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N.Z. NOTES AND COMMENT

By Colin Hamilton

King George V 5d. There is a constant re-entry at Row 5, No. 1 on sheets printed from the 5d plate (no. 43). Because of its position, this variety can be found in all three basic perforation forms of the stamp — 14 x 13¼, 14x14¼, and in two-perf. pair.

In the issued sheets, the detail of the re-entry is usually somewhat indefinite, appearing merely as blurred thickening in the top left hand corner of the design, particularly of the figure of value. For that reason I have for many years been on the lookout for a black plate proof from this position, hopefully to see what the doubling really looks like when finely printed. The opportunity has finally turned up, in the form of a selvage block of proofs from rows 5 and 6 — and it was worth the long wait. The sheet position was proved by the marginal watermark, and the re-entry was infinitely clearer and more pronounced than in the numerous examples I have seen previously on issued stamps. The 5 and the D in the top left value tablet were almost completely doubled low and slightly to the left, and other duplication of the design was evident in and around the same value tablet.

Q.E. 3d Counter Coil Pairs. The scarce pairs listed as NC1(d), (e), (f), and (g), and NC3(b) and (c) are of considerably more interest than is immediately evident from the basic details given in the C.P. Catalogue, yet to the best of my knowledge there is no available published information about them.

It will be noted that Die 1b stamps are the common denominator in all six of these listings — pairs are made up of either one or both stamps from the modified 3d die, as used to lay down the final two plates (numbered 32 and 33) from which sheets of the 3d were printed. And therein lies the key. From the evidence of material seen it's clear that the vast majority of sheets of the original design 3d (with small figure of value) used in the making of counter rolls were printed from some or all of the earlier fourteen plates (numbered 3, 4, 7, 8, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30), all of which produced Die 1a stamps — and therefore counter coil pairs with both stamps Die 1a. But on three separate occasions, a very small quantity of sheets from plates 32 and 33 were included in the supplies used. In none of these cases were the plates 32 and 33 sheets dispersed so as to produce rolls consisting entirely of Die 1b stamps. All counter coil pairs in which one or both stamps are Die 1b emanate from rolls made up from a mixture of Die 1a and Die 1b sheets. These "mixed" rolls can be sub-divided into three groups:

- (i) containing pairs listed as NC1(b), NC1(d) and NC1(f)
- (ii) containing pairs listed as NC1(c), NC1(e) and NC1(g)
- (iii) containing pairs listed as NC3(a), NC3(b) and NC3(c).

I have only recently begun to keep a note of the section numbers of 'Die 1b' and 'Combined Dies' pairs, and this record is certainly not complete, but at present it stands as follows:

- In group (i) combined Dies pairs (NC1f) numbered 12(L); Die 1b pairs (NC1d) numbered 3, 9 and 11.
In group (ii) combined Dies pairs (NC1g) numbered 3(L), 5(R), 6(L), 8(R), 9(L); Die 1b pairs (NC1e) numbered 1 and 2. Also centre paper (dated March 1956) with Die 1b stamp attached.
In group (iii) combined Dies pairs (NC3c) numbered 15(R) and 17(L); Die 1b pairs (NC3b) numbered 16.

The letters (L) and (R) after the 'Combined Dies' numbers indicate whether the Die 1b stamp is at left or right respectively. Any further additions to the above list would be welcomed. Just as an example of the possibilities, in group (i), pairs numbered 8 must have been issued with Die 1b stamp at right (or possibly with both stamps Die 1b, in which case pairs numbered 7 would also come into the reckoning).

The circumstances which led to these 'mixed' rolls, and the resulting variety pairs, are very similar to those which occurred a few years later with the 1960 Pictorial 3d, in that case producing the scarce chalky paper and mixed-paper pairs. Full details of these were published in our Bulletin some years ago.

N.Z. BOOKLETS

Our Auckland Branch has been commissioned to disperse the unique collection of N.Z. booklets and associated material formed by the late Marcel Stanley — the best and most comprehensive collection of these issues ever to appear on the market.

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From C.P. Newsletter Monthly

\$4 and \$8 Trial 'fastPOST' Booklets. Dr. Dieter Rasch of Germany reports a \$4 second trial booklet with ten 80c stamps and ten fastPOST labels included. The selvedge showed the imprint. This is the second report we have had of a similar booklet "error".

45c Self-Adhesive, First Leigh-Mardon Issue. — "Reversed Strip Variety". R.A. Bloxham writes: "I recently purchased two \$47 packs of these stamps in Palmerston North. Both rolls had the same variety. The reels of 100 are assembled by joining eight strips of backing paper — five strips of twelve stamps (each with an advertising label), following by one strip of fourteen stamps (no label) in turn followed by two strips of thirteen stamps — the first with the "ONLY 25 STAMPS LEFT" label, and the second with the "ONLY 5 STAMPS LEFT" label. "Both of my rolls had the "ONLY 25 STAMPS LEFT" strip (stamps no. 75 to no. 87) inverted, giving rise to tete-beche pairs at two joins. These joins are only held together by clear adhesive tape at the back of the strip, and this variety could, of course, be very easily faked. Still, my little 'find' at least reminds us that gremlins are still at work behind the scenes at New Zealand Post."

