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N.Z. NOTES AND COMMENT

By Colin Hamilton

King George V Booklets. Until as recently as six years ago or so, there was a considerable mystery surrounding ½d stamps, perf. 14x15 (K13e) from booklets **without** advertisements in the selvages. Individual pieces of such ½ds had been seen, but no booklet containing them had been recorded. Until that point, it had been tentatively assumed that they were probably from a booklet containing two panes of ½ds and three panes of 1d Field Marshals, all panes perf. 14x15, and all without selvedge advertisements. The fly in the ointment with that theory was that no 1d Field Marshal stamps fitting the bill had ever been reported (and still have not been, incidentally).

Then, in 1985, we reported in these columns the discovery of an incomplete booklet, which went a long way to resolving the mystery. For this booklet was sufficiently complete to show that it had been made up of two panes of K13e stamps and three panes of 1d Field Marshal perf. 14 (K15a). The previous tentative listing in the C.P. Catalogue (W4h), was therefore subsequently amended to its present form, but there remained some doubt about when this booklet was issued (as evidenced by the '1934?' date against the listing).

I think we are now in a position to clarify the position completely, thanks to two used ½d pairs just sighted. **Both were clearly dated 1928** (one 14th March, the other 3rd October). This very wrongly suggests that, while the W4h booklet certainly merits a listing to itself, it was not really a separate issue at all, but a fourth form of the earlier series of booklets first issued in 1928 — i.e. those listed in C.P. as W4f (a), (b) and (c).

As a side issue, the dated ½d pairs mentioned above raise another question. In relation to the 1d Field Marshal, Volume 1 of "The Postage Stamps of New Zealand" states that the first issue of the booklets carried 'Jeyes Fluid/Parisian Ties' advertisements on the selvages of the panes; that in 1929 the 'Jeyes Fluid' advert was omitted; **and that from 1930 the booklet panes were without any advertisements.** Since these statements must apply equally to ½ds in the same issues of booklets, the Handbook chronology of adverts/no adverts cannot be correct.

1967 50c Abnormal Booklets. Having read our recent notes on these (N.Z. Bulletin, October 1991), Mr. D. Carter of Invercargill, N.Z., kindly submitted for inspection no less than **six** booklets containing combinations of panes we hadn't previously seen, thus at a stroke almost doubling the length of our recorded list!

The new combinations are as follows:

- (i) Booklets with GENERAL ACCIDENT advert.

XB XA XB XB XB at top

- (ii) Booklets with WEET-BIX advert.

— XB — — — at bottom

XA XA XA XB XB at bottom

XA XB XA XB XA at top

XB XA XB XA XA at top

XB XA XB XA XA at bottom

Although not directly related to the 'mixed-pane' abnormalities, Mr. Carter also showed us a 'General Accident' booklet (all panes showing XB at bottom) with the 1c x 5 + label pane misplaced within the booklet. This would be due to 'stacking' the constituent sheets/interleaving in the wrong order during make-up, so, almost certainly, at least 29 other booklets with this pane similarly misplaced were issued.

"C.P." DOWN MEMORY LANE by Campbell Paterson

(from C.P. Newsletter Monthly, December 1991)

I was pleased to read the tribute to our Catalogue written by Tony Orchard in the September 1991 issue of "Stamp News Australia". I reprint his article below.

"All serious collectors of New Zealand stamps will be familiar with the name Campbell Paterson, for many years one of the leading dealers in specialised New Zealand stamps and publishers of probably one of the best specialised one-country stamp catalogues anywhere in the world. The editors of this catalogue recognised many years ago what is only now becoming apparent to catalogue editors elsewhere — most stamp catalogues represent an incredible waste of resources. A new one is published each year, perhaps with only five per cent to ten per cent new information, and the old catalogue is thrown away. The Campbell Paterson solution was to adopt a loose leaf format, with one set of permanent or semi-permanent pages containing all that information which remained the same from year to year (illustrations, introductory text, etc.), and a second set of temporary pages containing the changeable information (mainly prices). Each year it is necessary to buy only a few extra permanent pages, plus updates of the temporary pages. With the prices of catalogues skyrocketing, and the collector's practice of buying a new catalogue every year becoming prohibitively expensive, this style of loose leaf catalogue is likely to become more common."

It is gratifying to me (as Compiler of the Catalogue in 1952) that it is still appreciated that the introduction of the loose-leaf system was meant to save collectors their money!

The book was unique in its day and remains so with the exception of one catalogue issued in Australia (on the subject of Australian stamps). This appeared first about 3 years ago and it still exists.

