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N.Z. NOTES AND COMMENT

By Colin Hamilton

24c Map Stamp. Our colleagues in Auckland recently sent us a photocopy of an imprint block of the perf. 14½ x 14 issue (PA35b) from the 1-dot, 1-dot plates, but with **seven dots in the 'print number' square**, accompanied by the question "Do you know anything about this?"

The short and simple answer to that question was, and is, no we don't. Our knowledge of the numerous plate/print number combinations existing on this issue corresponds exactly with the current listings in the C.P. Catalogue. The highest count of 'print number' dots we have seen or heard of is six — again in combination with the 1-dot, 1-dot plates.

Having seen the mystery block 'in the flesh', our Auckland colleagues added that there was no evidence that it had been subjected to any jiggery-pokery — such as someone manually adding a seventh dot to an example of the above-mentioned 'six-dot' printing — and close examination of the alignment of the dots in the photocopy tended to bear this out. It appeared to me to be a totally new marking.

So what might be the explanation? We can offer a possibility. Generally speaking, reprints are issued unannounced, and with no specific date of issue, but our records indicate that the six-dot printing first appeared on or around March 1985. **At just about the same time**, the \$2.64 booklet (W18b) also made its first appearance. We suggest, therefore, that a 'seven-dot' printing was produced to make up these booklets, and that this block is from a sheet which somehow escaped to tell the tale. It wouldn't be easy to demonstrate this conclusively, for the selvages carrying the vital information were removed during the manufacture of the booklets. There has more recently, however, certainly been at least one similar set of circumstances, on this occasion demonstrable, where the entire 1-kiwi reprint of the 40c Brown Kiwi apparently went into a making of booklets. In the latter case not even one sheet (as far as is known) escaped, hence the omission of this particular marking under PC14a, but its inclusion under W28a, in the C.P. Catalogue listings.

As a corollary to all of the above, the N.Z. Post Office was reported some years ago to have stated categorically that 1455 sheets were printed from the 1-dot, 1-dot plates with three print number dots. As far as we know, no example of **this** marking has ever been seen. Again the probable explanation is that these sheets were used in a making of booklets, in this instance W18a. Nevertheless, it is not inconceivable that '1-dot, 1-dot, 3-dot' imprint blocks could exist — these, and '1-dot, 1-dot, 7-dot', are both worth looking out for.

NEW STYLE \$ 4.50 BOOKLETS

(from C.P. Newsletter Monthly)

Early in October 1991 a new type of \$ 4.50 booklet appeared in two formats. Each contained 10 x 45c Rock Wren stamps (in a vertical block) in a red cover of a thinner quality card than was used in previous booklets. The new booklets lack the blue Fastpost labels of recent booklets and now show brief information about postage rates. The stamp pane in each booklet is folded twice. In previous booklets containing stamps of this size, the panes were of horizontal blocks, and only one fold was necessary. The two formats are distinguished by a number of subtle and not-so-subtle differences which are set out in the table below:

	Format (a)	Format (b)
<u>Cover</u>	Hang-sell style with roulettes along lower edge of the hang-sell tab for easy removal.	Non hang-sell style, the hang-sell tab (if, indeed, it ever existed) having been cut off in manufacture. There is no evidence of roulettes.
<u>How supplied</u>	Available only singly, not in strips of five as many other booklets were. The booklets have been guillotined apart, not always accurately, through the white margin of stamps. The inaccuracy shows up as extra wide or narrow side margins.	Available in joined strips of five with roulettes to enable them to be separated.
<u>Perforation</u>	14½ x 14. Perforation is by a double comb type of head with one long row vertically. Each booklet pane, therefore, is perforated between the rows vertically and imperforate at the sides (where it is guillotined).	14½ x 14. Perforations normal with all sides of the stamps perforated.

Composition of sheet: It is reasonable to assume that a new booklet plate (the exact composition of which has yet to be established) has been produced to print both types of booklet stamps. When a full strip of five booklets of format (b) is opened out, there is a continuous block ten stamps wide. As all the panes are attached by the bottom selvedge, this remains intact but there is no imprint information at all, as one would expect in normal sheets of stamps. To date, no booklets have been seen with left, right or top selvedge attached. Format (a) booklets seen to date also are attached only by the bottom selvedge. In format (a) a complete (unguillotined) sheet would show imperforate gutters between each vertical row of stamps.

