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WE WISH ALL N.Z. BULLETIN READERS
A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND A
PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS 1993



N.Z. NOTES AND COMMENT

1/- Long Fiscal. Following our note (October 1992 N.Z. Bulletin, q.v.) reporting two copies seen with lettering of value in blue, as opposed to the normal green, Dr. K.J. McNaught writes: "A possible explanation for this variety could be that the original colour was green, which has been converted to blue by bleaching out the yellow component. The reported stamp colour is lilac, but the commonest colour is bright reddish mauve. All the Die II 1/- stamps which I recall seeing in grey-lilac are cleaned fiscals. I have three bright reddish mauve stamps showing clear evidence of cleaned pen cancellations. Two have cancellations which appear to be postal, the third a forged squared circle cancellation of Napier. Two of the three have value in blue, the third in blue-green. Close inspection of the stamps just reported might reveal that they are cleaned fiscals. Both are likely to be chemical changelings from green, rather than value printings in blue."

(Ed. note: On first seeing the two reported copies, we considered the possibility of colour changelings of course. While that remains a possible explanation, we found no evidence in these cases to support it, and in view of the fact that blue ink was in use for printing the values of other denominations at that time, an error of colour seems to us to be a more probable explanation.)

New Sheet Value Marking. In February 1992 the 50c Kingfisher (PC15a) definitive appeared with a 1-kiwi reprint mark below R10/1, and new bar-codes in the side selvages adjacent to rows 4 and 7. Another change was that the original (1988) sheet value marking above R1/10 (VALUE \$ 50.00) had been replaced by a completely new two-line marking, also above R1/10 (VALUE \$ 50.00/100 STAMPS @ 45c).

Later in the year reprints of the 10c Banded Dotterel (PC11a) and 20c Yellowhead (PC12a) stamps also appeared with similar changes, including the new form of sheet value. Commemorative sets during this period have also had a similar two-line sheet value marking above R1/10. It would have been reasonable to expect, therefore, this new style of value marking was to be standard for N.Z. issues.

Not so, apparently! Just to hand are examples from a new 2-kiwi reprint of the 45c Rock Wren (PC21a), but the sheet value differs from the details described above in that the original (1988) marking (VALUE \$ 45.00) above R1/10 has **not been removed**, and **above R1/9** is a single-line insertion (100 STAMPS @ 45c).

It seems highly probable to us that this was the result of an error of omission by the printers; that they overlooked the 'standardised' alteration to the sheet value; and that this was remedied, at a later stage after normal printing had been completed, by the single-line addition above R1/9, in a separate operation. If that proves to be the case, look out for this addition in markedly different positions!

\$ 4.50 'Rock Wren' Booklets. (W37a/b). In our October Bulletin notes, we reported reprints of these two booklets ('II' on back cover). Since then some interesting variations have turned up:

- (a) **W37a, \$ 4.50 'Hang-sell' Booklet.** Included in a recent batch of this 'II' reprint booklet (all had stamps attached by top selvedge) were just a few **original covers** (I on back) and **stamps perforated on all sides**. We suggest the booklet manufacturers used a few original covers when making this reprinted supply — whether deliberately or in error is not known. Clients should check their holding of W37a (II) booklet carefully. We are indebted to Doug Ponsford of Peterhead and Ernie Leppard of London, for this observation.

Readers may also care to note, that top-selvedge panes in the reprinted supply are known with the binding selvedge perforated through, as well as not perforated through.

- (b) **W37b, \$ 4.50 'non Hang-sell' Booklet.** N.Z. Post were approached regarding the imprint markings found on some bottom selvedge booklets (indicating the stamps came from ordinary large-sheets). They replied that some sheets were used in error showing imprint and sheet value markings, and that booklets with imprint markings were issued, but those with sheet value markings were not (why, we wonder?).

We have now seen a strip of five of these 'II' booklets stamps attached by top selvedge, without sheet value marking. This would seem to confirm, in part, N.Z. Post's explanation. However, at the time of writing (mid-Nov.), we have not yet seen, nor heard of, a strip of W37b (II) booklets without **bottom** selvedge markings.

