Hamilton

King Edward VII ½d postal stationery envelopes, if not exactly in the "ten-a-penny" category, are not particularly scarce. The example illustrated overleaf, however, must be among the rarest of all N.Z. postal stationery items. Superficially, it is conspicuously inconspicuous — just a plain envelope with the ordinary ½d Edward imprinted stamp.

Three different types of this envelope were issued by the N.Z.P.O. from 1903 for general use. These are listed in the Samuel stationery catalogue as CC.1a, CC.1b and CC.1c. All were identical in size (138mm x 79mm), all were manufactured from notably thick white paper, the first being of the 'laid' type, and the others 'wove'. Each is readily identifiable, by differences in the positioning and shape of the flap.

But there is a record of one other such envelope. An entry in the Government Printing Office Records showed a tiny printing of 500 carried out to the order of Messrs. Whitcombe and Tombs Ltd., on envelopes described in the records as "plain". Although no other details were given, it is clear that the example illustrated must be from this small printing — the envelope differs markedly from any used for the P.O.'s own printings in size (147mm x 97mm approx.), colour (creamish) and texture (relatively thin) — no doubt because the envelopes for the order were supplied by Whitcombe and Tombs themselves. Another difference noted in my example is that it shows a watermark 'EXTRA STRONG' in double-lined capitals — this may or may not be a constant feature, of course.

Mr. Samuel in a footnote to his listing of this rare envelope (as CW5a), suggests that although ordered by Whitcombe and Tombs, the entire printing may have been arranged on behalf of one of that company's own private customers. Furthermore, in view of the size of the envelopes, and the date of use (Dec. 1909) of the example he illustrates in his catalogue, he suggests that the supply may have been intended as several years' 'stock' for the sending out of Christmas cards (of the private, all-the-same type no doubt favoured as a status symbol by a certain class of people in Edwardian Christchurch).

Our example tends to support the Christmas card idea. Certainly it was posted unsealed with the flap tucked in (proved by the positioning of the Birmingham arrival backstamp — not illustrated — and the flap still has full original gum, incidentally). Although it did not arrive in Birmingham until 6th January, 1908, the date of posting (Nov. 27, 1907), would not have been too unreasonable for the sending of a card to the U.K. — perhaps, in this case, a New Year greetings card?

Mr. Samuel has confirmed that this is only the third example he is aware of. One (that illustrated in his catalogue) is in his own collection, and the other, in poor condition, turned up in an auction sale in N.Z. several years ago. The really surprising thing — considering the probable circumstances of its original *raison d'être*, and its unremarkable appearance — is that at least three survived not only the waste-paper basket, but the 80 years or so since.

MISCELLANEOUS OFFERS

- 801(a) 1d Second sideface.** Set of two used (perf. 10) showing the major, naked-eye "Chisel" and "Screwdriver" flaws — both listed in C.P. £5.00
- (b) As above.** A similar set of two flaws, but both stamps have advertisements on the back £12.50

(c)	As above. One set only (both perf. 11 in this case) finest mint — one lightly hinged, the other unhinged	£27.50
802(a)	1d Universal London Print (G1a). Top right corner block of 9 (with sheet serial no. 419), including the good re-entries on R3/22 and 3/24. Minor selvedge faults, stamps finest mint	£75.00
(b)	As above. Another block of 9, this one with bottom left corner selvedge, and including three re-entries, on R9/3, 10/1 and 10/3. Superb mint. Stamps Cat. \$ 180 as normals	£75.00
803	1d Universal. A beautiful used block of 12 (6 x 2) from the Reserve Plate (G6a). Large multiples, mint or used, from this plate are extremely scarce. Couple of creases not evident on face. The block	£47.50
804	Second Pictorial 3/- Perf. 12½ (L14e). Not the most expensive stamp in this issue, but certainly one of the most elusive. It's literally years since we were in a position to offer the following:	
(a)	Single stamp, perfect unhinged mint	£37.50
(b)	Marginal block of 4, unhinged	£160.00
(c)	Plate block of 4, unhinged	£195.00
805(a)	1d Kiwi Mult. Wmk. Booklet. Pane of 6, complete with binding selvedge at left, wmk. upright (W5bZ). Superb mint unhinged	£37.50
(b)	As above. Another pane, similarly fine, but in this case the rare variety Watermark Inverted (W5bY) . Not to be confused with the inverted watermarks which occurred naturally in a proportion of the earlier (W5a) 1d Kiwi booklets due to the layout of the plate for that issue. This is a true variety, and a very rare one	£167.50
806	K.G. VI ½d Booklet Pane with wmk. inverted (W6bY). Some ink set-off on gum (from booklet interleaving), but facially superb. Now Cat. \$ 110, offered at	£22.50
807	K.G. VI 1d Booklet Pane with plate no. 5 in binding selvedge (W6aX). Straight edge at foot, otherwise immaculate. Now Cat. \$ 125	£42.50
808(a)	K.G. VI ½d Green (M1a). Plate blocks of 4, showing the plate numbers 1 and 2 in the left selvedge (the only position in which these two plate numbers appeared — all higher numbers appeared in both left and right selvedges). Very minor gum tone on one, otherwise exceptionally fine. Cat. \$ 60	£18.50
(b)	As above. Set of two plate blocks, with pl. no. 10 in left and right selvedges. One stamp on the 'left' block has a gum tone visible on design side, other block is superb. Cat. \$ 90	£27.50
(c)	As above. Similar set of two blocks with pl. no. 16 at left and right. Both blocks superfine mint. Cat. \$ 60	£25.00
(d)	As above. Similar set of two blocks, but with pl. no. 17. Again superfine. ..	£25.00
(e)	As above. Similar set of two blocks, but with pl. no. 18. Superb mint	£25.00

