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N.Z. NOTES AND COMMENT

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1/- Full-Face Queen — The 'Jeffery' Forgery. This interesting item (see illustrations above) is alleged to have been produced for a book-plate, or for some other harmless purpose. Believe that if you like! Just consider the evidence. The item was printed singly, on a piece of paper usually measuring approximately 70 x 60 mm, which bore a single watermark device very similar to the Large Star watermark found on many genuine copies of Full-Face Queens. The watermark was usually not correctly aligned on the paper, but to circumvent this, the 'stamp' was printed at an oblique angle over the watermark, so that 'stamp' and watermark **were** properly aligned, one with the other. The framelines of adjacent 'stamps' appeared on all four sides. Printing was by the recess process in varying shades of green ink approximating to the colour of some of the genuine issued stamps.

One might infer, not unreasonably, from all of the above that far from having an innocent purpose, the sole object was to produce an item which, when suitably cut down, could be passed off as an enormous and authentic looking copy of the real thing.

As printed, the design was surmounted by an ornamental crest — this is no doubt where the fanciful idea of its being a book-plate arose (just what the perpetrator hoped would be inferred, one might argue, if he were ever caught red-handed with a sheaf of his productions!) On the other hand, the fact that the crest consists of an arm holding a **crook** speaks volumes for his true motives in producing the thing!

N.Z. Government Life Insurance Department — End of an Era. We understand that, as from 1st October 1989 (if the necessary enabling legislation is in place by that date) the name of this long-established Department is to be changed to Tower Corporation. More important from the collector's point of view, the distinctive 'Life Insurance' stamps will cease to be available for use by the Department. Thus an unique facet of N.Z. philately will come to an end, over 98 years after it began, though it must be added that Life Insurance Dept. stamps of recent vintage have proved of little philatelic interest, or merit, other than perhaps to collectors of the lighthouse theme.

It might be of interest to recount briefly how the Life Insurance Dept. came to have its own distinctive postage stamps in the first place. Founded in 1869, the Department (like other Government agencies) at first enjoyed franking privileges for its outgoing mail. Unlike other Government Departments, however, the Life Insurance Dept. was deemed to be a trading organisation, in the same way as private insurance companies, and as such it was actually charged by the Post Office with an annual sum representing the estimated value of its franking privileges (other Departments effectively sent their mail post free, since no such charge was levied on them). But in 1891, a dispute arose between the Post Office and the Department over the amount due to settle the Dept's postage bill for the previous year. The dispute was referred to independent arbitration, but the Dept. refused to accept the arbitrator's findings, and in retaliation decided that in future it would forego its right to the franking privilege, and instead would prepay postage on its mail in the same way as normal commercial enterprises had to do.

At that time, there were no Official stamps for the general use of Government Departments, of course, and the Life Insurance Dept. proposed that distinctive stamps for its own exclusive use would greatly reduce the possibility of fraud, and at the same time be a convenient method of advertising itself. These arguments were accepted, and in 1891, the first 'Lighthouse' stamps were born.

When in 1907, general issues of stamps were overprinted for Official use, the Life Insurance Dept. stamps were withdrawn, and for a period of six years, the ordinary Official stamps were used by the Dept. In 1913, however, permission was again given for the Department to use its own distinctive stamps, and this practice has continued right up to the present. But not, it seems for any longer.

SECOND PICTORIAL VARIETIES

A selection from a completely new stock.

1001(a) ½d Fantail. Plate block of 6 (2 x 3) on the single wmk. paper, including the R8/1 'Clematis' flaw (LV1b). A great rarity on this paper, the flaw having developed very late in the printing on wmk. W7 paper. A couple of small rust spots on the gum, one of which unfortunately shows on the face of the variety stamp. Fortunately, on the other hand, this allows a price of (Cat. \$500) only £97.50

