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N.Z. NOTES AND COMMENT

By Colin Hamilton

\$ 4.50 Panoramic Booklet. N.Z. Post have produced yet another minor surprise with this issue. Our entire new issue supply, of both the Hang-Sell and non-Hang-Sell forms, had the panes attached (as we would have expected) by left-hand selvedge, but two readers (one in England, one in Holland) reported having non-Hang-Sell booklets with **right-hand selvedge** panes in their possession. Both kindly sent in their examples — a single booklet, and an unsevered strip of five — for examination. Not only did the panes have right-hand selvedge, but they had been affixed in an unusual way. The selvedge was attached (by the usual gum-spots) to the inner edge of page 3 of the booklet cover, with the stamps extending leftwards across page 2, so that when the booklet was closed, the pane folded back on itself along the vertical perforations between selvedge and stamps. A recipe for possible disaster, we'd say, with the innermost pair of stamps being at high risk of creasing.

The appearance of an issue of stamps specially printed for booklets (as these are) with different selvages is a completely new departure, in recent times at least. All previous similar issues (the five different "Greeting" booklets, and the \$ 1 circular Kiwi in green) have invariably had selvedge at left only. As far as we are aware, that is — or can someone refute that ?

For some unknown reason, supplies of the right-hand selvedge version have proved difficult to locate in N.Z. In theory, at least, they should exist in exactly the same quantities as those with left-hand selvedge. When our colleagues in Auckland first approached the Bureau, all knowledge of such was denied, but at the time of writing (mid-December), we understand a quantity is now on the way to us, so — Christmas mails permitting! — subscribers to our new issue service will be receiving theirs by the time they are reading this note, or shortly thereafter.

Printing and Stationery Department 'Postage Free' Frank. Allan Berry of Guildford adds an intriguing postscript to the notes on this subject which appeared in the August and November issues of N.Z. Bulletin last year. It will be recalled that this frank is known printed on numerous items of postal stationery used by the Department (envelopes, wrappers, postcards, labels, etc.), as well as in the form of an adhesive 'stamp'. But Allan has in his collection an 'On Public Service Only' parcel label, addressed to The Parliamentary Library, Tasmania, and dated 27/3/1886, on which this same frank has been applied **by handstamp**, in magenta. He adds that this is the only handstamped example he has seen. And I can't enlarge on that — can any reader?

Allan also mentions another, and much less familiar, P and S.D. frank, which he believes to have been the immediate predecessor of the well-known rectangular one (illustrated on page 1 of our August Bulletin). This was a printed triple-ring circular one, 25 mm diameter, with 'GOVT. STATIONERY OFFICE, N.Z.' around the circumference, and 'FREE.' in the centre. He has one example in his collection (pen-cancelled, believed to be a remainder), and knows of one used example in a collection in New Zealand.

Recent Quantities Sold. The following table is something of an eye-opener — the future potential of these issues will be obvious to all who study it. Figures are taken from the N.Z. Post 'Focus' publication, and should be considered in the light of normal quantities sold of special issues — typically 750,000-1,250,000 for higher values, and 3,000,000-5,000,000 for the basic letter post rate face values.

1988	Health Miniature Sheet	125,454
1988	Walkways Miniature Sheet	212,726
1989	Health Miniature Sheet	136,497
* 1990	Waitangi Miniature Sheet	338,983
* 1990	Orchid Miniature Sheet	213,898
1990	Health Miniature Sheet	122,645
* 1990	Anniv. of Postage Stamps Miniature Sheet	221,908
1991	Health Miniature Sheet	110,605

Exhibition Souvenir Sheets

Philex France '89 (\$ 2 bird)	30,570
World Stamp Expo' '89 (1989 Health)	15,018
Do (70c Shelduck)	24,090
London '90 (50c Ship)	47,122
PhilaNippon '90 (Rugby)	24,894

N.B. Items marked * are of particular interest, since the stamps concerned were not issued in any form other than these miniature sheets.

1931-34 AIR MAIL STAMPS

A rare opportunity to obtain these in **really superb used** condition. We make no apology for the prices, for condition is quite exceptional.

