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Perhaps You?

It may be that as you have become more involved in some particular aspect of your collection, other sections have tended to become neglected or of less interest. Perhaps you have thought of concentrating on a more limited sphere and pruning some parts of your collection but have never got around to getting the material sorted and sent off for sale.

Why not make it two-way traffic? You buy from us, may we buy from you?

Naturally there are some items and issues which we do not need so much, but as a rule, collectors have found that if they name a price, we can generally meet it, and often they are pleasantly surprised. We quote: ".....I find your offer most satisfactory and compliment you on your courtesy and speed of service....."

No waiting for settlement, no paying out commission: if it's what we want we get on with the deal. If you're still not convinced, or haven't time to sort it out, or want to discuss what to do, our Mr. Collins is travelling in Scotland and Northern England in April, so if that's of interest to you, make a date to meet; let's see if we can do business together.

We want to buy..... Perhaps you?

1958 HEALTH - A MAJOR FIND by Colin Hamilton

The "retouched tent" varieties on certain stamps in the 1958 Health 3d+1d Miniature Sheets are well known. Most collectors will at some time have seen a complete miniature sheet with one or both of the right hand impressions showing strong retouching of the shading of the tent on the right.

Much less familiar, however, are the similar retouches occurring on a few impressions from the large sheets. It is not that there is difficulty in recognising individual examples from the big sheets - in every case, the stamps involved are identifiable by constant characteristics quite apart from the tent retouches. The fact is that these varieties are extremely scarce. To quote Volume IV of "The Postage Stamps of New Zealand":

".....When the printing was nearly completed it was noticed that the 3d+1d stamps in the 20th vertical row were showing signs of wearing of the cylinder. This was particularly apparent in the shading on the right of the right-hand tent. Some sheets were issued at Westport with prominent evidence of the wearing. The cylinder was removed from the printing machine and at least four of the six impressions were retouched, new shading lines being cut by hand.

"It would appear that most of the sheets printed after the cylinder had been retouched were in the supply held by the Custodian of Stamps and destroyed after the stamps had been withdrawn from sale. No mint sheet has been seen. When the existence of the retouches was discovered, thousands of used copies were carefully examined, but only a few copies from the large sheets showing the retouches were found, and they were identified as coming from rows 1, 3, 4 and 6. Because Row 2, No. 20 and Row 5, No. 20 were worn in the Westport sheets, it is possible that these impressions were also retouched on the cylinder."

Since the above was published in 1964 we have handled odd used copies from time to time, but mint examples have remained singularly elusive. We have scanned the right-hand stamps on every sheet to come to hand over the years, but success has consistently eluded us (and, as far as we know, everyone else too, if indeed anyone else has been pursuing it).

Then recently an unexciting-looking bundle of sheets came our way, among them two of the 3d+1d. Inevitably the first one we examined was normal, as all the others previously had been. But the second - hey, presto!

We tried hard to convince ourselves that it was an optical illusion, overinking - anything but retouching. But every time we went back to the sheet the evidence appeared stronger. In fact the inking on this particular sheet was lighter than normal, and, in complete accord with Vol. IV's testimony as provided by the used copies, stamp 20 in rows 1, 3, 4 and 6 showed re-touching, stamp 20 in rows 2 and 5 showed none.

That it has taken nearly twelve years - and that in an era of unparalleled philatelic activity - to fill this gap is remarkable. It is yet another demonstration of the truth of the maxim, Vigilance is Philately.

Officials

- Mar 01 (a) Covers A bundle from 1897 to around 1950 with "Paid" imprinted stamps and some adhesives. In our experience Official adhesives on cover are not at all common. Half a dozen items that will add interest to your collection for 10/-
- (b) Collection A mint and used lot of Officials including Mt. Cook, 1d Dominion, 1d Universal and First Pictorial values to 1/- Edward VII including 6d, 8d and 1/- Mint plus 8d in two perf pair. A good run of the K. G. V Officials includes both surface and recess printed values mint and used with 6d, 8d, 9d and 1/- vermilion and salmon mint. At least one of each value of the second Pictorial Officials is included and a run of the K. G. VI period including 1940 Centennial Officials. While not pretending to offer completion, this lot does provide a good representative run through of Officials from 1907 to 1947. Seventy stamps mint and used£6
- (c) Queen Elizabeth The Official series absolutely complete 1d to 3/- with both coarse and white papers where applicable. Sixteen stamps mint.. 32/6
- (d) As above Q.E. series used with provisionals and paper changes complete but to the 1/- only. (3/- not available used). Fifteen.....12/6

LONG FISCALS OVERPRINTED "OFFICIAL"

C. P.	S. G.		Mint	Used
ZO 2f...	O81a...	2/- blue perf 14	14/-	—
ZO 2g...	O98a...	2/- 14½x14 De La Rue	—	7/-
ZO 2j...	—	2/- 14½x14 Cowan	30/-	30/-
ZO 6f...	O82...	5/- green perf 14	20/-	—
ZO 6g...	O99...	5/- perf 14½x14	30/-	—
ZO15f...	O68...	£1 pink perf 14	—	90/-
ZO33a ..	O113...	5/- vertical overprint	70/-	—
ZO33c ..	O137a...	5/- horizontal overprint	—	10/-
ZO33d ..	—	5/- wmk inverted	30/-	10/-
ZO33e ..	O137d...	5/- perf 14x13½	20/-	—