MISCELLANY

- 401(a) 1d Universal. 1901 Pirie Paper, horizontal marginal pair, imperforate vertically (G2bZ, S.G.280a). Superb mint pair (Cat. \$ 450) £125.00

(b)	As above. Waterlow Trial Plates, marginal horizontal pair imperforate vertically (G9aZ). Unmounted mint (Cat. \$ 400)	£125.00
(c)	As above. Waterlow Trial Plates, vertical pair imperforate horizontally (G9aY). Cat. \$ 400. A bargain at	£85.00
(d)	As above. Royle Trial Plates, marginal horizontal pair (with marginal divisional arrow) imperforate horizontally (G10aZ). The classic form of this variety is a vertical pair of stamps, but being marginal the horizontal piece here offered is just as authentic and desirable	£65.00
402	1d Dominion. Horizontal strip of three from a slot machine roll, with mid-roll butted join between the stamps. The gripper marks associated with slot machine material are clearly evident. A fine philatelic piece	£17.50
403	1970 Pictorials. Set of seven stamps — 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 10c, 15c, 18c — all with variety Watermark Inverted . Cat. \$ 307-50. The set of seven 'inverts', perfect unhinged mint	£85.00
404	1935 Silver Jubilee (S18a—c). Three mint plate blocks of four, one of each value. Cat. \$ 266, offered at half price	£57.50
405	1937 Coronation (S25a—c). Complete set of 12 plate blocks of four, including 1d x 8, 2½d x 2, 6d x 2 (the 3L plate is with re-entry). Hingeing confined to selvedge only. Cat. \$ 137.50	£50.00
406	1946 Peace (S39a — S49a). Set of 29 imprint and plate blocks, including ½d, 1d x 10, 1½d x 2, 2d x 8, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 8d, 9d, 1/- x 2. Two blocks hinged, otherwise unmounted mint	£62.50
407	1946 Peace, 8d (S47a). Four imprint blocks, three from frame plate 42752: (i) no flaws, (ii) R8/9 flaw, (iii) R8/8 and 8/9 flaws; and one from frame plate 42855 — all unhinged mint	£25.00
408	1948 Otago Centennial (S50a—53a). Complete mint set of ten imprint/plate blocks, as listed in the C.P. Catalogue	£15.00
409	1950 Canterbury Centennial (S54a—58a). One imprint/plate block for each value, complete and unhinged mint	£9.00
410	1960—1971 Christmas Issues. A run of 53 unmounted mint imprint and plate blocks from the first 12 years of Christmas issues. The only missing block is the 1963 plate 1A (priority given on the waiting list if required). Cat. \$ 242 and a golden opportunity at	£75.00
411	1930 Health (T2a). Used block of four stamps, with central HIGHFIELD c.d.s. dated 29 OC 30 (the first day of issue). Now Cat. \$ 360 as single stamps. A block of sheer quality	£182.50
412	1936 Health (T8a). Plate no. 1, in all its four corner positions. The set of four plate blocks, unhinged mint	£55.00
413	1937 Health (T9a). Four mint corner blocks, showing plate number 1 in the four different positions	£45.00

414	1938 Health (T10a). Two plate blocks of four with left and right selvages respectively), plus an imprint block of eight stamps. Fine mint	£37.50
415	Arms Official. Mint copy of ZO33b (S.G. 0119), Wiggins Teape paper with single watermark — by no means the most expensive of Official stamps, but one of the most elusive	£47.50

KING GEORGE V RECESS PRINTS

Completing our listing with the Official issues.