101	1931 3d, 4d, 7d (V1a/2a/3a). Set of three	£25.00
102	1931 5d on 3d Red/Yellow-Green (V4a)	£8.00
103(a)	1934 7d Trans-Tasman (V5a)	£42.50
(b)	As above, but with 'Broken N (of IN)' variety (V5aY)	£47.50

NEW ZEALAND AIR COVERS

104 (a)	20 JAN 1932, Wellington — West Coast Survey Flight. Two covers, Wellington — Westport, Westport — Wellington (both with relevant cachets)	£22.50
(b)	As above. A similar pair of covers, Nelson — Westport and the return leg (also with correct cachets)	£22.50

- 105 (a) 16 MAR 1932, Wellington — Dannevirke — Wellington Survey Flight.** Five covers posted from Wellington, Masterton, Pahiatua, Woodville and Dannevirke respectively (each cover with correct cachet) £50.00
- (b) As above.** Four stages all from Masterton, destinations being Pahiatua, Woodville, Dannevirke, Wellington respectively (all covers with the Masterton cachet) ... £40.00
- 106 (a) 30 APR 1932, Auckland — North Auckland Survey Flight.** Just two covers, Auckland — Russell, and the return leg. Both covers with cachet £20.00
- (b) As above.** Three covers from Dargaville to Russell, Whangarei and Auckland respectively (all covers are different, and all carry the Dargaville cachet) £30.00
- (c) As above.** The normal Whangarei cachet is green. However a few covers are known with the cachet impressed in blue. This example is addressed to Ashhurst £25.00
- 107 6 NOV 1944. Dunedin to Invercargill Service.** Two stages, Invercargill to Dunedin and the return leg £17.50
- 108 Photographs.** No less than 21 photographs of aircraft, airports, etc. Noted are, The Southern Cross, Capt. Mc Gregor, Franz Josef Glacier Aerodrome. Superb lot £75.00

1867 DUTY STAMPS

A few choice pickings from the finest collection of these it's ever been our pleasure to handle

- 109 Specimens (1).** A fabulous set of five imperf. (£6, £6/10, £7, £8, £9) from the March 1867 issue on **Large Star wmk. paper**, all with black SPECIMEN overprint measuring 15½ x 2 mm. £6 and £9 values stated by the previous owner to be ex-Ferrary. £9 has horizontal crease, invisible on face, otherwise superb. Rare!
..... £800.00
- 110 Specimen (2).** Various perforated issues (May 1867—1872), some with the first NZ wmk. (11 x 5½ mm), others with the third (16 x 6 mm), and all with the above SPECIMEN overprint. Set of nineteen (4/-, 6/-, 15/-, £1/15/-, £2/10/-, £3, £3/10/-, £4, £4/10/-, £5, £10, £15, £20, £25, £30, £35, £40, £45, £50). Centring inevitably rather variable, but a breathtaking set of beautifully fresh examples.
..... £2000.00
- 111 Issued Stamps — Large Star Watermark.** Volume 6 of the N.Z. Handbook records fifteen values printed on this paper — the same as that being used for the contemporary Full-Face Queen issues. Only the 1d is relatively common; all other values are rare — several we don't recall ever having seen. The set of 12 here offered comprise 1d (three shades), 17/6d, £5/10/-, £6, £6/10/-, £7, £8, £8/10/-, £9, £9/10/-. One or two small faults, but overall condition quite remarkably fine fiscally used. All stated to be ex-Ferrary
..... £875.00

Plate block of six with the scarce and unusual error 'Seven Plate Numbers'. In the earliest printings, extra black numbers 1 were superimposed on the red, yellow and blue numbers. This was subsequently corrected, and the overwhelming majority of the issued sheets had the normal four numbers. The error, with normal plate block for comparison, unhinged mint.