MISCELLANY

Most of the following wide-ranging offers are one-only-available, so telephone ordering is strongly advised.

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| 1201 | 1884 F.F.Q. Reprints. 1d pale orange, 2d deep dull blue, 6d dull chocolate — all printed on Large Star wmk. paper, and imperf. The complete set of three (Cat. \$ 500) | £117.50 |
| 1202 | 1906 Hausburg F.F.Q. Reprints. Complete set of seven (1d, 2d pl.1, 2d pl.2, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1/-) in black on thin card, imperf. | £75.00 |

- 1203 First Sidefaces.** Simplified short set of six (1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1/-), used. Exceptionally fine for these notoriously difficult issues. Min. Cat. (as cheapest of each) \$ 337.50 £82.50
- 1204(a) Second Sidefaces.** Complete simplified set of ten ($\frac{1}{2}$ d – 1/-, one each value). Quality comparable to the previous lot – in this case all with light c.d.s./squared circle cancels, and lovely fresh colours. Min. Cat. \$ 195 £55.00
- (b) As above.** Similar set of ten, but **mint**. Condition again 'way above average' – the odd heavyish hinge, but a very attractive set. Min. Cat. \$ 540 £137.50
- 1205(a) 1898 Pictorials.** Complete mint set of 14 ($\frac{1}{2}$ d – 5/-, incl. both $2\frac{1}{2}$ ds) of the original London Prints, on thin unwmk'd paper, and with small, neat perfs. All previously hinged – most lightly – nevertheless a most appealing set. Cat. \$ 825 (S.G. £450 as a set of 13) £295.00
- (b) As above,** but a longer set of 22, covering all additional values, changes of colour, and smaller designs which occurred during the currency of this series between 1898 and 1908 (EQ1 – EQ21 complete as listed on Temp. Page E14 in the C.P. Catalogue). Every stamp in the set qualifies as very fine, to superb used, having a light c.d.s. or squared circle cancel. Truly remarkable set! Cat. \$ 645 £250.00
- (c) As above.** A wonderful mint copy of the 5/- Mt. Cook, perf. 14 wmk. sideways issue (E21e). Deep, rich, vibrant colour, perfectly centred, so very lightly hinged it doesn't matter (and watermark inverted-and-reversed into the bargain). A stamp in a thousand £162.50
- (d) As above.** A brilliant used **block of four** of the sideways wmk. 5/- overprinted Official (EO21e). Again superb deep colour, again perfectly centred, and neatly cancelled by two complete (and one small part) strikes of the Wellington Registered c.d.s. of 9th August 1907 – lovely contemporary usage. For the record, this block has wmk. reversed (W7f) £695.00
- 1206(a) K.G.V 4d Yellow.** Magnificent corner block of 12 (6 x 2) with full selvedge, plate no. 20, and including the major R1/6 re-entry. Very scarce positional piece, superb unhinged mint £160.00
- (b) As above.** Vertical block of 10 (2 x 5) with top selvedge, and **all stamps perf. 14 x 13 $\frac{1}{4}$** , thus proving the block to be from the small early printing in this perf. throughout (all later sheets were 'two-perf'). A highly desirable block on that account alone, made even more so by the presence of the major R4/10 re-entry. Finally, the shade is the scarcer bright orange-yellow, which we believe was peculiar to the early printing. A block of multiple attraction, and to cap it all, perfectly centred, and unhinged mint £135.00
- (c) As above.** A vertical strip of five, with full corner selvedge and sheet serial number, and with all the salient features of the above block, excepting the re-entry, of course. The proving strip £75.00
- 1207 K.G.V $\frac{1}{2}$ d Booklet Pane.** On Cowan paper, perf. 14, bars in all three selvedges, no advertisements (W4fZ). Very light hinge in binding selvedge only, otherwise sheer perfection £90.00

1208(a) Booklet Pairs. An unusual and interesting range of nine different mint pairs (all with side selvages, four having additional binding selvedge), including ½d Edward, 1d Dominion (2), ½d George V (2) and 1d Field Marshal (4, one showing the only recorded re-entry). All are listed items in C.P. and Cat. value is \$ 520. The lot of nine booklet pairs £100.00