We would be interested to hear collectors' ideas about the composition of the sheet etc.

Editor's notes: (1) Since the above notes were prepared for the C.P. Newsletter Monthly, booklets of both formats containing panes with top selvedge have been seen. (We would not expect any with left or right selvedge to exist in either format.)

(2) Our own observations suggest that the perforating head used for the format (a) booklets was not a peculiar type of **double** comb as suggested, but an equally peculiar type of **single** comb, lacking every alternate short row of pins, and operating from top to bottom over the stamps.

(3) In both formats, the outside back cover carries an unexplained letter 'I'. We now understand that this is a Roman numeral, and signifies the first printing, and that in any subsequent reprints of these booklets, this indicator will be altered accordingly.

FEBRUARY SPECTACULAR !

This month marks the present N.Z. Bulletin Editor's 21st anniversary in the 'hot seat'. By way of celebration of that minor milestone, there follows a listing of "Editor's Specials". Many are repeats of offers made over the past year or so; **all are at half the previous prices!** A chance in a million (especially as a number of the original offers were already very advantageously priced). Strictly first come first served — most are one-only-available.

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| 201 | Hausburg Reprints. Complete set of seven (1d, 2d, Pl.1, 2d Pl.2, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1/-) imperf., printed in black on thin card. Only the 2d pl.2 is relatively common — all others are scarce . The set | £50.00 |
| 202 | ½d Mt. Cook. Unhinged mint block of four on Pirie paper, perf. 14 x 11 (F1c). Cat. \$ 60 | £11.75 |
| 203 | 1d Universal, London Print (G1a). Unhinged mint block of four. Cat. \$ 80 .. | £10.00 |
| 204(a) | 1d Universal, Basted Mills Paper. Superfine mint block of four, perf. 11 (G3a). Rare. Cat. \$ 1200, previously offered at £375 | £187.50 |
| | (b) As above. Magnificent block with mixed perfs. and official patching (G3e). Cat. \$ 1200, previous price £275, now | £137.50 |
| 205 | 1d Universal Trial Plates. Complete set of four matching blocks of four showing the plate numbers W1, W2, R1 and R2 respectively in the bottom selvages. Exceptionally fine. Cat. \$ 2000 | £300.00 |
| 206(a) | 1d Universal, Royle Plates. Finest mint block of four, perf. 11 x 14 (G10c). Cat. \$ 1400, previously priced at £250 | £125.00 |
| | (b) As above. Superb block of four (perf. 14) with the complete four-dot plate marking centrally in the bottom selvedge. Ultra-rare — only two other complete examples of this plate marking are known to us. Cat. \$ 6000, previous price £1500, now | £750.00 |
| | (c) As above. Marginal block of the comb perf. 14 x 14½ (G10f) with plate no. R2 in selvedge. Another rarity (Cat. \$ 1750), and in extremely fine condition. Previously £600, now | £300.00 |
| 207(a) | K.G.V Colour Prints. 1½d (Type K1), printed in deep slate black, on 'Pictorial' paper, imperf., each impression overprinted 'COLOUR/PRINT' in black. Superb block of four | £67.50 |
| | (b) As above. Similar block of the 2d (Type K2), printed in deep grey violet .. | £67.50 |
| | (c) As above. Similar block of the 3d (Type K4), printed in dull mouse-brown .. | £67.50 |
| | (d) As above. Similar block of the 4d (Type K5), printed in orange | £67.50 |