- (b) **As above.** The same variety, in similar plate block of 6, but on **multiple** watermark paper, and as such very much commoner (the flaw persisting throughout the printings on this paper). Fine condition £17.50
- (c) **As above.** Single mint copy (multi wmk), with the 'Clematis' flaw, supplied with a normal stamp for comparison £8.50
- (d) **As above,** but fine used copy with the 'Clematis' flaw £7.50
- (e) **As above.** Unhinged mint copy (single wmk) with variety Watermark Inverted (L1aZ) £1.00
- (f) **As above.** Unhinged mint copy with multiple watermark inverted (L1bX) .. 90p
- 1002(a) 1d Kiwi.** Marginal block of 4 (single wmk) with the attractive "Cap on Kiwi" variety (R7/2, Pl. 1A), and additionally showing the massive plate crack which developed between stamps 1 and 2 of rows 6 and 7. Mint unhinged £22.50
- (b) **As above.** Unhinged mint copy (single wmk) with variety Watermark Inverted (L2aZ) £1.35
- (c) **As above.** Set of two marginal copies (with 'Parisian' ads. in selvedge) from the special 1935 booklet plate — one stamp with wmk. upright, the other with wmk. inverted (L2c and L2cZ). Both mint unhinged £13.50
- (d) **As above.** Pane of six from the later (multi. wmk) booklet plate with one stamp showing a Die 1 re-entry — the other five stamps all being Die 3, of course (W5bX). The variety stamp is plated to R4/11. A scarce variety pane, finest mint £62.50
- (e) **As above.** Another multi. wmk. pane, this one including **two** Die 1 re-entry stamps (nos. 2 and 4). Plated to R5/14 and 6/13. Superfine mint. The variety pane (W5bW) £75.00

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A C.P. SPECIAL

Not, strictly speaking, a variety lot, but nevertheless a most unusual offer. A massive range of 72 single mint stamps (64 regular issue, 8 overprinted 'Official'), **all with plate number in the attached bottom selvedge.** All values ½d — 3/- represented (except the 9d, of course, where no plate numbers exist), and wherever duplication of a plate number occurs, the stamps are from a different issue. As plate blocks of 4, would Catalogue to well over \$6000, and even as normal single stamps, Cat. is just under \$800. A never-to-be-repeated opportunity. The 'plate singles' collection £450.00

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1½d Maori Cooking. Multiple wmk. plate block of 4 from Plate 1A, and thus including the re-entries on R9/2 and 10/2, showing as doubling of the handle of the cooking pot, the cord attached to it, and the right hand side of the skirt. The excellent variety block (LV3a) £20.00

- 1005(a) 2d Whare.** Corner block of 6 (mult. wmk. paper) from plate 1B showing on R2/3 a superb example of the "Tekoteko re-entry" at its fullest extent and prominence (LV4b). A beautiful naked-eye variety, finest mint £117.50
- (b) As above.** The same variety — in an equally prominent state — but in superb used single copy £75.00
- (c) As above.** Marginal block of 6 on the final coarse paper issue (L4f) including the little-known, and seldom seen flaw which developed on Plate 4B, R6/3, and resulted in the virtual disappearance of the right hand side of the tekoteko, and the adjacent fern fronds. Another naked-eye variety, and well worth a listing which it hasn't yet achieved £57.50
- 1006(a) 2½d Mt. Cook/Lilies.** Marginal positional block of 4 (L5c) showing the serious damage to the outer framelines on R5/5 (top right corner) and R5/6 (bottom right corner). This occurred late in the life of plate 1, and is found only in late printings of L5c £25.00
- (b) As above.** The same 'damaged frame' varieties, but in **finest used vertical pair.** An unrecognised rarity thus £37.50
- (c) As above.** An exceptional plate block of 8 (4 x 2) from the L5f issue with burele band added. The bottom selvedge is extraordinarily wide in this block. In addition to the plate number 4, fully 8 — 9 mm depth of burele band is present right across the selvedge, and, below stamps 3 and 4, the job number 1653-2 (in reverse) shows in full. A spectacular block £35.00
- (d) As above.** Corner block of 4 including the R1/1 'Stalk to flower' variety (LV5d), again on L5f. Finest mint £11.25
- (e) As above.** The other listed constant plate 4 flaw (R8/6 "Gash on flower") in mint unhinged marginal block of 4 — also on L5f £11.25
- (f) As above.** Unhinged mint copy of L5a with variety Watermark Inverted (L5aY) . £20.00
- (g) As above.** Similar variety on the perf. 14 line issue (L5dZ). Also unhinged mint £7.25

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THE 'JEFFERY' FORGERY

- 1007(a)** Complete example, on piece 70 x 57 mm. Paper rather patchily toned, as it invariably is (illustrated) £95.00
- (b)** Cut-down copy in an unusually pale shade, showing four huge margins, with portions of adjoining 'stamps' on all four sides (the failing here is that a genuine stamp would show the corners of four further stamps — the forger didn't take account of this fact!) £75.00
- (c)** Another cut-down copy — this one showing portions of adjacent stamps on two sides, and purporting to be used, with forged 'A in oval of bars' cancellation £95.00

