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FOLLOWS

FORTHCOMING VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND BY C.P.

REGRET DELAY

As was briefly mentioned in last month's Newsletter, I shall be visiting New Zealand early in 1970. Present plans are for my wife, my daughter Rowan and myself to arrive in Christchurch (after a stop-over of a few days in Melbourne) on March 11th. We will be there for some days, then moving on to Wellington, and northwards by car to Auckland. After some time in each main centre we will fly to Dunedin and from there work back to Auckland again by car and plane, leaving for Vancouver by ship on May 8th.

Admittedly this makes a hurried trip, the more so when one realises that I must be longer in Auckland than elsewhere, but I have arranged to spend several days in each of the main centres and I invite anyone there who has anything good in 'N. Z.' to sell, to contact me by letter either here in Woking up to the end of January, or through our Auckland Branch thereafter. My trip is to be made with several purposes in mind, but it can be taken for granted that it is first and foremost to be a "buying" trip - so I hope many will search their consciences and decide that in fairness to themselves they cannot afford to let this opportunity pass! I have spoken of visiting the main centres but I will of course be happy to go anywhere in N. Z. if there are good things on offer.

Apart from business, my wife and I are eagerly looking forward to meeting hosts of old friends. I have made two other very hurried visits during the last ten years, but this will be the first real opportunity to see old friends and old spots in some degree of comfort and at a reasonable pace.

Traditionally now is the time to look back on the year past, and look forward to the one ahead. We look back over 1969 on many long standing friendships further cemented, and many new ones made within the hobby.

The firm is now entering its 21st year, and we recall that some customers both in the U. K. and other parts of the world, still confirmed in their N. Z. collecting, have been with us for almost that length of time, while many more - apparently completely converted to N. Z. - have come to be in regular correspondence with us within the past twelve months.

We thank you all for your continued custom, and look forward to helping in the years to come with the collections in which we take a mutual pleasure. The traditional greeting made to all friends at this time of year is extended from all members of our organisation to New Zealand collectors and other philatelists throughout the five continents.



ADSON - a new theory by Peter Collins

Recently handling a large collection of Adson, we noticed a 1d stamp from which the stamp design had practically disappeared, although the advert was clear and the stamp - apart from the missing design, of crisp and clean appearance. We suspected that the stamp had been printed on the gum, disappearing when moistened - and the advert printed on the wrong side. Placing the stamp in the detector tray showed the watermark to be reversed, confirming our guess.

So we deduced the order of operations was

- 1) The advertisement was printed
- 2) The paper was gummed
- 3) The stamp was printed

Admittedly we have only the proof of one stamp, but it seems reasonable to suppose that the advertisement printers would be supplied with blank paper rather than sheets of stamps, as apart from the possibility of pilfering, some spoilage in printing would be inevitable, and it would be easier to write off a sheet of blank paper, albeit with security watermark, than to account for a sheet of stamps; so it is probable that in the normal course of events, the printing of the Adson took place in the manner described above.



PREVIOUSLY UNRECORDED N.Z. K.G.V

In this month's New Zealand Newsletter, an account appears of an amazing new find of the scarce K. G. V. 1d Field Marshal on Cowan paper with reversed watermark, in no fewer than five startling shades - No! They are more than shades; they are colours: Rose carmine, Scarlet, Deep claret, Bright claret and Pale claret. We shall be listing these in our catalogue - the last mentioned, by the way, is very scarce (probably only one sheet existed) and it will alone be priced at £8.

As the result of a felicitous purchase we are able to offer in blocks of four a set of five shades at the favourable price of £40. Not cheap, you will say; but considering that this averages £2 per stamp you will realise that it is in fact excellent value, a fraction of catalogue value, and a price that is never likely to be bettered. There are in any event good reasons for having this series in blocks: the shades are seen to great advantage, and it does save having to re-arrange your collection. The whole set will fit on to one page - and what a magnificent, colourful page it will make!

Some singles are available (not, alas, of the scarce Pale claret) and these can be supplied at £12/10/- for the series of four.