(f)	As above. Similar set of two blocks, but with pl. no. 19. Superb mint	£25.00
(g)	As above. Imprint block of 8, superfine mint	£25.00
809(a)	K.G.VI Red (M2a). Plate blocks of 4, with pl. nos. 3 and 4 in left selvage (as in the case of the ½d green, all side-selvage plate numbers subsequent to these two, with the exception of the booklet plate no. 5, appeared in both left and right selvages). The two plate blocks, finest mint	£25.00
(b)	As above. Set of two plate blocks, with plate no. 6 at left and right respectively. Superb mint	£25.00
(c)	As above. Similar set of two blocks, but with pl. no. 7	£25.00
(d)	As above. Similar set of two blocks, but with pl. no. 8	£25.00
(e)	As above. Similar set of two blocks, but with pl. no. 11	£29.50
(f)	As above. Similar set of two blocks, but with pl. no. 12	£29.50
(g)	As above. Left selvage block of 4 with pl. no. 13	£14.75
(h)	As above. Set of two blocks, with pl. no. 14 at left and right	£29.50
(i)	As above. Similar set of two blocks, with pl. no. 15. One stamp in the left selvage block has gum stains, not evident on face	£17.50
(j)	As above. Imprint block of 8 (no plate number)	£25.00
(k)	As above. Imprint/plate block of 8, with plate no. 25 central in the bottom selvage. Scarce, and exceptionally fine	£32.50
(l)	As above. Similar block of 8, with pl. no. 26. Several stain spots, some of which show on face, hence only	£7.50
810	1970 Pictorial 1c Butterfly. Marginal copy with the scarce variety Watermark Inverted (P2aZ). Unhinged mint	£45.00
811	1935 Silver Jubilee. A complete set of seven imprint/plate blocks of 4 (½d x 2, 1d x 4, 6d x 1), all superb unhinged mint. Scarce	£115.00
812(a)	1936 Chamber of Commerce. Set of eight corner blocks of 4 (½d x 4, 1d x 4), showing the plate no. 1 in all four positions in which it appeared, i.e. top left, top right, bottom left and bottom right corners of sheets. One 1d block minor stain, otherwise very fine mint	£6.00
(b)	As above. Plate block of the 4d (S23a) with plate number at top right or bottom right, each block	£10.25
(c)	As above. Plate block of the 6d (S24a), with plate number at top right or bottom right, each block	£10.25
813	1933 Health. Set of two used copies (one good, one superb) from R2/1 and 3/3 respectively, showing the prominent cloud flaws which were later	

retouched. R2/1 additionally has the equally prominent constant retouch (resulting in the letters LT of HEALTH being notably shorter than normal) .. £22.50

- 814 1958 £1 Arms Type.** Corner block of 4 of the late issue on unsurfaced HM paper and perf. 14 x 13½ (Z42e). Tiniest trace of a previous hinge in selvage, otherwise absolute perfection. Cat. \$ 280 (S.G. £128) £115.00

MINT LONG FISCALS

- 815** Short set of five (2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-), all on De La Rue paper and with the neat, clean-cut perforation 14½ x 14. Very fresh and fine for these difficult issues. Cat. \$ 485 (S.G. £262). Very good buying at, the set of five £145.00