416(a)	3d Chocolate. Unhinged mint copy in chocolate brown, perf. 14 x 13¼ (KO4a)	£4.50
(b)	As above, but very lightly hinged	£2.00
(c)	As above. Superfine mint block of four in deep chocolate or chocolate brown, each block	£13.25
(d)	As above. Unhinged mint copy, perf. 14 x 14¼ (KO4b) in chocolate brown .	£5.00
(e)	As above, but lightly hinged	£2.00
(f)	As above. Two-perf. pair (KO4c) in chocolate brown, mint unhinged	£37.50
(g)	As above, but two-perf. block of four, also unhinged	£77.50
(h)	As above. Unhinged mint copy on 'Pictorial' paper, perf. 14 line, wmk. sideways (KO4d)	£4.50
(i)	As above, but lightly hinged	£2.00
(j)	As above. Superfine mint block of four	£13.50
(k)	As above. Vertical pair, lower stamp No Watermark (KO4dZ). Light hinge on upper stamp only	£32.50
417(a)	4d Violet. Unhinged mint copy, perf. 14 x 13¼ (KO5d). 4d 'Officials' in this perf. are invariably from plate 20, in the dull shade, and with prominent plate wear	£15.00
(b)	As above, but fine lightly hinged	£7.00
(c)	As above. Unhinged mint copy, perf. 14 x 14¼ (KO5g). Always from plate 44, and always in the purple shades associated with that plate	£13.00
(d)	As above, but superb mint block of four	£40.00
(e)	As above. Set of two finest used, one in each perf.	£2.50
418(a)	6d Carmine. Unhinged mint copy, perf. 14 x 13¼, in a brilliant bright carmine pink shade	£13.00
(b)	As above. Lightly hinged mint copy, our choice of shade	£2.75

(c)	As above. Lovely block of four in carmine-rose (KO8a(4)). Scarce!	£110.00
(d)	As above. Unhinged mint copy, perf. 14 x 14½ (KO8b) in the distinctive carmine-pink, with all-over tinting of the surface of the paper characteristic of this shade	£13.00
(e)	As above, but in superb unhinged mint block of four	£50.00
(f)	As above. Lightly hinged copy in carmine	£3.25
(g)	As above. Unhinged mint two-perf. pair (KO8c) in deep carmine	£97.50
(h)	As above, but two-perf. block of four, again in a deep shade, and again unhinged. Central horizontal perfs. rather fragile	£150.00
(i)	As above. Two-perf. pair in bright carmine, very lightly hinged	£45.00
419(a)	8d Red-Brown (KO10d). Marginal copy, perfect unhinged mint	£117.50
(b)	As above. Another unhinged example, immaculate appearance, but minor gum toning allows	£37.50
420(a)	9d Sage Green (KO11a). We have unhinged mint copies available in three markedly different shades of sage green, ranging from deep to pale. Each ..	£52.50
(b)	As above. Very fine lightly hinged copy in sage-green	£26.50
(c)	As above. Fine used	£32.50
421(a)	1/- Vermilion. Fine lightly hinged mint copy, perf. 14 x 13½ (KO12a) in vermilion	£15.00
(b)	As above. Similarly fine example, same shade, but perf. 14 x 14½ (KO12b) ..	£13.00
(c)	As above. Unhinged marginal copy in salmon . Faint horizontal crease not visible on face	£15.00
(d)	As above. Two-perf. pair (KO12c) in vermilion. Superfine	£47.50
(e)	As above. Two-perf. block of four, fine	£87.50

422

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Breaking a large accumulation, apparently collected for postmark interest only, and never sorted nor developed further. Divided by us into packets of approx. 200 and offered at, per lot

£10.00

"THE NEW ZEALAND STAMP COLLECTION 1985"

A special purchase of this, the second in the series of attractive annual productions, allows the following two exceptional offers:

423(a)	The year book, complete with the 27 stamps and two miniature sheets for which spaces are provided. In slip-in case, boxed, and as new. Normally £47.50.	
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- (b) For those who already have the 1985 stamp issues, we can supply the book only, again with matching slip-in case and as new. Complete it by inserting the stamps yourself. "The 1985 New Zealand Stamp Collection", minus the stamps, post paid only £8.00

OFFER OF THE MONTH

- 424** **4c on 2½c Provisional.** The 1972 issue (London letterpress surcharge), with the error Double Print of Surcharge, One Albino (P30bS). An unusually good example, the albino print being very heavily impressed, and misplaced to the right of the normal printed surcharge. Unhinged mint. Cat. \$ 175. A less-than-half-price offer at £32.50

425

1967 PICTORIAL 2½c KOWHAI

A superb set of five 'colour separation' plate proof pairs, printed on gummed unwatermarked paper, imperf. Four of the pairs are individual prints from the dark blue, the brown, the green and the yellow plates respectively, the fifth shows the complete design as issued. A rare, attractive, and very spectacular set. Unless you were the **unlucky** successful bidder on an identical set offered in a New Zealand auction in March (it carried an estimate of \$ 1500 !) here is your opportunity at

£185.00

1946 HEALTHS

It's some years since we were last able to offer such a listing from this philatelically interesting issue. All offers are mint, and where necessary a description of the variety will be included.

- 426(a)** **1946 Soldier and Child (T18a/b).** Two x 1d and three x 2d blocks of four. A fine array of shades £4.00
- (b) **As above.** Imprint blocks of four, one of each value £2.00
- (c) **As above.** Top marginal block of each value, both showing the circular guide marking which appeared above Row 5 £2.00
- (d) **As above.** Top marginal block of four of the 2d value with abnormally wide top selvage. This block shows part of the frame plate job number (43010) which is normally removed by guillotining (only a few such examples have been recorded) £47.50

Blurred Centres.