S. G.	C. P.		Mint	Used
O159E	NO21a	Q. E. II 1d orange	1/-	6d
O159Eo	NO21b	do. Fine White paper	6d	6d
O160	NO22a	1½d lake-brown	1/6	1/6
O161E	NO23a	2d Bluish-green	2/6	6d
O161Eo	NO23b	2d Fine White paper	3/-	1/-
O161b	NO35a	2½d Olive	1/-	6d
O162E	NO24a	3d vermilion	1/-	6d
O162Eo	NO24b	3d Fine White paper	1/-	6d
O163E	NO25a	4d blue	2/-	6d
O163Ea	Variety	Printed on the gummed side. £20		
O163Eo	NO25b	4d Fine White paper	2/-	1/6
O164	NO26w	9d carmine	2/6	2/-
O165E	NO27a	1/- purple	3/-	1/-
O165Eo	NO27a	1/- Fine white paper	3/-	2/6
O165b	NO39a	3/- slate	10/-	—
O166	NO28a	6d on 1½d	1/-	1/-
O167	NO29a	2½d on 2d	1/-	1/-

INTERESTING, INTRIGUING AND UNUSUAL ADDITIONS FOR YOUR COLLECTION

Mar 1 ½d Mt. Cook C. P. F4b, S. G. 342. A most attractive block of 36 (6 x 6), two stamps are damaged, but it's a nice piece and you'd be proud to own it. The mint block..... 70/-

- Mar 2 1923 Map Stamp on Cowan unsurfaced paper C. P. S16c, S. G. 535. This issue was printed from a plate of 120 impressions, half the size of the previous plates, which was made up jig-saw fashion from sections of these earlier plates. Thus the constant flaws appearing on the Cowans are in different positions. Full details of the varieties appear in Vol. 4 of the Handbook, but we will gladly include a list if the purchaser does not have access to Vol. 4. Our offer is of a complete sheet. Must be scarce, and a fine specialist piece £25
- Mar 3 Postage Dues The four values on Wiggins Teape paper in mint blocks of four, $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, 2d, 3d. C. P. Y15h, 16f, 17h, 18c. S. G. D29 to 32. The set of four in blocks. A pleasing pageful..... £4
- Mar 4 Litho Paper Absolutely complete in mint blocks of four. All the stamps which were issued on the "Art" paper. K. G. V $\frac{1}{2}$ d and 2d, Postage Due $\frac{1}{2}$ d and 2d and 1d Dominion both ordinary and "Official." A fine, striking lot of utmost interest. Six blocks £3
- Mar 5 Dunedin Exhibition On all sheets of all values of these stamps, 24 major positional varieties occur. They are detailed on pp 387/8 of the Handbook Vol. 1. These varieties are so extensive and widespread that it really requires a full sheet to show them all properly. We can produce a complete sheet of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d (split it into four if it's not suitable for your album page) showing, of course, all the varieties. A real specialised bit of philately and of great interest. The complete sheet of sixty (catalogued £12 by Gibbons, £7/10/- by C. P., and must be worth a premium as a sheetful. Write up of the varieties provided with this lot..... 110/-
- Mar 6 Second Pictorials A complete collection in mint singles from 1935 Registered wmk. to the last 1943 issues on coarse paper, with all perfs and printings including the rare 3/- wmk inverted and reversed, and the 2/- perf 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x14 (these two alone are catalogued nearly £30). In addition, there are a number of plate numbers and marginal markings, the total catalogue value being something over £56. Altogether 90 stamps. £37/10/-
- Mar 7 PASSED BY THE MILITARY CENSOR N. Z. Postcards or envelopes 1916-17 with this handstamp in purple. (They fetch three times our price at P. H. Auctions!) 15/-
- Mar 8 RAILWAY POST OFFICE Postal Stationery (cards or envelopes) with R. P. O. cancellations. Very nice on entire, all clear marks. Each.... 17/6
- Mar 9 Plate Proofs The attractive 1898-1900 Pictorials comprising $\frac{1}{2}$ d Mt. Cook in black and two shades of sepia, 1d Terraces in lake, 2d Pembroke Peak in both large and small sizes. An impressive but inexpensive collection of six pieces 27/-
- Mar 10 1d Dominion Stamps cancelled by two vertical lines printed across the face of the stamp. These are said to have been prepared for experimental slot machine coils. We can find no record of them and must admit that we really don't know, but feel that they would be a singularly interesting addition to your collection at £1

Healts and Commemoratives

Looking through some old Bulletins, we realised that we often used to advertise single stamps by a straightforward listing, so here goes, just to remind you that apart from special lots and Specialised Collections we can and do supply single items, and to remind you too of those odd gaps that you keep meaning to fill. Contact us with your Wants List.