So it was an incredible period of 36 years (1952 to, say 1988) before another catalogue publisher took up the idea. Some ten years after 1952 Stanley Gibbons Ltd. of the Strand, London, approached me (I was in England at the time), with the suggestion that I should compile a catalogue for them — covering the Stamps of Great Britain, 1840—1880; This I was very happy to do and the resultant volume appeared in 1963. This new work was a bound volume and has never been issued in loose-leaf form. I suggested of course that, as compiled, it would be eminently suitable for issue in loose-leaf form; but Gibbons refused to accept the viability of loose-leaf for their Catalogue. It was of course their property and their wishes were followed. Whether they were wise to avoid the loose-leaf system it is not my place to say but personally I believe it would have worked as well as it always has done with the "C.P."

Tony Orchard's article, reprinted in part above, was not a review. He was merely discussing the "C.P." Catalogue's most outstanding feature. On one point he is mistaken — where he refers to "the editors" (plural) "recognising many years ago what is only now becoming evident to catalogue editors everywhere". In fact, the "C.P." never had more than one editor (myself) from 1952 to 1989 — 37 years. If there had been more than one editor I believe the catalogue would have been a mess; as some wit said of the camel — "a horse designed by a Committee"!

Talking of past doings makes me think of the vast changes that have overtaken Philately since I bought my first S.G. Catalogue in 1926. I was then 16 and am now 81, although I don't feel anything like that age.

I will write — say, beginning next month — of my experiences during those years.

ROSS DEPENDENCY COVERS

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| 105 | 2/10/1958 Cover , Campbell Island to U.S.A., 3d (RD4) adhesive, Campbell Island c.d.s. and 11 different signatures. Obviously the members of a particular expedition, some detective work required to discover which one! | £27.50 |
| 106 | 5/1/1959 Cover to U.S.A., 4d (RD5) adhesives, Scott Base c.d.s. and oval cachet "COMMANDING OFFICER/H.M.N.Z.S. ENDEAVOUR/1 JAN 1959", signed by ? Markham | £30.00 |
| Note: | Interestingly, Sir Clements Markham was known as "The Father of the early Expeditions" of 1901—1906. We wonder if the signatory on the 1959 cover is a descendant? | |
| 107 | 13/1/1960 Cover to N.Z., 4d (RD5) adhesive, Scott Base c.d.s., Scott Base cachet, the same ship's cachet as the previous cover but with a different signature (Cdr. Humby) and undated | £30.00 |
| 108 | 6/11/63 Cover , to Timaru, 3d (RD4) adhesive, Scott Base cachet and special Vice-Regal Visit 1963 c.d.s. Special offer | £25.00 |

109	4/12/1967 Cover to N.Z., 3c (RD9) adhesive, Scott Base c.d.s., two Scott Base cachets, and signed by G.R. Edlin (Postmaster)	£27.50
110	23/10/1969 Cover to N.Z., 3c (RD9) adhesive, Scott Base c.d.s., Vanda Station cachet and signed by W.R. Lucy (Leader, Vanda Station, 1968/9)	£27.50
111	2/2/1973 Cover, 4c (RD13) adhesive, Scott Base c.d.s., "Flown by Helicopter in Antarctica" cachet, plus all details of the flight	£22.50
112	4/12/1976 Air Cover, 10c and 18c (RD16/17) adhesives, three different cachets (one being No. 40 Operation Ice-Cube/Royal New Zealand Air Force). Hand written details of the flight on the back of the cover, and signed by the pilot ..	£22.50
113	3/1/1978 Air Cover, 3c, 4c, 5c, 8c (RD12-15) adhesives, Fr. 2.70 French Antarctic Territory adhesive, Scott Base c.d.s., and signature — apparently connected with French participation in Antarctica	£15.00
114	16/12/1978 Air Cover, 5c x 2, 8c x 2 (RD14/15) adhesives, large 'N.Z. Huts Restoration Project' cachet, a second cachet, and signed by J. Oliver (connection unknown)	£17.50
115	31/1/1981 Cover, 18c x 2 (RD17) adhesives, Scott Base c.d.s., two University of Canterbury/Antarctic Research cachets	£17.50
116	7/12/1981 Postcard of McMurdo Station, N.Z. and U.S.A. adhesives and datestamps	£6.50
117	21/6/1982 Cover, 7c, 18c x 3 (RD10/17) adhesives, Scott Base c.d.s., typed details of the Winter Team at Scott Base in 1981/2, plus signatures	£17.50
118	5/12/1984 Cover to Scott Base, N.Z. 24c adhesive, large 'Antarctica Mid-Winter Airdrop' cachet, and three Scott Base cachets all with signatures ..	£12.50

FIRST SIDEFACES

A rare listing from a very difficult issue.