Odd values available as follows:

- 816(a)** 2/- De La Rue paper, perf. 14½ x 14 (Z2g). Superfine mint £20.00
 (b) 4/- De La Rue paper, perf. 14½ x 14 (Z5k). Unhinged mint, superb £70.00
 (c) 5/- Cowan Paper, perf. 14½ x 14 (Z6j). Superfine mint £50.00
 (d) 5/- Cowan Reversed Wmk., perf. 14½ x 14 (Z6k). Brilliant unhinged mint ... £95.00

817 1907 KING EDWARD VII PRIVATE ENVELOPE

The subject of this month's notes (and illustrated on the front page). Has been lightly folded horizontally and vertically, but in remarkably fine condition. The very rare private postal stationery cover £195.00

HEALTHS 1944 – 1949

A further selection of inexpensive and interesting offers. Unless otherwise stated, all items are mint, many being unmounted.

- 818 (a) 1944 Princesses** (T16a/b). The set of two in unmounted mint blocks of 4 ... 75p
 (b) **As above.** Four unmounted mint singles (two each value), nice green and blue shades 75p
 (c) **As above.** Two imprint/plate blocks of 4, complete (unhinged) £1.00
 (d) **As above.** Two used blocks of 4 £1.00
- 819(a) 1945 Peter Pan** (T17a/b). Two unhinged mint blocks of 4 50p
 (b) **As above.** All four 1d plates blocks (A1, A2, B1, B2) mint £2.00
 (c) **As above.** Two 2d plate blocks, A1 and the scarcer B2 £11.50
 (d) **As above.** Two used blocks of 4 75p
 (e) **As above.** Three different illustrated 1945 F.D.C.'s £2.50

820(a)	1946 "Soldier" (T18a/b). 1d value, two superb green shades	60p
(b)	As above. The same two shades, matching marginal blocks of 4	£2.50
(c)	As above. Photograph of the 2d amended artists design (as illustrated in Volume II), together with a copy of the issued stamp	£10.00
(d)	As above. 1d value with blurred centre (T18aW)	£12.50
(e)	As above. The same blurred centre variety but on the 2d (T18bZ)	£12.50
(f)	As above. 2d marginal block of 4 with the R8/8 "flaw on soldier's hat" variety (T18bY)	£12.50
(g)	As above. Block of 4 stamps of each value, used with 24 OCT first day cancellation	£1.50
(h)	As above. Official illustrated First Day Cover (with both stamps)	75p
(i)	As above. Similar cover (adhesives are 2d block of 4), postmarked FRANKTON JUNC. (name changed to Frankton in 1965).....	£5.00
(j)	As above. First Day Cover posted at Glenelg Health Camp (the temporary post office — open only one day a year — at this Camp opened in 1946, and Glenelg was the only Health Camp to have a P.O. that year)	£10.00
821(a)	1947 "Eros" (T19a/b). The set of two, together with a photograph of the artist's original design (illustrated in Vol. II)	£10.00
(b)	As above. Two fine shades of the 1d stamp, green and yellow green	£1.00
(c)	As above. Imprint blocks of 4 of each value	£2.25
(d)	As above. One imprint block (4 stamps) of each value, each block with a black arrow above the imprint. One stamp thinned	£7.50
(e)	As above. Three corner singles — 1d with "Twelve Shillings" in margin, and two 2d stamps with "£1/4/0" marking in top left and top right corners respectively	£10.00
(f)	As above. Block of 4 of each value, with first day cancellations	£1.50
(g)	As above. Two different illustrated First Day Covers	£1.50
(h)	As above. Another 1947 F.D.C., pmk'd. Otaki Railway	£1.50
(i)	As above. 1947 illustrated First Day Cover, postmarked Glenelg Health Camp	£5.00
822(a)	1948 "Health Camp" (T20a/b). Each value represented by five blocks of 4, in each case consisting of three different plate blocks, and two sheet value blocks from TR and TL corners of sheets. The ten blocks	£10.00

