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N.Z. NOTES AND COMMENT

By Colin Hamilton

1954 Q.E. 8d Definitive — the Scarce Pale Pink Shade. This month, well over 30 years after issue, I can report the discovery of a counter coil pair (NC3e) with section number 11, and with **both** stamps in this distinctive shade. This slightly extends the known incidence of the pale pink. For some years after the initial discovery, it was believed that the entire printing — amounting to just a sheet or two — had gone into the same section in the making of a small quantity of counter rolls. At that stage, the only examples recorded appeared as the right hand stamp in a few coil pairs numbered 16, and as the left hand stamp in a similarly small number of pairs numbered 17. The odd single copy or two did turn up, but all showed guillotining of the horizontal perforations, characteristic of the counter roll stamps, thus reinforcing the belief. Some time later, however, the finding of a mint block proved that at least one sheet of 'pinks' had escaped the counter roll process, and had been issued in sheet form, but as far as I know, that solitary block still remains the only evidence of the fact. Much more recently — about five years or so ago — I myself found a counter coil pair numbered 13, with the left-hand stamp in the pale pink. This, too, is still the only such example recorded to date. Now we have the no. 11, so far unique on two counts — the first with this section number, and the first with both stamps in the good shade.

Pale pinks are still unquestionably very scarce in any form, but there is obvious scope for further finds. In addition to more examples in any of the already recorded forms detailed above, coil pairs numbered 10 with the right-hand stamp in pink are a distinct possibility, as are pairs numbered 12 with **either**, or possibly even **both**, stamps in the good shade. Happy hunting!

Q.E. Middle Values. I have referred at some length on more than one occasion in the past to the clear and readily visible differences found in the perforations of these issues. But the last time was, I think, nearly ten years ago. As one or two of this month's offers are directly concerned with these differences, new readers may find a summary of the position useful.

The perforating of the 9d, 1/-, 1/6d and 1/9d was invariably effected by heads of the single comb type, moving vertically over the sheet. Normally the short rows of these heads contained 19 pins, and in this form were slightly too long for the purpose on hand, resulting in the last (uppermost) hole at the sides of each stamp intersecting with a hole in the long row immediately above.

For a brief period, an experiment was tried, involving 'shortening' the heads by the simple expedient of completely removing the last pin in each of the short rows. This resulted in an over-correction of the previous fault. Instead of overlapping of holes, there was now an abnormally wide 'tooth' at the upper corners of stamps, so the experiment was discontinued and, presumably as the lesser of two evils, the removed pins were reinstated. All subsequent printings showed the same 'overlapping holes' characteristics as did the early printings.

It is evident that during the '18-pin' experiment, production was considerable, but was limited almost exclusively to the 9d stamp. Examples of this value showing the characteristic wide teeth are common — virtually as common as 9ds from the 19-pin heads. On the other hand, 1/-s are rare (to date, less than half a dozen mint blocks, and even fewer used singles, have been recorded); and in the 1/6d and 1/9d, '18-pin' perforating is unknown.

The precise timing of the experiment is not on record, but it must have taken place around late 1956 — very early 1957. All known copies of '18-pin' 9ds (as well as the few 1/-s known) are printed from centre plate 2, and it is on record that production of the 9d had ceased by January 1957, the last printings being from an early state of this plate. Thus it is almost certain that the experiment was over before production of the 1/9d commenced (this value was first issued on July 1st, 1957). However, further examples of the 1/- may be found, and it is just possible that copies of the 1/6d may yet come to light.

'NEW ZEALAND — A PHILATELIC MISCELLANY'

This is a substantial new book (264 pages, A4 size) recently published by the New Zealand Society of Great Britain to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi. It contains some thirty erudite articles, of varying lengths, each written by a student of his chosen subject, and covering a wide and unusual range of interests. Profusely illustrated, and including a useful 40—page bibliography.

Copies are available from Mr. E.W. Leppard, 68 Chestnut Grove, Balham, London, SW12 8JJ, at £13 to Members of the N.Z.S.G.B., £17 to non-members (both prices post paid). We have it on good authority that non-members who join the Society (annual subscription £10) at the same time as ordering the book may purchase their copies at the privilege Members price! All remittances should be made payable to The New Zealand Society of Great Britain.