These fine, hitherto unrecorded stamps are essential to the collector of the middle issues of N. Z. or to any specialist in King George V.

- Dec 1 C. P. K15c King George V 1d Field Marshal on Cowan paper with reversed watermark (surfaced on the wrong side). Complete set of five shades, as described, in blocks of four £40
- Dec 2 As above Four shades (omitting the Pale claret) single stamps. The series of four - still scarce! Mint £12/10/-

CHRISTMAS

- Dec 3 Aerogramme The N. Z. P. O. official Christmas Aerogramme showing beach scenes, rata and Christmas Greetings. We will send them as received with only a single fold, so charge must include packing and the larger envelope required Each. 1/3
- Dec 4 a) Postcard A very charming reproduction in original colour of "Nativita" by Federico Fiori direct from the Ambrosiana, Milano! (And what a heck of a job we've had getting them this year!) 2/6
- b) As above Complete set of ten postcards 1960-69. Colour reproductions from the galleries concerned of all the appropriate pictures excepting 1964, which was not from an Old Master, and a black and white postcard size reproduction of this is included. Many customers have already had this series from us, but for those who haven't, we can assure them that they make a very delightful addition to a collection of Christmas stamps, and we hope to continue to keep the series up to date as long as "Old Masters" are used for the Christmas stamp designs. The set of ten..... 20/-



We have many constant varieties on the Christmas stamps and invite enquiries from interested collectors.



CHRISTMAS ON UNWATERMARKED PAPER?

An announcement has been made that Harrison & Sons Ltd. in producing the 1969 Christmas Stamp exhausted stocks of watermarked paper and had sent a supply to the N. Z. P. O. on unwatermarked paper. A special form, it was said, would be available for collectors to use in ordering these stamps from the Philatelic Bureau.

At the time of writing, we have not seen examples of these stamps, and if any collector has copies on unwatermarked, or apparently unwatermarked, paper, we should be very interested to see them. We know that the P. O. have now made a further announcement, but there must have been some reason for the original announcement. Keep your eyes open!

MINT AND USED VARIETIES FROM MOST ISSUES

- Dec 5 a) Miniature Sheets Had you realised how difficult it is to find used Health mini-sheets? We have a number of odd ones accumulated from various sources which we offer as they come.
Four all different used Health Miniature sheets 15/-
Six all different as above 20/-
- b) Health F. D. C. 1968 "Sports." Set of six covers each postmarked at one of the Health Camps. The set of six complete 17/6
- c) As above 1969 "Cricket." Set of six Health Camp postmarks complete on F. D. C. 17/6
- d) 1953 Health There are several retouches on the sheet of $1\frac{1}{2}d + \frac{1}{2}d$ (see Handbook Vol. IV p. 310). Five of these varieties, all identified, all used..... 15/-

- Dec 6 K. G. V 4d Plate 20, both the major re-entries R1/6 and R4/10 showing the remnants of the wrong figure in right hand and left hand value tablets respectively, plus the row 44 re-entry R3/8 with doubling of almost entirely the whole of the top panel, and a stamp showing substantial retouch to cross on crown.
Four used 50/-
- Dec 7 K. G. V 4d The fine and prominent re-entries R1/6 and R4/10 in which the wrong value was originally shown in the value tablets, with traces of the incorrect figure clearly visible in the right hand and left hand value tablets respectively. The two stamps mint £7/10/-
- Dec 9 K. G. V 4d The R4/10 re-entry prominently showing and causing a "club foot" effect on the figure 4. This time on the earlier 4d yellow.
(C. P. K5a, S. G. 484a) 55/-
- Dec 10 K. G. V 3d The surface printed on Cowan paper (C. P. K19d, S. G. 534a) variety white line on the face R6/8 (Postage stamps of New Zealand Vol. I page 308).
Mint 30/-
- Dec 11 K. G. V Plate Proof Recess printed 3d plate proof in black on unwatermarked white paper. This is the only value we now have left. If you missed out last time we offered these items, make sure now - while stocks last, at the same price as before. Each 10/-