HEALTHS 1955 – 1958

1008(a)	1955 "Medallion" (T27a–c). One sheet value block of 4 for each value ...	£5.00
(b)	As above. Three blocks of 4, all with first day cancels	£2.75
(c)	As above. Two used plate blocks, 1½d pl. A1, 2d pl. A1	£4.00
(d)	As above. Illustrated first day cover	£2.00
(e)	As above. Two different illustrated F.D.C.'s, posted at Glenelg and Pakuranga Health Camps	£15.00
1009(a)	1956 "Apple Tree" (T28a–c). Copy of the original photograph used to design these stamps; underneath the photo is written the children's names Graeme and Peter Wilson. (Supplied with a set of the stamps)	£10.00
(b)	As above. Plate block and sheet value block of 4 of each value. The six blocks ..	£8.00
(c)	As above. 2d plate block, with erroneous extra perfs. in the bottom selvage ..	£2.50
(d)	As above. Three blocks, one each value, all fine used	£2.50
(e)	As above. Complete set of plate and sheet value blocks (six blocks of 4), all very fine used	£15.00
(f)	As above. The two 1½d shades, purple and deep sepia (unhinged)	£3.00
(g)	As above. The same two 1½d shades, but in unhinged blocks of 4	£11.50
(h)	As above. Finest used copies of the two 1½d shades (the deep sepia is scarce in used condition)	£4.50
(i)	As above. Again the two 1½d shades, in fine used blocks of 4. Scarce	£20.00
(j)	As above. Illustrated first day cover	£2.50
(k)	As above. Three illustrated F.D.C.'s, posted at Glenelg, Pakuranga and Maunu Health Camps	£22.50
(l)	As above. First day cover posted at Glenelg Health Camp, the 1½d being in the scarcer deep sepia shade. Most unusual	£17.50
1010(a)	1957 Beach Scenes (T29). Four singles, wmk. sideways (two each value, T29a/b), fine green and red shades	£2.00
(b)	As above. Plate and sheet value blocks of 4 stamps, of both values, wmk. sideways. The four blocks	£5.00
(c)	As above. Plate block of each value (T29a/b), fine used	£7.50
(d)	As above. Set of four blocks of 4, both values, wmk. sideways and upright (T29a–d), superb used with circular cancellations	£30.00

(e) As above. 2d (T29a) marginal block of 6, with R3/3 ("missing toes") and R1/4 (flaw on foot) varieties	£10.00
(f) As above. 2d (T29a) corner block of 6 with sheet value and R1/4 variety ..	£10.00
(g) As above. Two 2d miniature sheets with wmk. upright (T29c) in fine green shades	£17.50
(h) As above. Two different illustrated F.D.C.'s	£3.00
(i) As above. F.D.C. posted at Pakuranga Health Camp	£5.00
1011(a) 1958 Brigade Children (T30a/b). Plate block of 6 and sheet value block of 4 of each value	£4.50
(b) As above. Two 2d sheet value blocks of 4 (both from large-sheets) right selvedge perforated and not perforated through. Unusual	£7.50
(c) As above. Two used blocks of 4, with first day cancellations	£2.00
(d) As above. Marginal 3d block of 4 with R2/11 tent retouch, from large-sheets ..	£7.50
(e) As above. The same R2/11 retouch, in used block of 4	£7.50
(f) As above. Corner 3d block of 6 with portion of design duplicated in selvedge (T30bZ)	£12.50
(g) As above. For anyone wishing to study the 2d (T30a) value, we can offer a complete mint sheet of 120 stamps	£10.00
(h) As above. Complete miniature sheet replatings of both the 2d and 3d values. Eight sheets of each value, plus full replating details (Cat. \$ 160)	£57.50
(i) As above. 3d Miniature sheets:	
(i) position no. 3, stamp 6 retouched, mint	£6.75
(ii) position no. 4, stamp 6 retouched, mint	£6.75
(iii) Similar to (ii) but fine used	£10.00
(iv) Two miniature sheets from position no. 6, showing stamp 6 before and after retouching. Mint	£12.50
(v) Position no. 7, two stamps retouched (stamps 3 and 6), fine used	£12.50
(vi) Position no. 8, two stamps retouched (stamps 3 and 6), fine used	£12.50
(j) As above. Two different illustrated First Day Covers	£2.50
(k) As above. Three F.D.C.'s posted at Otaki, Roxburgh and Glenelg Health Camps respectively	£15.00

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CHRISTCHURCH EXHIBITION – 75TH ANNIVERSARY

The extremely attractive miniature sheet produced in 1981 to commemorate the above anniversary, featuring four of the seven publicity labels (with minor modifications to the designs) in the original colours. One of the better (and cheaper!) 'Cinderella' items of recent years

£3.00

1960 PICTORIALS

A continuation of this popular listing.