1893—4 'ADSON' — RECONSTRUCTIONS

Some unusual offers of these fascinating issues. All stamps are perf. 10 used, and pricing is according to condition, which overall is above average.

401(a)	1d First Setting. Top left pane, part reconstruction of 37 copies (incl. three pairs)	£75.00
(b)	As above. Top right pane, part reconstruction of 32 (incl. three pairs) ...	£60.00
(c)	As above. Bottom left pane, part reconstruction of 27 (incl. three pairs) ..	£45.00
(d)	As above. Bottom right pane, part reconstruction of 19 (incl. two pairs) ..	£37.50
402(a)	1d Second Setting. Top left pane complete bar four (56 stamps, incl. two pairs)	£60.00

	(b) As above. Top right pane complete except two (58 stamps, incl. one pair) ..	£60.00
	(c) As above. Bottom left pane complete except five (55 stamps)	£57.50
	(d) As above. Bottom right pane, part reconstruction of 52 (incl. two pairs) ..	£55.00
403	1d Third Setting. A virtually complete reconstruction of all four panes — just five gaps remain to be filled (four in the top left pane, and one in the bottom right). 235 stamps, incl. three pairs	£245.00
404	2d Second Setting. A near-complete reconstruction of all four panes, with adverts in the commoner colours. Just 19 gaps — mostly 'Cadbury' adverts. 221 stamps	£225.00
405(a)	2d Second Setting in Green. Top left pane, part reconstruction of 45 copies in this scarcer colour	£112.50
	(b) As above. Top right pane, part reconstruction of 35 (incl. one pair)	£100.00
	(c) As above. Bottom left pane, part reconstruction of 23	£60.00
	(d) As above. Bottom right pane, part reconstruction of 42 (incl. two pairs) ..	£115.00
406	2d Third Setting. A complete reconstruction of all four panes. 240 stamps .	£250.00
407(a)	2½d Third Setting. Top left pane, part reconstruction of 50	£75.00
	(b) As above. Top right pane, part reconstruction of 41 (incl. two pairs)	£60.00
	(c) As above. Bottom left pane, part reconstruction of 43 (incl. one pair) ...	£60.00
	(d) As above. Bottom right pane, part reconstruction of 37	£50.00

QUALITY MISCELLANY

408(a)	Queen Elizabeth 8d. Unhinged mint counter coil pair showing the very scarce and elusive variety "One Stamp Pale Pink" (NC3e(Z)). We have just one pair numbered 16, and one pair numbered 17 at, each	£65.00
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(b)	As above. The totally new find, mentioned in this month's Notes — counter coil pair numbered 11, with both stamps in the pale pink. Possibly too late for inclusion in the 1990 Catalogue Supplement, but certainly to be listed at the earliest opportunity. Supplied with a matching coil pair in a normal shade for comparison	£150.00
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409	Queen Elizabeth 9d. Set of two matching plate blocks — either 1A1A/1A2A, or 1B1B/1B2B, your choice — one with normal 19-pin vertical perforations, the other showing the experimental 18-pin form. The two mint blocks	£8.00
410	Queen Elizabeth 1/-. A complete set of seven sheet value blocks, comprised of the original '8E', the corrected form '£8', and examples of all five of the	