COLLECTIONS

- Dec 12 Penny Dominion A representative lot with examples of the various papers, constant varieties and other scarce items. The thick and thin De La Rue papers of C. P. J1a are included plus the sideways wmk. J4a and a Cowan from the top row of the sheet showing the characteristic "top row" plate wear, all mint; also an imperf pair. Of the "litho wmk", we have green, black and "near colourless", "Broken globe", and "feather" flaws (both on "Official" stamps). A good "offset" and a number of "official" stamps complete this interesting collection of twenty stamps mint and used £7/10/-
- Dec 13 Penny Universal An exceptional collection of "Slot Machine" stamps consisting of a "Dot" plate imperf and with holes at the side from the Dickie machine, 1905 (C. P. GS1a, S. G. 420), "Reserve" plate stamp from the new machine of 1906 (C. P. GS3a, S. G. 421a) and the imperf "Reserve" plate stamp with pin-holes used in the Parker machine (C. P. GS4a, S. G. 422b). All guaranteed, and a fine scarce lot of seldom-seen material. £20
- Dec 14 Lighthouses Well written up and mounted collection of the 1947 "Pictorial" issue (C. P. X13 to 20, S. G. 1045 to 1051). A set of plate blocks is included, with both 4d's, but no 2½d (which appeared later), a F. D. C. and a set of singles all informatively written-up with the P. O. official leaflet pages ... £12/10/-

SECOND SIDEFACES

- Dec 15 1d Rose-carmine, Second Sideface Six pages from a neat collection, starting with the issue on the so-called Life Insurance paper - a strip and two singles, used, all perf 12 x 11½. Also mint blocks, used and mint pairs, and three double perfs - all perf 10; similarly four with adverts on backs, two being the scarce perf 12 x 11½; yet another page with mint (2) and used blocks, plus pairs, flaws, etc. Then a page, all perf. 11, including a double perf and two mint blocks plus singles used. Finally a mint block of four with inverted wmk. and flaw and a single mint with wmk. reversed. Such wmk. varieties are quite rare. The lot of six pages £7/10/-
- Dec 16 1d Rose-carmine, Second Sideface Four pages, delightfully written up and illustrated, the themes being RTPO's of the South Island and a fantastic showing of postmarks - all Otago P. O. 's - some long since closed down.
The four pages £6
- Dec 17 2d Lilac, Second Sideface A fine collection of over 100 of all papers, all Dies and all main perfs on eleven pages. Includes: mint, used, adverts perf 12 x 11½ and perf 10, substituted cliches, a block of twelve proofs, etc. An excellent basis for starting a specialised study £4/10/-
- Dec 18 2½d Blue, Second Sideface A collection on four pages - includes a good showing mint and used of the good issue on "Life Insurance" paper with wmk. W5, there being a mint block in the dull blue shade. Following is a reasonable showing in perf 10, (including used block of six and two used having adverts, one of these in green), a nice used strip and single 10 x 11; mint and used perf 11.
Thirty-two stamps in all £5
- Dec 19 3d Yellow, Second Sideface A small but superior collection of nice stamps and multiple pieces. It starts with a remarkable used block of eight of the 12 x 11½ on the first paper - a most unusual and probably rare piece; following are the two other 12 x 11½ issues on the second and third papers (all used) plus good used and mint (a block) perf 10, one with advert; then come the 10 x 11 and 11 perfs - the latter strong in good used shades from pale to deep orange. Thirty-five stamps in all on six pages £7
- Dec 20 4d Green, Second Sideface A small lot of fourteen covering all main perfs and papers including one advert and three mint. The lot £1/10/-
- Dec 21 5d and 6d Second Sidefaces A good showing of all main perfs and papers in these two values. Includes some mint 5d, 5d and 6d with adverts and three (including a pair!) of the rare 6d Die 1 perf 10 (these alone are C. P. Cat 50/- each). Condition varies but generally good. There are sixteen of the 5d and twenty-three of the 6d. The lot £5
- Dec 22 8d Second Sideface A nice little lot of ten of this scarce stamp including a mint block, a mint pair and a used single of the perf 10, with adverts.
The lot (including also 2 perf 12x11½)... £10

TARAPEX NATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION NEW PLYMOUTH

Special postmarks were used each day, and an attractive cachet in green.