USUAL retail £45, SPECIAL OFFER THIS MONTH ONLY .. £32.50

N.Z. LETTER CARDS/REGISTERED ENVELOPES

A selection from stock of these not-often-offered items of postal stationery. To avoid needless repetition, condition may invariably be taken to be very fine unused. Catalogue numbers quoted are from Samuel Part 2 (1989 edition) for lettercards, and Part 3 (1992 edition) for registered envelopes.

113	May 1921 Lettercard K.G.V 2d Yellow without advertisement on back (BC.7a)	£15.00
114	1st Feb. 1923 Lettercard K.G.V 1½d on 2d Yellow Provisional (BC.8a) ...	£17.50
115	Oct. 1923 Lettercard K.G.V 1d on 1½d Orange-Brown Provisional (BC.9a) ..	£15.00
116	Oct. 1923 Lettercard K.G.V 1d on 2d Yellow Provisional (BC.10a)	£15.00
117	Oct. 1923 Lettercard 1d Map Stamp, without advertisements on back (BC.12a) .	£20.00
118	July, 1924 Lettercard 1d Map on K.G.V 1½d on 2d Yellow Provisional (BC.13a)	£25.00
119	Jan. 1927 Lettercard 1d Field Marshal (BC.16a), with advert. (e) on back ..	£12.50
120	1st June 1932 Lettercard 1d on 1d + 1d Field Marshal Provisional. Overprint in blue across two printed impressions of stamp (BC.23a), with advert. (f) on back	£20.00
121	1st June 1932 Lettercard 1d on K.G.V 2d Yellow Provisional (BC.26b), with advert. (b) on back. Handstamped overprint in red	£17.50
122	1st June 1932 Lettercard 1d on K.G.V 2d Yellow Provisional (BC.27a), with advert. (a) on back. Printed overprint in black	£22.50
123	1st May 1935 Lettercard 1d Kiwi (BD.1a), with advert. (h) on back	£17.50
124	5th May 1939 Lettercard K.G.VI 1d Carmine (BE.1a), with advert. (c) on back	£10.00
125	Dec. 1938 Lettercard K.G.VI 2d on 1d Provisional (BE.2a), with advert. (e) or (f) on back, each	£15.00
126	Dec. 1940 Lettercard K.G.VI 2d Orange (BE.6a), with advert. (b), (l) or (m) on back, each	£7.50

127	7th Jan. 1953 Lettercard K.G.VI 3d on 2d Provisional (BE.10a)	£6.50
128	March 1924 Regd. Envelope K.G.V 4d Die 1, "Env. No 66" on back (EC.5a) ..	£22.50
129	14th July 1931 Regd. Envelope K.G.V 6d (EC.10a). The scarce one — the majority of the 80,000 printed were overprinted when the rate was reduced to 4d in the following year	£90.00
130	1st June 1932 Regd. Envelope K.G.V 4d on 6d. Handstamped overprint in violet (EC.16a)	£25.00
131	June (?) 1932 Regd. Envelope K.G.V 4d on 6d. Printed overprint in black (EC.17a)	£27.50
132	20th April 1936 Regd. Envelope 4d Mitre Peak. 'R' in ring of 25 mm diameter (ED.1a)	£30.00
133	Jan. 1940 Regd. Envelope 6d on 4d Mitre Peak Provisional. 'R' in ring of 27½ mm diameter, and envelope numbered U117 on front (ED.3a)	£42.50
134	Jan. 1941 Regd. Envelope K.G.VI 6d. Numbered U117 on front, and no inscription on back (EE.1a)	£25.00

K.G.V RECESS-PRINTED, USED

Anyone who has attempted to put together a fine used set of these issues will be aware just how difficult a task it is.

135	Regular Issue. Set of 15, 1½d — 1/-, one of each value and colour change. Only the 7½d and 8d blue have parcel-type cancels, which in neither case is obtrusive or disfiguring. In any event, both are completely ignored in the price. The 4d violet in the set happens to have the R1/6 re-entry, so by way of a bonus, we have added an additional copy, also superb used, showing the other major re-entry on R4/10, (both of these varieties are listed nowadays by S.G.). Thus there are 16 stamps, an exceptional set which we can't repeat	£122.50
136	Officials. A brilliant set of 11. Rather more comprehensive than the previous lot, in that it includes examples in both perfs. where they exist (i.e. 3d, 4d, 6d and 1/-), plus an extra copy of the 1/- in the very distinctive Salmon . Absolutely superb used throughout — the key 8d and 9d are quite outstandingly fine	£142.50

Q.E. COUNTER COIL PAIRS — RARE VARIETIES.