(b) As above. A similar lot of seven used pairs, plus a block of four, plus four singles, all demonstrably from booklets of the same period. The 1d Field Marshal re-entry is represented **twice**, on different issues, and one of the pairs is the unpriced W4h(Y) £67.50

1209 K.G.V 2d 'Litho Wmk' (K18c). Unusually, we can offer a perfect unhinged mint block of four. Very elusive thus £30.00

1210 K.G.V 2d Cowan Reversed Wmk. (K18f). Even more unusually — for it's the first we have seen — we have available a wonderful **used block of four**, cancelled by three part-strikes of the Whangape c.d.s. of 31 MY 27 (this office, incidentally, finally closed as a post office on 2/1/36, though it was immediately re-opened as a telegraph office until 1953). The possibly unique block, superb contemporary usage £200.00

1211(a) K.G.V 2/- Admiral. Brilliantly fresh mint block of four on Jones paper, with wmk. inverted (K20aZ). Very lightly hinged on upper pair only. A few short perfs. £175.00

(b) As above. Marginal block of four on Cowan paper (K20b). All four stamps previously hinged, but very lightly so £125.00

1212 K.G.V 3/- Admiral. Pristine fresh mint corner block of four on Cowan paper (K21b). Centred a little to the left, and all four stamps again **very** lightly hinged £200.00

1213 Second Pictorial 1d Kiwi. Bottom right corner block of four of the scarce perf. 13½ x 14 issue (L2b). Right hand pair show part of the selvedge (letters) watermark, centring is superb for this issue, and the block is immaculate unhinged mint £285.00

N.B. Free advice — the above stamp (L2b) in this top-drawer condition is scheduled for a Catalogue price increase to \$ 225 in the near future!

1214 K.G. VI Officials. An unusual offer even among these unusual offers — a simplified set of thirteen mint blocks of four, complete as listed on Temp. page M14 of the C.P. Catalogue, with the sole exception of the 3d value (we'll give the buyer priority for a 3d block to complete, if required). All but two blocks in the set are corner blocks — the 1d green is an ordinary block, and the 1½d chocolate is a marginal, while the 2/- is a plate block, though not valued as such. One stamp in the 1d green block is hinged, otherwise unhinged throughout. Cat. as singles is a massive \$ 1050+ (S.G. £600). A Christmas gift for someone at £250.00

ARMS TYPES, MINT (Concluded)

1215 10/- Carmine-Lake. Cowan paper (Z39a). Marginal copy, very light selvedge hinge, stamp perfect unhinged £32.50

1216	12/6d Deep Plum. (Z40a). Another Cowan-paper-only issue. Very fine lightly hinged example, beautifully centred	£125.00
1217(a)	15/- Sage-Green. Mult. wmk. upright (Z41c). Superb unhinged	£37.50
	(b) As above, but extremely lightly hinged example	£20.00
	(c) As above. Marginal block of four (very scarce thus). Three stamps unhinged, one lightly hinged — the latter has an insignificant gum tone, invisible from the front	£120.00
1218(a)	£1 Pink. Mult. wmk. upright (Z42c). Superfine copy, with the merest trace of a previous hinge	£15.00
	(b) As above. Unhinged block of four. Absolute perfection	£115.00
	(c) As above. Another brilliant block of four, this one on unsurfaced paper (Z42e), and with full corner selvage. Tiny trace of a hinge in selvage only	£117.50
1219	25/- Pale Blue. Fresh, perfectly centred copy, mult. wmk. upright (Z43c). Lightest possible previous hinge	£120.00
1220	£2 Purple. Mult. wmk. inverted (Z46d). Similarly high quality example ...	£35.00
1221	£2/10/- Red. Mult. wmk. inverted (Z47d). Lightly hinged copy, centred fractionally to the left	£100.00
1222	£3 Green. Mult. wmk. inverted (Z48d). Magnificently centred, with just a faint trace of previous hinge	£45.00
1223	£4 Light Blue. Mult. wmk. inverted (Z50d). Superfine unhinged copy, centred fractionally left and low	£90.00
1224	£5 Indigo-Blue. Mult. wmk. inverted (Z52d). Marginal copy, unhinged and perfectly centred	£140.00
1225(a)	3/6d on 3/6d Green, Serifed Lettering. Wiggins Teape paper, single wmk. (Z53a). Superfine, very lightly hinged copy	£7.50
	(b) As above, but multiple wmk. upright (Z53b). Fine, lightly hinged	£5.00
	(c) As above, but multiple wmk. inverted (Z53c). Superb unhinged	£11.50
1226(a)	3/6d on 3/6d Green, Sans-Serif Lettering. Multiple wmk. upright (Z53d). Superb unhinged	£25.00
	(b) As above, but with faintest trace of previous hinge	£15.00
	(c) As above. Multiple wmk. inverted (Z53e). Very lightly hinged	£15.00
1227(a)	5/6d on 5/6d Lilac. Wiggins Teape paper, single wmk. (Z54a). Lightly hinged and fine	£15.00
	(b) As above. Multiple wmk. upright (Z54b). Very fine, lightly hinged	£12.50