- Dec 26 a) Tarapex F. D. C. with special postmark 6 OCT 1969. Pictorial cover 2/-
 b) Tarapex Set of six covers, one for each day of the Exhibition
 Oct. 6th - 11th with special postmarks and cachet. The set 10/6
 c) Tarapex Miniature Sheet Official sanction was given for the Capt. Cook
 Miniature sheet to be overprinted in the selvedge in commemoration of the
 National Stamp Exhibition. Mint sheet of the four values, 4c, 6c, 18c and 28c
 with overprint in green 8/-
- Dec 27 a) Capt. Cook Min Sheet The sheet used on pictorial F. D. C. with special
 postmark 8/-
 b) As above Used at Tarapex with special postmark and cachet on the
 "official" Tarapex cover which is very attractive, showing portrait of Capt.
 Cook and his chart of New Zealand. The four values in min. sheet 8/-

A REVIEW OF 1969

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27 Mar. 1969	Govt. Life Insurance (Lighthouses) 5 values	3/3	3/6	5/-	42/6		
8 Apr. 1969	Law Society 3c, 10, 18c	4/6	4/6	6/-	£6 *		
3 Jun. 1969	Otago University 3c, 10c	1/9	1/9	3/-	26/- +		
6 Aug. 1969	Health 3½c, 4c, 5c	1/9	—	2/9	25/- +		
18 Aug. 1969	Bay of Islands 4c, 6c	1/6	—	2/6	10/6		
1 Oct. 1969	Christmas 2½c	5d	—	2/6	6/- +		
9 Oct. 1969	Capt. Cook 4c, 6c, 18c, 28c	7/-	8/-	8/-	50/-		
18 Nov. 1969	Corso 7c, 8c	2/-	—	3/-	17/6		
Definitives							
8 Jul. 1969	8c Fruit	1/-	—)	7/6	7/-		
	18c Wool	2/2			15/-		
	20c Meat	2/6			17/6		
3 Dec. 1969	7c Fishing (when available)	11d	2/-	6/6			

* This is a set of twelve blocks, short only of the rare 18 cent plate numbers.

A set of one block of each value can be supplied at 30/-.

+ Two plates of each value.

CATALOGUE SUPPLEMENT

It is anticipated that C. P. Catalogue Supplementary Sheets will be distributed during December.

DECIMAL VARIETIES

The "Pictorial" Decimals have been on issue now for some two years, but there may be some collectors who are still missing some of the outstanding constant varieties. These stamps are to be replaced mid-1970, so make sure now of getting these attractive items all offered in mint positional blocks, before they become obsolete and prices rise.