- interesting 'issued-in-half-sheet' alterations, illustrated as items (e), (f), (g), (h) and (j) on Perm. Page N9 in the C.P. Catalogue. The seven value blocks of 4, superfine mint £40.00
- 411(a) Queen Elizabeth 1/-.** Top left corner block of 9 (from plate 1B2B) **perforated by the experimental '18-pin' head.** Rare — one of less than six blocks recorded. Mint unhinged £125.00
- (b) As above.** Used strip of three (with left selvage), showing the same experimental perforation. Although it came to us from a totally different source, this strip was once upon a time unquestionably 'married' to the above mint block — they are adjacent stamps from the same sheet! A quite incredible coincidence, and a further strong pointer to the rarity of '18-pin' 1/-s £57.50
- 412 Queen Elizabeth 1/-.** Top left corner block of 4 centre die 1B (N10b). Superb unhinged mint, and unconditionally guaranteed, of course £285.00
- 413 Q.E. Middle Values — Variety Set.** Row 6, No. 10 of centre plate 2B had an extremely interesting history during the lifetime of the plate. Originally this impression was normal; later a flaw developed; later still this flaw was retouched; later still a second flaw developed; and later still this too was retouched. All of this can be traced through the issued stamps, and because this plate was used for all four of the middle values (9d, 1/-, 1/6d and 1/9d), one or more of the different states exists on each value. We can offer a wonderful set of eleven blocks (1 x 9d, 3 x 1/-, 3 x 1/6d, 4 x 1/9d) showing all the known states on all values, with the exception of the very rare 1/6d pre-flaw state. All are matching plate blocks of 6 (2 x 3) with plate no. 1B2B, and thus showing the variety in true positional pieces. The variety set (NCV5a—e) — a philatelic encyclopedia in miniature, superb mint throughout £135.00
- 414 Q.E. 2/6d — 10/-.** The 'Queens on Horseback' complete set in imprint/plate blocks of 4. Brilliant unhinged mint. Cat. \$ 1050 £400.00
- 415 Q.E. 2½d — 3d Provisional.** Unhinged mint plate block of 4, with plate no. 17 and narrow setting of the surcharge (N42a). The least rare of the four 'abnormal' plate blocks in this issue, but very scarce nonetheless. Supplied with a normal plate 17 plate block (N42b) for comparison £37.50
- 416 1960 Pictorials.** Long set of 29 stamps, all marginal unhinged copies, ½d — £1, including 1/9d and 3/- changed colours, and all the later chalky paper issues except the rare 4d £62.50
- 417 1960 Pictorial 2d.** Unhinged mint copy with major variety Black Colour Omitted (03aZ). The "stateless" 2d, one of the more spectacular errors. Now Cat. \$ 400 £150.00
- 418 (a) 1960 Pictorial 3d.** Vertical pair (with top selvage), upper stamp with Brown Colour Partly Omitted, lower stamp with Brown Colour Totally Omitted (05aY). Mint unhinged £40.00
- (b) As above.** Vertical strip of 3, top stamp with error Green Colour Totally Omitted (05aX), centre stamp with Green Colour Largely Omitted (about 90%), bottom stamp normal. A delightful piece, mint unhinged £57.50

- (c) **As above.** Counter coil pair, **both stamps on chalky paper (OC5aZ).** Very much scarcer than is generally realised (found only with section numbers 1, 2, 3 and 18 from a small number of abnormal rolls — this pair is no. 3). Unhinged mint, with good perfs. £22.50
- (d) **As above.** Counter coil pair, one stamp original paper, one stamp chalky paper (OC5aY). These are also extremely scarce, emanating only from the same rolls as the chalky paper pairs, but in this case with section numbers 4, 17, 19 or in one so far unique case, no. 3. This pair is no. 4, unhinged mint, and with superb perfs. £30.00
- 419(a) 1931 Healths.** The "Smiling Boys" pair in brilliantly centred mint blocks of 4. Each block once **very** lightly hinged at top centre. A little faint gum toning around a few perfs on one stamp in the 'blue' block does not detract from the glowingly fresh appearance of a magnificent pair of blocks £575.00
- (b) **As above.** Set of mint singles, previously hinged but very fine, and again beautifully centred £125.00
- 420 1936 Health.** Complete set of eight plate blocks of 4, showing the plate numbers 1 and 2 from all four corners of sheets (as issued, each sheet bore a plate number in any one corner only). One of the plate 2 blocks has a little toning, confined almost entirely to the selvage, otherwise condition superfine mint. A difficult set to assemble nowadays £115.00
- 421(a) 1959 Health 3d + 1d.** Unhinged mint copy with major error Red Colour Omitted (T31bZ). Supplied with a normal stamp £85.00
- (b) **As above,** but a fine commercially used copy showing the same error. Very unusual thus £57.50
- (c) **As above.** Marginal copy with major shift of the red colour to the left. A nice one! Finest mint £30.00
- 422 1964 Health 2½d + 1d.** A delightful set of three: (i) normal stamp; (ii) Red widely misplaced to the right (T36aX); (iii) Red Omitted (T36aZ). All mint unhinged. Cat. \$ 340 £95.00
- 423 1905 Life Insurance 2d 'No VR'.** A superb used pair of the short-lived 1905 issue (X10a, S.G. L21). Single copies of this stamp are not at all common, multiples of any size are **rare**. This pair is dated 1 FE 06, just a few weeks after issue £195.00