208	King George V 8d Official (KO10d). Superb plate block of four (pl. no. 39), with full corner selvage. Very lightly hinged in selvage only. Cat. \$ 1650, previous price £675, now	£337.50
209(a)	K.G.V 1½d Orange-Brown. Marginal block of four on Wiggins Teape paper (K17d). Immaculate — stamps mint unhinged. Previously £135	£67.50
(b)	As above. Similar block of the other scarce 1½d — on Cowan paper, perf. 14 x 15 (K17e). Previously £175	£87.50
210	Second Pictorial 2d Whare. Brilliant strip of four, one stamp with complete offset on back, one stamp with 90% complete offset, one stamp 10% complete, one stamp normal. A magnificent and spectacular variety (L4fW)	£87.50
211	Second Pictorial 3/- Mt. Egmont. Superfine mint plate block of the scarce perf. 12½ issue (L14e). Previously £150	£75.00
212	King George VI 1d Official. The rare imprint/plate no. 85 block of eight on coarse HM paper (MO2e). Finest mint. Previously £250	£125.00
213	Q.E. 1/6d. Unhinged mint copy with variety Double Print, One Albino (blurred centre). Cat. \$ 200, previously priced at £67.50	£33.75
214	1960 Pictorial Booklet Panes. Complete set of mint panes with selvage numbers 1 — 6. Eighteen panes (six each of the ½d, 1d and 3d). Previously £60	£30.00
215	1967 \$2 Magenta (OD18a). Unhinged mint imprint/plate block of ten stamps. Cat. \$ 600, previously £125, now	£62.50
216	1967 \$2 Multicolour (OD18b). Similar imprint/plate block, mint unhinged. Cat. \$ 1500	£200.00
217	1969 Law Society. The rare 18c plate blocks 1221 and 1a2a2a1a. Now Cat. \$ 200 each. The pair, mint unhinged	£72.50
218	Health Miniature Sheets. A complete run from 1957 (both wmk.) to 1985 (48 mini sheets). All in superb mint condition, lightly hinged in selvage only. Cat. \$ 840 (S.G. £420)	£62.50
219(a)	Second Type Postage Dues. The complete set of four values (½d, 1d, 2d, 3d) on Wiggins Teape paper, mint unhinged. Cat. \$ 130 (S.G. £80)	£22.50
(b)	As above. The same set, but in brilliant unhinged mint blocks of four	£87.50
220	1967 Ross Dependency 15c. Variety Watermark Inverted (RD11aZ). Cat. \$ 125 (S.G. £75)	£22.50
221	Boer War Postcards. Complete set of 16 different unused, on cream card. One or two small faults, but generally very fine. A rare set. Previously £300 .	£150.00

RECENT ISSUES – BIRDS AND BUTTERFLIES

On November 6th last year, the \$1, \$2 and \$3 Bird stamps (PC5–7) were withdrawn, and replaced by new \$1, \$2 and \$3 Butterfly definitives. The following is a listing of material currently available. Stocks of all of the now obsolete Bird imprint blocks are severely limited – SO DON'T BE DISAPPOINTED, ORDER NOW !

222(a)	\$1 Kokako. Unmounted mint single. Original white paper (PC5a)	£1.00
(b)	As above. Same stamp, fine used (block of four pro-rata)	£1.00
(c)	As above. Cream paper (PC5b), unmounted mint	£1.00
(d)	As above. Same stamp, fine used	£1.00
(e)	As above. Unmounted mint copy with "green-tinged" gum, from either 2, 3 or 4-kiwi reprints	80p
223(a)	\$1 Kokako Imprint block of six stamps. Original (PC5a) printing, no kiwi marks of course, left selvedge perforated through	£6.50
(b)	As above. 1-kiwi reprint (PC5b), left selvedge perforated	£6.50
(c)	As above. 2-kiwi reprint (green-tinged gum). Left selvedge perforated or not perforated, each	£6.50
(d)	As above. 3-kiwi reprint, left selvedge perforated or not perforated, each ..	£6.50
(e)	As above. 4-kiwi reprint, left selvedge perforated (bird in a pale grey shade) ..	£5.50
(f)	As above. Another 4-kiwi imprint, left selvedge not perforated (bird is in a deeper grey shade)	£5.50
224	\$1 Kokako Sheet Value blocks. Two top right corner sheet value blocks, both on the original white paper (PC5a) with right selvedge perf.'d and not perf.'d respectively	£10.00
225(a)	\$2 Black Robin. Unmounted mint single, original white paper (PC6a)	£2.00
(b)	As above. Same stamp, fine used (block of four pro-rata)	£2.00
(c)	As above. Unmounted mint copy with "green-tinged" gum, (from 1-kiwi supply)	£1.75
(d)	As above. The very attractive PHILEXFRANCE Miniature Sheet, featuring this \$2 stamp	£3.75
226(a)	\$2 Black Robin, Imprint block of six stamps on original white paper (no kiwi marks), left selvedge perforated	£12.50
(b)	As above. 1-kiwi reprint (green-tinged gum), left selvedge perforated or not perforated, each	£11.50