137(a)	3d Vermilion. Coil number type (b), reading downwards, both stamps Die 1b (NC1e)	£16.50
(b)	As above. One stamp Die 1a, one stamp Die 1b, coil number reading downwards (NC1g)	£16.50
138	8d Rose-Carmine. Coil number type (c), one stamp in the rare pale pink shade. Magnificent contrasts. The rare pair (NC3e(Z)). We can offer the choice of coil nos. 16 or 17, each pair	£72.50

- 139(a) 1/6d Black/Ultramarine.** Coil number type (b) upright, **one stamp with watermark inverted** (NC6d(Z)). The 'invert' is the upper stamp in a pair with number 5, which corresponds perfectly with the only other combination we have seen (the lower stamp in a no. 6 pair). £200.00
- (b) As above, but one stamp with Blurred Centre** (NC6d(Y)). Here again, we know of only pairs numbered 4 (lower stamp) and 5 (upper stamp) with this variety — the pair offered is the latter £100.00
- 140(a) 9d Brown/Green.** Coil number type (c), upper stamp (in pair numbered 15) with variety **Blurred Frame** (NC7a(Y)). In addition to the blurring, the shade is a pale bright yellow-green £125.00
- (b) As above, but lower stamp (in pair numbered 16) with variety Blurred Frame AND Blurred Centre** (NC7a(Z/Y)). Only the third example we have seen (the others were numbers 15 (upper stamp) and 16 (lower stamp)). Frame shade is identical to that in the previous item above, and there is a clear pressure-line at the extreme top of the selvage — nice confirmation of the circumstances resulting in Double Print One Albino varieties £195.00
- 141(a) 1/- Black/Carmine.** Coil number type (c), lower stamp the normal N10a, **upper stamp N10b** (NC7b(Z)). Now Cat. \$ 600 £200.00
- (b) As above, but with variety One Stamp Blurred Centre** (NC7b(W)). Again the lower stamp is the variety, and again there is nice pressure-line evidence at the top of the selvage £52.50
- 142 1/6d Black/Ultramarine.** Coil number type (c), lower stamp with Blurred Centre variety (NC7c(Y)) — yet again with selvage pressure-line. Lovely! .. £100.00

1960 CHAMBON PERFS

- 143(a) Seven Values** (½d, 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 8d), each represented by a marginal block of 6 stamps — completely unhinged mint — and showing Chambon perforation characteristics £27.50
- (b) As above.** Similar set of Chambon blocks of six stamps (½d — 8d), each block **superb used**, cancelled at Wellesley Street in 1965. The highly unusual set of seven blocks £47.50
- (c) As above.** Ten different 1960 Pictorial Booklet panes, all showing Chambon perf characteristics. Not complete of course, but ideal for expansion £20.00
- (d) As above.** Six counter coil pairs, all with Chambon perf characteristics (2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 8d and 6d on chalky paper). Nice set, complete in coil pair form. £17.50

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1969 CAPT COOK MINIATURE SHEETS

The all-up printed sheet contained six as-issued miniature sheets. These six are all differentiable by various plating characteristics. This set of miniature sheets (provided with plating details) is complete, all are unmounted mint .. £100.00

N.B. For some mysterious reason, sheet on. 5 has always proved extremely elusive, even in 1969/1970 when the issue was current.

USED BLOCKS OF FOUR

All the following offers comprise Christmas and Health issues, the vast majority with central c.d.s. cancellations. A rare opportunity to fill those gaps, or to start a new side-line collection.