Perf. 12½

119	Used Set. An exceptionally fine set of six (1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1/-), specially selected for good centring, fresh colours and light cancellations. Cat. \$ 413	£120.00
120(a)	1d Lilac (C1a). Mint copy, lightly hinged and very fine	£17.50
(b)	As above. Set of three good to fine used copies, in the listed shades of lilac, dull lilac and deep lilac	£10.00
(c)	As above. Used copy on blued paper, with variety Watermark Inverted. Some creasing (not visible on face side), but scarce	£15.00
121(a)	2d Rose (C2a). Lovely fresh mint copy, inverted set-off from another 2d on the gum	£15.00

(b)	As above. Set of three excellent shades as listed -- rose, pale rose and deep rose. Good to fine used	£9.00
(c)	As above. Fine used copy on notably blued paper (C2aY)	£20.00
122(a)	3d Deep Brown (C3a). Superb mint copy, lightly hinged	£62.50
(b)	As above, but very fine used, centred right	£40.00
123(a)	4d Indian Red (C4a). A brilliant unused copy, no gum	£57.50
(b)	As above, but fine used	£37.50
(c)	As above. A very fine used set of three, in shades ranging from pale to very deep Indian Red	£100.00
124(a)	6d Blue (C5a). Very fine unused copy, no gum. Magnificent colour	£40.00
(b)	As above. Set of two used, in the listed shades of blue and deep blue	£12.50
125(a)	1/- Green (C6a). Good to fine used copy. Cat. \$ 100, special offer at	£15.00
(b)	As above. A beautiful used block of four (duplex cancels), in a very deep shade. Internal split on one stamp does not mar dramatic appearance of a rare block	£110.00

Perf. 10 x 12½

126(a)	1d Lilac (C1b). Fine used copy	£35.00
(b)	As above. Fine unused copy (no gum), with irregular compound perf. 10 x 12½ x 12½ x 12½ (C1bX)	£40.00
(c)	As above. Another example with the same irregular compound perf., but fine used	£37.50
127(a)	2d Rose. Very fine used copy (deep shade) with irregular compound perf. 12½ x 12½ x 10 x 12½ (C2bY)	£57.50
128(a)	3d Deep Brown (C3b). Fine used	£52.50
(b)	As above. Irregular compound perf. 10 x 12½ x 12½ x 12½ (C3bY). Fine used	£57.50
129	4d Indian Red. Fine used copy with irregular compound perf. 10 x 12½ x 12½ x 12½ (C4bZ). Although still listed, we believe that the regular compound perf. 4d does not exist	£72.50
130(a)	6d Blue (C5b). Fine used	£30.00
(b)	As above. Irregular compound perf. 10 x 12½ x 12½ x 12½ (C5bX). A few trimmed perfs. at left, otherwise fine used	£27.50
131(a)	1/- Green (C6b). Superb used copy	£100.00

- (b) **As above.** Irregular compound perf. 12½ x 12½ x 10 x 12½ (C6bW). Fair used £40.00

Wmk. Large Star

- 132 2d Deep Rose (C2c).** The provisional issue of 1875, on paper as used for the Chalon Head issues. Fine used £11.75

KING EDWARD VII DEFINITIVES

Some choice offers, all collected along the lines of the S.G. catalogue listings of these issues.

- 133(a) Perf. 14 x 14½.** 2d (two shades), 3d, 4d red-orange, 4d yellow, 5d (two shades), 6d (two shades), 8d (two shades), 1/- . Also includes the ½d (two shades), and 1d Dominion. The set of 15, all lightly hinged mint, well centred, and wonderfully fresh colours. Cat. \$ 394 (S.G. £203.50) £147.50
- (b) **As above.** Another set of 15, identical in content to the previous lot, but fine used. Cat. \$ 92+ (S.G. £34) £25.00
- 134(a) Perf. 14 line.** Set of six (3d, 4d, 5d two shades, 6d, 1/-). Again complete per S.G., and superfine mint. Cat. \$ 250 (S.G. £152) £92.50
- (b) **As above.** Fine used set of five (includes one 5d only). Cat. \$ 68 (S.G. £22) . £18.50
- 135 Perf. 14 x 13½.** Short set of five (no 6d), comprising 3d, 5d (two shades), 8d (two shades). Curiously, S.G. list only one 5d in this perf., though the two shades included here are every bit as notable as in the 14 x 14½ and 14 line issues. The set of five, superfine mint — the very scarce 3d is a brilliant copy. Cat. \$ 162.50 (S.G. £132) £65.00

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- 137 Volume 2,** complete with the six F.F.Q. die prints in colour. Fine condition . £85.00
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Exceptionally, we can offer this elusive 'Blitz Perf.' issue (listed by S.G. at £14 per stamp) in marginal block of four, superb unhinged mint, at

£28.50

1991 POSTAGE RATE CHANGES

In July last year, the basic inland N.Z. postage rate changed from 40c to 45c. Consequently several stamps were withdrawn and several new ones issued. Unless otherwise stated all stamps are unmounted mint.