$\frac{1}{2}$ cent manuka	Plate 1A Row 6/6. Background retouch between top leaves (10)	2/-
1 cent Karaka	Row 11/10. Retouch by N (4)	1/6
2 cent Kaka beak	Plate 1A R11/10. Teardrop under E of NEW (4)	1/9
2 cent Kaka beak	Plate 1B R18/3. White spot at tip of leaf (6)	2/6
$2\frac{1}{2}$ cent Kowhai	Plate 1A R10/7. Background weakness over NE (8)	5/-
ditto	Plate 1A R15/9. Bluebottle on the stalk (4)	3/-
ditto	Plate 1A R19/3. Background weakness below flower (6)	4/-
ditto	Plate 1A R2/9. White spot above stalk (4)	2/9
ditto	Plate 2A1A R2/3 and R2/4. Curved top frame and weakness above "2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Two variety stamps in one block. (8)	4/6
ditto	Plate 2A1A R8/5. Butterfly on flower (10)	10/-
ditto	Plate 2A1A R10/6. Tail on large "2" (10)	8/6
ditto	Plate 2A3A R20/2. Retouched "N" of LAND (6)	4/-
ditto	Plate 2B1B R12/7. Touching up behind flowers (8)	4/-
ditto	Plate 2B1B R14/9. White flaw above "D" (4)	3/-
ditto	Plate 2B1B R16/8. Background weakness below "2" (6)	3/-
ditto	Plate 2B1B R20/4. Arc on "A" of LAND (4)	3/-
ditto	Big block of 20 including three varieties, R12/7, R14/9 and R16/8. 15/-	
ditto	Imprint block (pl. 2B1B) including R18/7. White cap to "N" (12)	6/-
3 cent Puarangi	Plate 2A1A R13/9. Large flaw to right of flowers (4)	3/6
ditto	Plate 2A3A R5/10. Broken "A" in LAND (10)	6/-
ditto	Plate 1B R13/1. White blob on top of "Z" (4)	3/6
ditto	Plate 2A1A R11/5. Considerable damage to "Z" (10)	10/-
ditto	Plate 1A Plate block including white streak in background R19/1 (6)	6/6
ditto	Plate 1B R14/10 and R15/8. Two variety stamps in one block, background weakness, extra petal on flower (6)	4/6
ditto	Plate 2B3B R9/4. Large flaw to right of flower (8)	5/-
ditto	Plate 2B1B R5/10. Broken "A" (not the same as Pl. 2A3A) (4)	3/6
ditto	Plate 2B1B R1/8. Flaw, "tail on 3" in two different states. Two blocks showing two states of the same flaw (6)	15/-
4 cent Daisy	Plate 1B R8/8. Background flaw to left of "4" (6)	5/6
$7\frac{1}{2}$ cent Trout	First wmk. and perf. R10/13. Prominent flaw below fin in imprint block (6)	9/6
ditto	Second wmk. and perf. R10/13 as above (6)	6/6
30 c Tongariro	R2/1 Sky retouch below "N" (4)	20/-
ditto	R8/1 Retouch by flag (4)	20/-

The number in brackets indicates the number of stamps in the block. Nearly all the varieties are clearly visible to the naked eye, and all are constant and thus of philatelic importance.

DECIMAL BOOKLETS

50 cent booklet including one 1 cent pane with five stamps and advertising panel	6/6
50 cent booklet with cylinder XA marking on each pane beside lower stamp	8/6
As above, but cylinder XB	8/6
As above, but cylinder XB beside top row of stamps	8/6

BOOKLET PANES (continued)

"Exploded panes" (All complete panes of six with selvage)

$\frac{1}{2}$ cent pane	No cylinder number. Postally used	1/3
1 cent pane	Five stamps, one advert. No cylinder number. M	1/3
	Cylinder XA at top. M	1/3
	Cylinder XA at bottom. M	1/3
3 cent pane	No cylinder number. M	3/6
	XA at bottom. M	3/6
	XB at top. M	3/6

Dec 29

Just one used lot - a nice little collection we have acquired; all postally used, and one lot only comprising $\frac{1}{2}$ cent, 1 cent, 1 cent (5+advert), 3 cent, and 3 cent cylinder XB. Five used panes - all complete with selvage 12/6

JUNK LOTS

Whoops! We shouldn't have said that! Now the cat's out of the bag! For sometime past we have been getting through these accumulated boxfuls from a big Auckland purchase. We don't know what's coming out next, and the only measure we have of how good they are is that one customer has come back for three parcels. At one time we were ploughing through covers of the 1920's, next we came to bundles of stationery. Just now we guarantee that every £5 lot will include at least one good collectable Chalon Head plus half a dozen mint K. G. V. These lots are not all different but may include up to about twenty of any one item. The number in each packet varies, but value for money is guaranteed. We have also prepared some lots at £1 each, including mainly Health and Commemorative issues, and furthermore, a special bundle of covers from our Auckland office mail; a splendid mixed lot of about 100. Sterling, decimal, health and commemorative issues are included; ideal for slogan postmarks, used varieties and hours of fun.

Have a go! Any of these would make a fine introductory lot for the youngsters, or provide a light hearted change for the more serious collector.