1228(a)	11/- on 11/- Yellow. Multiple wmk. upright (Z55a). Superb appearance, but tiny shallow hinge-thin allows	£10.00
	(b) As above. Brilliant unhinged corner block of four. Very scarce thus	£200.00
1229	22/- on 22/- Scarlet. Multiple wmk. upright (Z56b). Lightly hinged copy, with area of gum discoloration which shows only very faintly on design side. Good space filler at only	£12.50
1230(a)	Decimal Arms. The original, short-lived 1967 issue with line perf. 14, and wmk. W8b. Set of four (\$ 4, \$ 6, \$ 8, \$ 10), unhinged mint (Z58a – Z61a) ..	£62.50
	(b) As above. 1968 set (all top marginal copies) comb perf. 14, and wmk. W.8a (Z58b – 61b), mint unhinged	£35.00
	(c) As above. Comb perf. set of three (\$ 6, \$ 8, \$ 10 – the \$ 4 does not exist) on unwatermarked paper, issued early in 1986. Mint unhinged	£19.50
	Officials	
1231	5/-, Vertical 'OFFICIAL' Overprint (ZO33a). The only Arms Official on Cowan paper, and a good one! Very lightly hinged, beautifully centred, and superfine	£175.00
1232(a)	5/-, Horizontal 'Official' Overprint. Wiggins Teape paper, multiple upright wmk. (ZO33c). Unhinged	£14.25
	(b) As above, but very fine lightly hinged	£8.00
	(c) As above. The final (Oct. 1961) issue on unsurfaced paper with horizontal mesh (ZO33e). This issue never appeared without the Official overprint, so a special printing must have been made solely for official use. Marginal copy, unhinged	£12.25

PRISONER OF WAR POST

A selection of these scarce Second World War flimsy postal stationery items, all in superb unused condition.

1233	K.G.VI One Shilling. With 'SEE NOTE ON FLAP' below 'Prisoner of War No.' (Samuel GA4a)	£135.00
1234	K.G.VI One Shilling, Surcharged 'SIXPENCE' in Red. Without 'SEE NOTE ON FLAP' (Samuel GA7a)	£120.00
1235	K.G.VI Sixpence. With 'SEE NOTE ON FLAP' (Samuel GA8a). This was in fact an error, since the note referred to no longer appeared	£120.00
1236	"THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF NEW ZEALAND"	