227	\$2 Black Robin, Sheet Value blocks. Two top right corner sheet value blocks, both on the original white paper, with right selvedge perforated and not perforated respectively	£20.00
228(a)	\$3 Stitchbird. Unmounted mint single, original white paper (PC7a)	£3.00
(b)	As above. Same stamp, fine used	£3.00
(c)	As above. Cream paper (PC7b), unmounted mint	£3.00
(d)	As above. Same stamp, fine used	£3.00
(e)	As above. Unmounted mint copy with "green-tinged" gum, from either 2 or 3-kiwi reprint	£2.75
229(a)	\$3 Stitchbird, Imprint block of six on original (PC7a) white paper (no kiwi marks) left selvedge perforated	£18.50
(b)	As above. 1-kiwi reprint (PC7b), left selvedge perforated or not perforated, each	£18.50
(c)	As above. 2-kiwi reprint (green-tinged gum), left selvedge perforated or not perforated, each	£18.50
(d)	As above. 3-kiwi reprint, left selvedge perforated or not perforated, each ...	£16.50
230(a)	1991 \$1, \$2, \$3 Butterflies Definitives. (Issued 6 Nov 1991). Unmounted mint set of 3 stamps	£3.75
(b)	Imprint block of each value (six stamps per block)	£15.75
(c)	Sheet value blocks of four, one block each value	£18.75
(d)	Official Illustrated F.D.C. (Wanganui pmk.)	£4.00
(e)	Official Presentation Pack (post paid)	£6.75

MISCELLANY

231(a)	King George V. Official Overprint varieties. Six items (10 stamps) including misplaced overprints, badly printed overprints and overprints with faults ...	£25.00
(b)	As above. K.G.V 2d Official, De La Rue Paper (KO18a), block of four, one stamp with 50% of the O of Official missing (reads JFFICIAL!)	£20.00
232	1920 Victory Proofs. Four items from the special widely-spaced trial plates, all overprinted SPECIMEN in black. Included are ½d pair in red, imperf.; 6d pair in blue, imperf.; 1/- pair in purple, imperf.; and 6d single in magenta, perf. 13%. Attractive, unusual and scarce	£100.00
233	1925 Dunedin Exhibition 4d. Unmounted mint copy with R10/1 POSTAGF variety in right hand value tablet (SV17c(3), S.G. 465a). Cat. \$ 250	£65.00