Dec 28	Bumper bundle of N. Z. stamps including Chalon Head and mint K. G. V.....	£5
	Health and Commemorative mixed lot	£1
	Modern Cover bundle	£1

Dec 23	1/- Red-brown Second Sideface A surprisingly large lot of this scarce value; includes nine perf 12 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ (including one advert, scarce in this perf); six perf 10 including a mint pair, another mint pair with advert and a used advert; finally a gutter between pair, beautiful mint, and eight fine used perf 11. The collection of twenty-eight, very attractive	£10
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Dec 24	Sidefaces - a mixed lot Odds and ends - well worth having - including a pair and block of twelve proofs of the 1d Die 2; two covers, bearing $\frac{3}{4}$ d Newspaper, 1d (pair) and 3d and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d Sidefaces - one cover being Registered; four printed postcards with imprinted 1d in red-brown, chocolate and blue (2); finally proof of the 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d Sideface that was never issued. The lot	£2/10/-
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WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE R. P. S. N. Z. ? by Campbell Paterson

In a recent number of the Bulletin of the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand, an appeal is made by Dick Burge (well known to all Pacific Islands fans) for members to help the 'Royal' (NZ) by doing something to stem a serious falling off in membership. I am myself a member (since 1946), so the appeal is to me as much as to others. I am anxious to give what assistance I can for there can be few more worthy causes in NZ philately than the supporting of NZ's premier Society.

Why there should have been a drop in membership - or perhaps one should say, a failure to make up the natural and inevitable losses resulting from the death or resignation of some members each year - is hard to say. Perhaps Wellington is suffering from the same forces of de-centralisation that are affecting cities all round the world. It needs nothing more than a lack of parking space to cause a drop in attendances at meetings. The consequence is that the more central organisations suffer while the formerly smaller suburban clubs flourish.

Then again, all organisations have their ups and downs and it is a fact that the inevitable but regrettable passing of many of the "Royal's" most expert and distinguished members has taken a heavy toll. One has only to read the list of members who collaborated in the publication of the magnificent Handbooks, noting with regret how many of them have since passed on, to realise that the years from the 1930's to the 1960's were a heyday indeed for the Royal. Death has since caused heavy losses and it is no reflection on the many distinguished members still active to say that no Society can suffer such losses without serious consequences. Equally it is no reflection on the stalwarts of the past to say that they can and will be followed by other specialists of equal calibre. But this will take time and a concerted effort.

It is with gratitude as well as regret that I recall the acquaintance - in many cases the personal friendship - of such "masters" of the hobby as Sir Heaton Rhodes, R. J. G. Collins, C. W. Watts, Dr. D. F. Myers, W. T. M. Fathers, W. J. H. Haase, J. Currie, C. E. Clinkard, J. W. Grant - to name only ten. This heavy toll - all since about 1950 - is evidence of the Society's need to recruit new members and potential specialists.

The Society has, during the many years of its existence, magnificently fulfilled its function of leading and encouraging philately in New Zealand; the works produced and the research done, culminating in the Handbooks, have put it in the forefront of Societies of the whole world. So there is no call for me to over-emphasise the worth to collectors of membership; this is surely obvious. Once they are members, collectors can enlist the aid of the Society - as well as adding to the achievements of the Society - by possibly getting their researches published and recognised; or by collaboration with others they can help the Society to continue the good work of Handbook publication so superbly achieved in early years.

The fact that a collector resides outside of NZ is no barrier to membership. Many of our "NZ Society of Great Britain" members are already also members of the (NZ) Royal.

So I hope readers will give serious consideration to joining up. The cause is a good one and the advantages many. Request for details of the Society and application forms for membership can be obtained by writing to

The Secretary
Royal Philatelic Society of NZ
PO Box 1269
Wellington, NZ

A Sponsor and a Secunder are necessary with each application, but I shall be glad personally to sponsor any of our friends in the U. K. or elsewhere who are well known to me (this of course is essential), and should be able to help find a secunder in similar cases. I am not fully informed of the present rates of subscriptions but I do know that they are not heavy. In any case I urge readers to consider the matter - it is one of much importance to the future of NZ philately.