N.Z. HEALTHS, 1977 TO DATE

The concluding part of this long and popular listing. Where several years' issues have been offered together, they may also be available individually, **so feel free to enquire.**

A) Imprint/plate blocks (sizes as listed in the C.P. Catalogue)

- 424(a) 1978 Health,** set of four blocks, mint £4.00

(b)	1979 Health , set of four blocks, mint	£5.00
(c)	1980–1989 Healths . All basic imprint/plate blocks, with one extra T59a/b block included due to differing selvedge perforations. 29 mint blocks	£75.00
	B) Sheet Value Blocks	
425(a)	1979 Health , blocks of four, mint	£3.00
(b)	1980–1987 Healths . All in blocks of four. Sixteen blocks, mint	£25.00
(c)	1988 Health . Set of four sheet value blocks with error sheet values of \$ 40, \$ 60, \$ 70, \$ 80 (to allow for the 3c premium on each stamp, the sheet values should be \$ 43, \$ 63, \$ 73, \$ 83).	£15.00
(d)	1989 Health , two blocks of four, mint	£4.50
	C) Used Multiples	
426(a)	1978 Health , block of four of each value	£3.00
(b)	As above . 12c + 2c imprint/plate (1A) block of six	£3.75
(c)	1979 Health , 10c + 2c block of eight (including four se-tenant pairs), 12c + 2c block of four	£4.50
(d)	1980 – 1987 Healths (eight years), each issue represented by blocks of eight and four as in the previous lot 'c'. Sixteen used blocks	£25.00
(e)	1988 Health , block of four of each value	£10.00
(f)	1983 Health . Imprint/plate (1B) and sheet value blocks of each value. The four used blocks	£15.00
(g)	As above . Miniature sheet with large orange flaw in the background across R2/1–2 (only five examples of this miniature sheet flaw have been seen, all used)	£15.00
(h)	1984 Health . Imprint/plate (1B) blocks, used	£9.50
(i)	1985 Health . Imprint/plate (1A) blocks, used	£7.50
(j)	1986 Health . Imprint and sheet value blocks. The four used multiples	£13.50
(k)	1980 – 1989 . Miniature Sheet for each year, like all the previous offers in this section, fine used . The ten mini sheets	£32.50
	D) Covers	
427(a)	1977 Health . Two F.D.C.'s one with se-tenant strip of 3 stamps from miniature sheet (most 1977 F.D.C.'s are found thus), the other with three separate large sheet stamps (much scarcer)	£15.00
(b)	As above . F.D.C. (strip of 3 stamps), the 8c with a large plate flaw	£7.50
(c)	1981 Health . Two F.D.C.'s as listed in the C.P. Catalogue – one with T53a/b/c strip of 3, the other T53a/b se-tenant pair and T53c separate	£5.50

E) Health Camp Postmarks

- 428(a) 1977 Health.** Complete set of six Health Camp Postmark covers (incidentally two of these covers bear large sheet stamps) £35.00
- (b) 1978 – 1982 Healths.** Set of six covers for each year and offered at (per year). £21.00
- (c) 1983 Health.** Set of seven covers (from this year onwards, first day postal facilities became available at the new Rotorua Camp) £24.00
- (d) 1984 – 1989 Healths.** Each year in set of seven covers, available as follows:
 1984 £21.00; 1985 £21.00; 1986 £17.50;
 1987 £17.50; 1988 £21.00; 1989 £13.50.