HEALTHS

1929	16/-	—	1943	1/-	1/-	1957 wmk.		
1930	30/-	—	1944	10d	10d	s/ways	1/-	1/-
1931	£22	£20	1945	9d	9d	upright	5/-	5/-
1932	—	—	1946	6d	6d	1958	1/-	1/-
1933	25/-	27/6	1947	9d	6d	1959	1/2	1/-
1934	22/-	—	1948	9d	6d	1960 p. 13	2/-	1/6
1935	7/6	7/6	1949	9d	6d	1961	1/6	1/6
1936	4/6	—	1950	10d	6d	1962	2/-	1/6
1937	7/6	10/-	1951	9d	6d	1963	1/4	1/-
1938	5/-	3/6	1952	1/-	6d	1964	1/4	1/-
1939	9/-	—	1953	10d	6d	1965	1/2	1/-
1940	12/-	15/-	1954	1/-	6d	1966	1/2	1/-
1941	5/-	6/-	1955	1/9	1/6	1967	1/2	1/-
1942	3/-	3/-	1956	1/9	1/6	1968	1/2	1/-
						1969	1/9	1/9

N. Z. HEALTH MINIATURE SHEETS

1957 MS762b	13/6	1963 MS816a	14/-
1957 MS762c	15/-	1964 MS823a	25/-
1958 MS765a	10/-	1966 MS841	11/-
1959 MS777c	10/6	1967 MS875	11/-
1960 MS804b	20/-	1968 MS885	8/6
1962 MS813b	14/-	1969	6/-

COMMEMORATIVES

S. G. 424 - 427 Christchurch Exhibition mint set of four priced according to condition
£5/10/- to £10/15/-

Dunedin Exhibition			Commerce			613		
536	2/6	—	593	2d	2d	614	3/-	9d
537	2/6	—	594	2d	2d	615	3/6	1/-
538	35/-	40/-	595	3/-	—	616	3/6	1/-
538a	£8/10	—	596	3/6	3/6	617	3/6	6d
			597	2/6	2/-	618	6/6	—
Silver Jubilee			1940 Centennial			619	4/6	2/6
573	2d	2d	609	2d	2d	620	10/-	6/6
574	2d	2d	610	2d	2d	621	17/6	4/-
ANZAC			611	3d	3d	662	1/-	1/-
591	1/-	1/-	612	6d	6d			
592	1/-	1/-						

COMMEMORATIVES continued

1946 Peace

667	2d	2d
668	2d	2d
669	6d	6d
670	4d	4d
671	6d	3d
672	6d	4d
673	1/-	4d
674	9d	2d
675	1/-	6d
676	2/-	1/6
677	2/-	2/-

Otago

692	2d	2d
693	3d	3d
694	6d	6d
695	1/-	1/-

Canterbury

703	2d	2d
704	6d	3d
705	6d	6d
706	1/-	1/-
707	2/-	2/-

1953 Coronation

714	3d	3d
715	6d	3d
716	1/6	1/6
717	3/-	3/-
718	4/6	4/6

Royal Visit

721	6d	3d
722	1/2	1/-

Stamps Centennial

739	3d	3d
740	7d	3d
741	1/-	1/-

Southland

752	6d	6d
753	6d	6d
754	3/6	3/6

Lamb

758	2/6	2/6
759	5/-	5/-

Plunket

760	6d	4d
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Kingsford Smith

766	1/6	1/6
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Nelson

767	6d	4d
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Hawkes Bay

768	6d	6d
769	6d	6d
770	4/6	4/6

Scouts

771	6d	6d
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Marlborough

772	6d	6d
773	6d	6d
774	5/-	5/-

Red Cross

775	1/-	6d
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West land

778	3d	3d
779	8d	8d
780	4/6	4/6

Telegraph

810	6d	3d
811	5/-	5/-

Railways

818	9d	9d
819	6/-	6/-

Compac

820	6/-	6/-
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Road Safety

821	6d	4d
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ANZAC

826	1/-	1/-
827	2/-	2/-

I. T. U.

828	1/6	1/6
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Churchill

829	1/-	1/-
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Wellington

830	6d	4d
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I. C. Y.

833	6d	3d
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Parl. Conf.

835	1/6	1/6
836	2/6	2/6
837	10/-	10/-

Scouts

838	6d	6d
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P. O. S. B.

843	9d	6d
844	1/6	1/6

Royal Society

890	9d	9d
891	1/6	1/6

Maori Bible

892	6d	6d
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Armed Forces

893	6d	4d
894	1/6	1/-
895	3/6	4/-

Suffrage

899	5d	5d
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Human Rights

900	1/5	1/5
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I. L. O.

902	11d	11d
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Law Society

903	6d	6d
904	1/6	1/6
905	2/6	2/6

Otago University

906	6d	6d
907	1/4	1/4

Captain Cook

Set of four	7/-	8/-
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Cardigan Bay

10 cents	1/4	—
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We Want to Buy

1932 Health Hygiea. Mint or Used. We will pay 45/- for good, sound copies