PRE- POSTAGE RATE CHANGE

- 144(i) 40c Brown Kiwi, perf. 14½ x 14 (PC14a).** Original imprint block of 6 stamps .. £3.50
- (ii) Imprint block of six stamps, 2 or 3-kiwi marks, each £3.50
- (iii) Imprint block of nine stamps, 4 or 5 or 6 or 7 or 8-kiwi marks, each £3.50
- Note:** This PC14a stamp hasn't actually been withdrawn, but as it is no longer the current inland postage rate the frequency of future reprints will now be greatly reduced.
- 145(i) 40c Brown Kiwi, perf. 13½ x 13½ (PC14b).** Mint single 45p
- (ii) Miniature Sheet of ten stamps £4.50
- (iii) Complete \$200 pad (this pad is the only source of these PC14b stamps) .. £200.00
- (iv) Used single £1.25
- (v) Used miniature sheet of ten stamps £12.50
- 146(i) \$4 Mount Cook Booklet (W28a).** Ten 40c (PC14a) stamps attached by plain right hand or left hand selvedge, each £4.50
- (ii) Stamps attached by LH selvedge, colour dots in the selvedge £7.50
- (iii) Similar "colour-dot" booklet, but with 2 or 3 or 5 or 6-kiwi marks, each £9.00
- 147 \$4 Hang-sell 'Window' Envelope.** Later redrawn type (without "Foodtown Logo" etc.) — W30a(Z) £6.00
- 148(i) \$4 Black "Hang-Sell" Booklet (W31a).** Stamps attached by plain RH or LH selvedge, each £4.25
- (ii) "Colour-dot" booklet, 6 or 7-kiwi marks, each £6.00
- (iii) Pair of booklets, with 8-kiwi marks £10.00
- 149(i) 40c Self Adhesive ("Perf." 11½).** Issued only in rolls of 100, each roll includes four labels, three of them different. This stamp had a life of only ten weeks. Mint single 50p

(ii)	Set of four strips — plain strip of 4 stamps; three strips of 4 stamps with the mid-roll stickers "N.Z. POST GOOD VALUE", "ONLY 25 STAMPS LEFT", and "ONLY 5 STAMPS LEFT" respectively. Stocks are now low	£12.50
(iii)	Used single	£1.50
(iv)	Official illustrated F.D.C.	£1.50
150(i)	40c Happy Birthday, and Thinking of You Booklet Issues. (Each five stamps se-tenant) — these stamps only had a six week life. Two booklets (one se-tenant pane per booklet)	£3.00
(ii)	Two mint se-tenant sets	£3.00
(iii)	Two used se-tenant sets	£3.50
(iv)	Two official illustrated F.D.C.'s	£3.50

POST-POSTAGE RATE CHANGE

151(i)	5c (Spotless Crane) and 45c (Rock Wren) new "small-type" bird definitives. Mint singles	40p
(ii)	Used singles	45p
(iii)	Original imprint blocks of six stamps (one each value)	£2.75
(iv)	5c Imprint block, 1 or 2-kiwi marks, each	50p
(v)	45c Imprint block, 1-kiwi	£2.25
152(i)	45c Self Adhesive ("Perf." 11¼). Mint single	45p
(ii)	Used single	£1.00
(iii)	Set of four strips, make-up identical to the 40c self adhesive set of strips (lot 149(ii))	£9.50
(iv)	Official illustrated F.D.C. (also includes the 5c and 45c bird stamps)	£1.25
153(i)	45c Happy Birthday and Thinking of You Booklet issues. (Designs and make-up identical to the 40c sets — lot 150 — except for the face value). Two booklets (one se-tenant pane per booklet)	£3.25
(ii)	Two mint se-tenant sets	£3.25
(iii)	Two used se-tenant sets	£3.75
(iv)	Two official illustrated F.D.C.'s	£3.75
154(i)	\$ 4.50 "Hang-Sell" Booklet, with a blue cover, stamps attached by plain LH selvedge	£3.25
(ii)	LH selvedge with "colour dots"	£3.50