1013	3d Kowhai. Two sheet value blocks of 4, original paper (O5a), superb blue, brown and yellow shades	£4.00
(b)	As above. Two O5a corner blocks of 4, R1/2 flaw and retouch	£12.50
(c)	As above. Corner block of 8, with R1/4 stamp showing extraneous yellow printing at the right hand side of the stamp (O5a)	£7.50
(d)	As above. Two corner blocks of 24 (original paper), showing R4/6 flaw and retouch (OV5c and d)	£17.50
(e)	As above. Vertical pair, top stamp Brown Omitted (O5aY) in pair with normal ..	£22.50
(f)	As above. Block of 6 with doctor blade flaw running through central pair of stamps (O5a)	£10.00
(g)	As above. Three stamps showing minor misplacements, brown up, and yellow up and down respectively. A fine trio of O5a colour shifts	£10.25
(h)	As above. Horizontal strip of three coil stamps (O5b) with flaw on centre stamp (this occurred on every thirteenth stamp in the roll)	£3.50
(i)	As above. Two chalky paper (O5c) blocks of six with R12/12 and 19/10 varieties (from plate 3337 of course)	£10.00
(j)	As above. Chalky paper marginal pair with superb doctor blade flaw running vertically through one stamp	£10.00
1014	4d Puarangi. (O6a). Two sheet value blocks of 4, lovely flower shades	£4.00
(b)	As above. Marginal block of 8 (from plate 1111) with R6/4 flaw (OV6h)	£7.00
(c)	As above. Two plate (1111) blocks of 25, from the first blue plate numbered 1 with R18/3 flaw and retouch (OV6d and e) as well as R18/5 and 20/5 varieties	£15.00
(d)	As above. Three plate (1111) blocks of 25 — one from the first blue plate numbered 1 with R18/3 retouch; the other two blocks from the second blue plate (also numbered 1) with R19/4 and 20/3 retouch as well as two markedly different states of the R16/5 flaw (OV6c, e and footnote)	£22.50
(e)	As above. Five blocks (42 stamps), all from plate 2333, including R4/11, 9/9 flaw, 14/9, 15/8, 18/3 varieties (all listed or mentioned in the C.P. Catalogue) and R19/12 (see Vol. 6)	£32.50
1015(a)	5d Daisy (O7a). Two blocks of four showing superb purple shades	£3.00
(b)	As above. Marginal block of ten with R9/5 retouch (OV7b)	£6.75

(c) As above. Marginal block of 4 showing a missing perforation hole in each strike of the comb perforating head	£7.50
(d) As above. "Crazy Daisy" variety, with the yellow colour (centre of flower) shifted upwards by some 7mm	£7.50
(e) As above. A different 'Crazy Daisy' stamp, the yellow shift here being to the south-west	£6.50
(f) As above. Two minor misplacements (i) black to the left and (ii) purple downwards	£7.50
1016(a) 6d Pikiarero. Two blocks of four on the original ordinary paper (O8a) and the later chalk surfaced paper (O8b) respectively — a ready-made reference set	£3.25
(b) As above. Marginal block of 12 including the R8/7 'Piki' retouch on the original paper	£11.50
(c) As above. Positional block of 18 with the same R8/7 retouch, this one on chalky paper	£20.00
(d) As above. Marginal block of 6 on chalky paper (O8b) including the Vol. 6 listed R18/3 retouch	£10.00
1017(a) 7d Koromiko (O9a). Block of 4 stamps with Watermark Inverted (O9aZ). Catalogued \$ 32, offered at	£8.75
(b) As above. Two matching corner blocks of 4, with 'traffic light' squares in the selvedge, watermark upright and inverted respectively	£10.00
(c) As above. The leaves of this design are printed from three colours (green, red and yellow). In this single stamp these three colours are misplaced in relation to each other. Nice	£3.75

RECENT ISSUES

1989 Health (Duke of York, and family). Two 40c + 3c se-tenant, 80c + 3c. Issued 26/7/89.

Mint set of three stamps	£1.15
Complete set of two imprint blocks (40c of 8 stamps, 80c of 6 stamps)	£6.75
Official Illustrated F.D.C. (Wanganui pmk.)	£1.40
Miniature Sheet, including two complete sets se-tenant, mint	£2.30
Set of Seven first day covers, each posted at a different Health Camp (post paid)	£13.00

\$1 Bird Definitive (PC5). Two imprint blocks of 6 with 2-kiwi reprint marks, blue gum, left selvedge perforated and not perforated through respectively

£10.00

40c Small-format Brown-Kiwi Definitive (PC13). Imprint block of 6 stamps with 2-kiwi reprints marks

£2.25

(Note: The entire 1-kiwi reprint was apparently used in the production of \$4 Mt. Cook Booklets.)