145(a) Christmas Issues (Section SC). A range of 63 used blocks of four , from 1960 to 1988. Not quite complete, but a superb representation. Cat. \$ 209 as singles, one lot only	£72.50
(b) 1960 (SC1a)	£2.00
(c) 1961 (SC2a)	£2.00
(d) 1964 (SC5a)	£2.00
(e) 1965 (SC6a)	£2.00
(f) 1966 (SC7a)	£2.00
(g) 1968 (SC9a)	£2.00
146(a) Health Issues (Section T). A brilliant run of 105 (yes, one hundred and five) used blocks of four, covering the 1935 – 1988 issues. Quite unrepeatable (Cat. over \$ 310 as single stamps)	£100.00
(b) 1935 Key to Health (T7a). Some re-inforced perfs, but most attractive	£10.00
(c) 1937 Hiker (T9a). Lovely block	£10.00
(d) 1943 Triangulars (T15a/b). Matching hexagonal blocks of six, with first day cancels. Eye-catching!	£7.50
(e) 1944 Princesses (T16a/b).	£3.00
(f) 1945 Peter Pan (T17a/b).	£3.00
(g) 1946 Soldier (T18a/b).	£3.00
(h) 1947 Eros (T19a/b).	£3.00
(i) 1948 Health Camp (T20a/b).	£3.00
(j) 1949 Nurse and Child (T21a/b).	£3.00
(k) 1950 Elizabeth and Charles (T22a/b).	£3.00
(l) 1951 Yachting (T23a/b).	£3.00
(m) 1952 Charles and Anne (T24a/b).	£3.00
(n) 1954 Mt Aspiring (T26a/b).	£3.00
(o) 1955 Medallion (T27a–c).	£5.00

(p) 1958 Brigade Children (T30a/b).	£3.00
(q) 1960 Kotare/Kereru (T32a/b).	£3.00
(r) 1961 Kotuku/Karearea (T33a/b).	£3.00
(s) 1962 Kakariki/Tieke (T34a/b).	£3.00
(t) 1968 Olympic (T40a/b).	£3.00
(u) 1970 Netball/Soccer (T42a/b).	£3.00
(v) 1971 Hockey/Dental Service (T43a-c).	£5.00
(w) 1973 Edward (T45a/b).	£5.00
(x) 1976 Country Children (T48a-c).	£4.50
(y) 1977 Children in Woods (T49a-c).	£4.50

\$ 4 and \$ 8 FASTPOST (BLUE) BOOKLETS

In the September 1992 Bulletin Notes we gave a detailed account of these \$ 4 and \$ 8 Trial Booklets as well as the subsequent second type (normal) \$ 8 Booklet. The intervening months have confirmed (as forecast in our Notes) that both of the Trial Booklets are proving elusive, and we are fortunate in being able to offer the following.

- 147 (a) \$ 4 Trial Booklet.** Blue \$ 4 cover, including one vertical strip of five 80c Fiordland Crested Penguin stamps (PC18a), and six fastPOST labels. Stamps attached by plain top selvedge £6.00
- (b) **As above.** Similar top selvedge booklet, showing "VALUE \$ 80.00" marking .. £6.50
- (c) **As above.** Booklet, stamps attached by plain bottom selvedge £6.00
- (d) **As above.** Booklets with bottom selvedge also available with part imprint markings:
- (i) "DESIGNED BY:/PUKERUA BAY" £7.50
- (ii) "PAULINE MORSE/NEW ZEALAND" £7.50
- 148 (a) \$ 8 Trial Booklet.** Blue \$ 8 cover, without bar-code on back cover, including ten (2 x 5) PC18a stamps and ten fastPOST labels. Attached by plain top selvedge £12.00
- (b) **As above.** Similar booklet, stamps attached by plain bottom selvedge £12.00
- (c) **As above.** Another bottom selvedge booklet showing part imprint marking "LEIGH-MARDON MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA/DESIGNED BY:/PUKERUA BAY" £17.50
- 149 \$ 8 Second Type Booklet.** Blue \$ 8 cover, with bar-code on back cover, and changed stamp/fastPOST label layout. Stamps attached by plain top or bottom selvedge, each £6.00