- 234(a) Q.E. Middle Values.** Four multiples, each consisting of two blocks of four se-tenant with gutter between, and each with plate nos. **1A1A** under the left hand block of stamps. Under the right-hand blocks are varying states of the R10/1 centre plate crack that affected centre plate **1B**. Included are 9d pre-crack; 1/- early state of the crack; 9d with crack more advanced; and 1/6d crack now extensive. All blocks completely unmounted mint. A superb "visual" set! £52.50
- (b) Q.E. 4d Official.** Printed on the Gum error (NO25aZ, S.G. O164Ea). Perfect unmounted mint £125.00
- (c) Q.E. 4/- Booklet (W7b).** These Q.E. Booklets occur naturally with differing watermark combinations within the same booklet. The five here offered contain: (i) all 4 panes upright wmk.; (ii) 1d panes upright wmk., 3d panes inverted; (iii) 1d panes, inverted wmk., 3d panes upright wmk.; (iv) three panes upright wmk., one 3d pane inverted wmk.; (v) one 1d pane upright wmk., other three panes inverted wmk. An unusual selection, cat. \$225 as ordinary booklets £60.00
- 235 1960 Pictorial 2½d.** Horizontal marginal pair, one stamp brown totally omitted (O4aZ), the other brown 90% omitted. Cat. \$250+ £75.00
- 236(a) 1970 Pictorial, Colour Shifts.** Collection of ten minor, but all clearly visible, colour shifts, includes 1c x 3 (blue shift, red shift, black shift), 4c x 3 (two different vein shifts, yellow shift), 5c (purple shift), 8c (light green shift), 15c (black shift), 18c (black shift). All on No Wmk. Paper except the 15c (Watermarked paper) £42.50
- (b) As above.** Two matching 4c corner blocks of four, veins shifted upwards and to the right, respectively £12.50
- (c) As above.** 4c plate (1B) block of ten stamps with yellow shifted upwards — the yellow plate number is also misplaced, of course £20.00
- 237(a) 1970 Pictorial 4c.** The 'commonest' of all the 4c missing colours on the Unwatermarked paper is the missing dark green (no veins) — P6cZ. Not widely known is that there are two versions of this error, with white and blue gum respectively. Here offered are unmounted mint copies of both .. £17.50
- (b) As above.** Four commercially used 4c stamps: (i) with no veins (P6cZ), (ii) veins largely omitted, (iii) veins shifted to right, and (iv) yellow shifted upwards respectively £10.00
- 238(a) 1970 Pictorial, Inverted Watermarks.** Unmounted mint copies of the 2c, 3c, 4c, 10c, 15c inverts (P3aZ, P5aY, P6aZ, P12aZ, P15aZ). Cat. \$130 £30.00
- (b) As above.** 3c imprint/plate (1A2A) block of 10 with inverted watermark (P5aY) £15.00
- 239 1970 Pictorial, 5c Fish (P7a).** Two sheet value blocks, one '\$10 with \$12 obliterated', the other '\$10 redrawn' (both listed in the C.P. Catalogue) ... £17.50

240(a)	Life Insurance. 1913 set of eight stamps (½d, 1d, 1½d x 2, 2d x 2, 3d, 6d) all on De La Rue Paper (X7a – X12a, S.G. L24–31), fine lightly hinged mint. Cat. \$ 112.50	£37.50
(b)	As above. 3d Chocolate on Cowan Paper (X11b). Two marginal blocks of four, including R1/3, 2/4, 1/7 varieties (all listed in Vol. 1 of the N.Z. Handbook). Unmounted mint, stamps alone Cat. \$ 320	£75.00
(c)	As above. 6d Pink on Wiggins Teape Paper with W7 Watermark (X12c). Unhinged mint block of four including the R3/8 (joined OS) variety, also listed in Vol. 1.	£50.00
(d)	As above. 1969 4c, corner block of six with R2/3 flaw (X30aZ). Unmounted mint	£6.50
(e)	As above. 1969 15c, two imprint/plate (111) blocks with R10/1 flaw (X33aZ) and subsequent retouch	£20.00
(f)	As above. 1975 15c, unmounted mint example of the short-lived and elusive issue with Horizontal Mesh and PVA gum, perf. 13¼ x 13½ (X33b)	£15.00
(g)	As above. The same scarce stamp, but in sheet value block of four, also unhinged mint	£67.50

PHILA NIPPON '91

Between 16–24 November last year a World Stamp Exhibition was held in Tokyo – PHILA NIPPON '91. To mark this event New Zealand Post produced two very attractive miniature sheets (both with the PHILA NIPPON '91 logo):

- (1) \$ 3 sheetlet, featuring the \$ 3 Yellow Admiral Butterfly (basic Butterfly set offered elsewhere in this Bulletin).
- (2) \$ 1.80 Rugby sheetlet. This item differs from the August 1991 Rugby mini sheet in several respects, particularly in that it carries no surcharge. (This new Rugby sheetlet apparently sold out on the opening day of the Exhibition).

The two Phila Nippon Miniature Sheets, mint	£3.50
\$ 3 Miniature Sheet on illustrated cover (dated the opening day of the exhibition)	£3.00
(No official F.D.C. was available for the \$ 1.80 mini-sheet)	

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