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1967 PICTORIALS, Concluded

- 1238(a) 30c Tongariro Park, Watermarked Paper (OD15a).** Two mint copies, one with original Gum Arabic, the other with the later PVA Gum £4.00
- (b) **As above.** Imprint/plate block of six, Gum Arabic or PVA Gum, each £27.50
- (c) **As above.** Two Gum Arabic stamps, dark and pale green shades. Nice £4.00
- (d) **As above.** The same two green shades, but in imprint/plate blocks of six each shade. One set only £55.00
- (e) **As above.** Similar green shades, PVA Gum. — Two stamps £4.00
- (f) **As above.** Marginal block of four (Gum Arabic) with R2/1 retouch — a Volume 6 listed variety £17.50
- (g) **As above.** An identical block, but PVA Gum £17.50
- (h) **As above.** Marginal block of four (Gum Arabic) with R8/1 retouch — ODV15b . £17.50
- (i) **As above.** Similar R8/1 variety block, PVA Gum £17.50
- 1239(a) 30c Park, Unwatermarked Paper (OD15b).** Marginal block of four R2/1 variety . £37.50
- (b) **As above.** Marginal block of four, R8/1 retouch £37.50
- 1240(a) 50c Sutherland Falls (OD16a).** Two mint singles, Gum Arabic and PVA Gum respectively £6.00
- (b) **As above.** Imprint/plate block of ten. Gum Arabic £26.50
- (c) **As above.** Marginal block of ten, PVA Gum, including the R6/5 variety listed in Vol. 6 £35.00
- 1241(a) \$ 1 Tasman Glacier (OD17a).** Two mint singles, Gum Arabic and PVA Gum respectively. Cat. \$ 90, offered at £25.00
- (b) **As above.** Two stamps, both Gum Arabic, in superb shades of ice-blue and deep ice-blue £25.00
- (c) **As above.** Imprint/plate block of six, Gum Arabic (Cat. \$ 315) £90.00
- 1242(a) \$ 2 Pohutu Geyser.** Imprint/plate block of ten stamps as originally issued, in magenta (OD18a). Cat. \$ 600, offered at £125.00
- (b) **As above.** Imprint/plate block of ten stamps, of the 1968 redrawn design in multicolour. (OD18b). The key plate block of this whole series £450.00

1243(a) 7c Fishing Industry (OD20a). Two blocks of four, shade contrasts of all colours	£7.50
(b) As above. Imprint/plate (1111) block of six	£5.00
1244(a) 8c Fruit Industry (OD21a). Two blocks of four, red and orange apples respectively	£7.50
(b) As above. Two imprint/plate blocks of six, plate nos. 1111 and 1a1a1a1a	£10.00
(c) As above. Two plate (1a) blocks of four, one block with selvages perf'd through, the other not	£7.50
1245(a) 10c Timber Industry (OD22a). Imprint/plate block of six, sheet value block of four, and block of six with colour-code boxes	£10.00
(b) As above. Two 10c counter coil pairs (ODC22) with R4/1 and 5/10 varieties respectively (both listed in Volume 6)	£15.00
(c) As above. Five 10c coil pairs, with different section nos.	£30.00
1246(a) 18c Wool Industry (OD23a). Both imprint/plate blocks of six stamps (plate nos. 1111 and 1a1a1a1a), in the orange-red shade	£18.00
(b) As above. Imprint/plate (1a) block of six, this time the red-orange shade	£9.00
1247(a) 20c Meat Industry (OD24a). Imprint/plate block of four stamps	£5.00
(b) As above. 20c counter coil pair (ODC24a) — the difficult one!	£12.50
(c) As above. Five 20c coil pairs, all with different section nos.	£60.00
1248 25c Dairy Industry (OD25a). Imprint/plate block of six stamps	£20.00
1249(a) 7½c Trout. Five blocks (24 stamps) all watermark sideways (OD26a), including plate and imprint blocks of six, sheet value block of four, and two different marginal blocks showing guide markings	£15.00
(b) As above. A similar set, imprint and plate blocks of six, sheet value block of four and marginal block with guide mark — four blocks (20 stamps) — this time all watermark upright (OD26b)	£12.50
1250(a) 28c Fox Glacier (OD27a). Imprint/plate block of ten stamps	£6.00
(b) As above. Sheet value block of six, including R1/10 and 3/10 varieties (both listed in Vol. 6)	£5.00

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1867 TYPE LONG FISCALS

A superb lot of over 100 of these first designs, with imperf. (31) values to 15/-, and perforated (71) values to £5. Although there are inevitably a few faults, condition overall is **exceptionally** fine for these issues. A few are **provably** postally used, and many are **apparently** so. Variations of paper, perf. and watermark abound — anyone having access to Volume VI of "The Postage Stamps of New Zealand" is guaranteed an absolute field day with this lot

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