(b)	As above. Two 1d plate (A2) blocks, bottom selvedge perforated and not perforated through respectively	£5.00
(c)	As above. Three different plate blocks, all showing erroneous part strikes of the perforating head in the bottom selvedge	£5.00
(d)	As above. Two 1d stamps, normal "coarse" paper and the variety fine "Tokelau" paper (T20aZ)	£4.75
(e)	As above. Same content as the previous lot, but fine used	£4.75
(f)	As above. 1d plate (B1) block of 4 on the fine "Tokelau" paper. Scarce thus ..	£25.00
(g)	As above. Block of 4 of each value, each with contemporary 1948 cancels ..	75p
(h)	As above. Four different illustrated F.D.C.'s	£3.00
(i)	As above. Three F.D.C.'s with unusual pmk's (i) KOPEOPEO; (ii) ANDERSON'S BAY (the apostrophe was dropped from the datestamp in 1951); (iii) LAMBTON QUAY (office opened in 1942)	£3.50
(j)	As above. Plain First Day Cover, postmarked Glenelg Health Camp.....	£5.00
823(a)	1949 "Nurse and Child" (T21a/b). Plate block of 6 and sheet value block of 4 for each value. The four blocks	£4.00
(b)	As above. 1d marginal block of 4 with R4/1 "Bandaged Finger" variety (T21aZ) .	£8.50
(c)	As above. 1d marginal block of 4 with R6/8 "Wristwatch" flaw (T21aY)	£8.50
(d)	As above. 2d corner block of 4 with R6/20 retouch	£5.00
(e)	As above. Corner block of four 2d stamps with R1/2 "No Stop" variety (T21bZ, S.G. 699a)	£6.00
(f)	As above. The same "No Stop" variety, but in used block of 4	£7.50
(g)	As above. Block of 4 of each value, each with first day cancel	£1.50
(h)	As above. Another two used first day blocks, this time matching sheet value blocks	£3.00
(i)	As above. Three different illustrated First Day Covers, one featuring a view of the Glenelg Health Camp	£7.50
(j)	As above. Two matching F.D.C.'s, with blocks of 1d and 2d stamps respectively .	£1.25
(k)	As above. Illustrated F.D.C. (not included in the previous F.D.C. offers), postmarked Glenelg Health Camp	£5.00
(l)	As above. Plain 1949 commercially used air cover (to Finland), the adhesives used including a corner block of 6 of the 2d with the R1/2 missing dot variety (T21bZ)	£12.50

N.Z. MINIATURE SHEETS

All items listed are offered unmounted mint

(a) Healths

1957 Sideways wmk. (2)	£9.50	1973 (2)	£12.50
1957 Upright wmk. (2)	£20.00	1974 (1)	£17.00
1958 (2)	£9.50	1975 (1)	£12.50
1959 (2)	£9.50	1976 (1)	£5.25
1960 (2)	£24.00	1977 (1)	£8.50
1961 (2)	£12.50	1978 (1)	£4.75
1962 (2)	£14.50	1979 (1)	£4.00
1963 (2)	£14.50	1980 (1)	£2.00
1964 (2)	£50.00	1981 (1)	£2.00
1965 (2)	£18.50	1982 (1)	£2.00
1966 (2)	£18.50	1983 (1)	£2.00
1967 (2)	£12.50	1984 (1)	£2.00
1968 (2)	£12.50	1985 (1)	£2.00
1969 (2)	£12.50	1986 (1)	£2.00
1970 (2)	£12.50	1987 (1)	£2.10
1971 (2)	£12.50	1988 (1)	£1.90
1972 (2)	£12.50		

(b) Others

1969 Capt. Cook	£30.00
1974 N.Z. Day	£2.00
1977 Silver Jubilee	90p
1980 "Zeapex"	£2.00
1984 Antarctic Research	£3.00
1984 N.Z. Military History (Army)	£2.50
1985 N.Z. Military History (Navy)	£2.25
1986 Scenic Bays	£1.35
1987 Royal N.Z. Air Force	£2.35
1987 Scenic National Parks	£1.50
1988 \$1 Centenary of Royal Philatelic Society	90p
1988 Scenic Walkways	£1.50
1989 Scenic Trees	£1.25

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RECENT ISSUE

1989 Scenic (Trees) 80c, 85c, \$ 1.05, \$ 1.30, issued 7/6/89. Printed by House of Quеста — yet another 'first' in the production of N.Z. stamps.

Mint set of 4	£2.75
Set of 4 plate blocks (6 stamps per block) plate nos. 1A1A1A1A	£19.25
Matching set of 4 plate blocks, plate nos. 1B1B1B1B	£19.25
Official illustrated F.D.C. (Wanganui pmk.)	£3.00
Miniature Sheet, featuring the \$ 1.30 value. Mint	£1.25
Miniature Sheet on F.D.C.	£1.85