(Not quite concluded, due to pressure on space! A listing of 1978–89 Health varieties will appear next month).

1988 – 1990 40c BROWN KIWI (PC13)

This stamp is the current New Zealand definitive for the standard inland postage rate. In the seventeen months of its life the number of issues has been considerable, many items appearing and selling out before collectors were aware of their existence.

The following is a listing of items issued to date involving this one stamp. One can see how a varied and interesting collection can be assembled for a relatively modest outlay. **In many cases stocks are now very low.**

We would add that all of this material was offered automatically through the C.P. New Issue Service (full details available upon request).

- 436(a) Original issue, perf. 14½ x 14, 'colourless' gum.** Mint single (block of 4 pro rata) 40p
- (b) Imprint block of 6, bottom selvage perforated** £5.00
- (c) Sheet value block of 4, top selvage not perforated** £3.00
- (d) Original imprint block of 6, including the recently discovered R10/1 variety – large black flaw in halo on bird's neck. A spectacular and attractive variety. ..** £15.00
- (e) \$ 4 Mount Cook Booklets (W24a), pane attached by left or right selvage, each .** £5.00
- (f) As above. Booklet, with colour-code dots, no reprint marks** £7.50
- 437 One-kiwi Reprint.** This entire printing was, we understand, used in the production of \$ 4 Mount Cook booklets. Booklets showing the one-kiwi mark had a life of only some five months and are very elusive. We have just two copies available, each £10.00
- 438(a) Two-kiwi Reprint.** Imprint block of 6 with two-kiwi marks, original 'colourless' paper £5.00

(b)	As above. Another two-kiwi imprint block, but with bluish gum	£4.00
(c)	As above. Single stamp with bluish gum (blocks of 4 pro rata)	30p
(d)	\$ 4 Mount Cook Booklet, pane with bluish gum, and two-kiwi reprint marks ..	£5.00
439(a)	Three-kiwi Reprint (known only with bluish gum). Imprint block of six with three-kiwi reprint marks	£3.00
(b)	\$ 4 Mount Cook Booklet with three-kiwi marks by the colour-code dots on the the pane	£3.75
440	New \$ 200 Stamp Pads , (released Nov. 1989), issued we understand for the convenience of non 'post-shop' outlets — hotels, dairies, etc. Containing 50 x \$ 4 miniature sheets, each of 10 x 40c stamps in a new 13½ x 13¼ perforation.	
(a)	Mint single, perf. 13½ x 13¼ (blocks of 4 pro rata)	40p
(b)	Miniature Sheet of 10 stamps	£3.75
(c)	Complete \$ 200 Stamp Pad, ordered upon request	£160.00

RECENT ISSUES

Commonwealth Games. On 24th January 1990 two commemorative miniature sheets were issued. Each includes two 40c stamps, se-tenant vertically and horizontally respectively.

Mint pair of miniature sheets	£1.30
Two official illustrated F.D.C's	£1.80

150th Anniv. of the signing of The Treaty of Waitangi (issued 17/1/90). Two 40c stamps set within a commemorative miniature sheet based on a water colour of the signing by Len Mitchell (incidentally the miniature sheet was designed by the artist's son, Allan Mitchell).

Mint miniature sheet	55p
Official illustrated F.D.C.	90p

Sesqui-Centennial Presentation Pack, issued to celebrate the 150th Anniv. of the signing of The Treaty of Waitangi. It contains the above miniature sheet, the \$ 1 Kiwi round stamp, and the 1989 Heritage 'The People' set (in total 7 stamps and one miniature sheet). Much background information included (post paid)

£7.50

50th Anniv. of Air New Zealand (issued 17/1/90). One 80c stamp — this pleasing design features the Short S.30 Empire class flying boat and the Boeing 747.200.

Mint single	55p
Imprint/plate block of 6, plate nos 1A1A1A1A1A	£3.75
Similar imprint/plate block, plate nos 1B1B1B1B1B	£3.75
Official illustrated F.D.C.	90p