- 427(a)** **Matching marginal 1d and 2d singles,** both with the Blurred Centre variety (T18aW, T18bZ), unhinged mint. Cat. \$ 100, offered at only £25.00
- (b) **As above.** Imprint block of four of the 2d value £25.00
- (c) **As above.** 2d Marginal block of six with the R6/1 frame re-entry £30.00
- (d) **As above.** 2d Marginal block of four with the R8/8 first state re-entry (T18bX) . £25.00
- (e) **As above.** 2d Marginal block of eight with R8/8 second state re-entry (T18bW) . £45.00

(f) As above. 2d corner block of four with R14/1 re-entry	£22.50
(g) As above. 2d corner block of twelve with the R4/3 centre plate flaw	£100.00

N.B. In the above seven offers (427a–g) all stamps have Blurred Centres.

1d + ½d Plate Varieties.

428(a) Corner block of twelve, no centre plate flaw at R4/3 but including centre plate R2/3 re-entry (hence from centre plate 43012). Also includes R3/2 frame variety	£7.50
(b) As above. Corner block of six, R3/8 re-entry	£5.00
(c) As above. Block of six with R5/6 flaw (solid leaf variety)	£5.00
(d) As above. Two marginal blocks of four, with R7/2 retouch and pre-retouch ...	£12.50
(e) As above. Block of four, R8/5 re-entry	£5.00
(f) As above. Marginal block of eight, R8/8 re-entry	£5.00
(g) As above. Block of four, R13/3 flaw	£5.00
(h) As above. Marginal block of six, R13/6 flaw	£5.00
(i) As above. Two imprint blocks of four, one with R14/4 flaw, the other without	£12.50

2d + 1d Plate Varieties.

429(a) Corner Block of twelve, including the R4/3 centre plate flaw (centre plate 43011)	£20.00
(b) As above. One of the two centre plates used in the printing of this issue had large coloured flaws below R15/8. These two bottom corner blocks of four (one from each centre plate) are with and without the flaws respectively. Eyecatching	£17.50
(c) As above. Marginal block of four, R6/1 No Clouds frame flaw (T18bU)	£15.00
(d) As above. Marginal block of six, R6/1 re-entry	£10.00
(e) As above. Matching marginal blocks of four:	
(i) R8/8 Hat flaw (T18bY). R7/7 is in the pre re-entry state	£15.00
(ii) R8/8 First re-entry (T18bX). R7/7 is now re-entered	£15.00
(iii) R8/8 Second re-entry (T18bW)	£15.00
(f) As above. Marginal block of four, R10/2 re-entry	£5.00
(g) As above. Block of four, R12/5 re-entry (T18bV)	£5.00
(h) As above. Corner block of four, R15/1 re-entry (T18bV) together with the flaw below the chin which affected just a few sheets	£12.50
(i) As above. A similar corner block, but this time R15/1 without the chin flaw ..	£10.00

1988 – 1993 BIRD DEFINITIVES (concluded)

430(a)	50c Kingfisher (PC15a). Original imprint block of six stamps	£4.75
(b)	As above. 1-kiwi imprint block of six	£3.50
(c)	As above. Two bar-code blocks (eight stamps per block)	£7.50
431	60c Spotted Shag (PC16a). Imprint block of six stamps	£4.00
432(a)	70c Paradise Shelduck (PC17a). Original imprint block of six stamps	£5.50
(b)	As above. 1-kiwi imprint block of six stamps	£4.50
433(a)	80c Penguin (PC18a). Original imprint block of six stamps	£6.75
(b)	As above. 1-kiwi vertical block of eight stamps. (In this reprint, the imprint details have been rearranged, the kiwi mark is alongside Row 8, and a bar-code appears alongside Row 7. The block of eight – 2 x 4 – includes all these details.)	£6.00
434	90c Robin (PC19a). Original imprint block of six stamps	£6.00
STOP PRESS		
435(a)	\$ 5 Takahe (PC9a). Original imprint block of six stamps	£27.50
(b)	As above. New 1-kiwi vertical block of six stamps. (The kiwi mark is under R5/2, and a bar-code appears alongside Row 3.)	£25.00

436

KING EDWARD VII 6d

Brilliant unhinged mint block of four, perf. 14 x 13½ (H6c).

Rare thus £325.00

437

1968 \$ 2 GEYSER, MULTICOLOURED

Imprint/plate block of ten stamps (OD18b) perfect unmounted mint.

To the first order at half Catalogue £325.00

438

1931 AIRS

Matching top marginal copies of the 1931 Air set (V1a, V2a, V3a).

Stamps completely unhinged mint. Very elusive in this tip-top condition £98.50