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SEASONAL GREETINGS

In a lighthearted pre-Christmas vein, we present this month a philatelic (not necessarily entirely N. Z.) quiz. Don't let's take ourselves too seriously, but perhaps you'll find something informative here as well as amusing.

PHILATELIC QUIZ

1. When was the Chalon portrait first used on a stamp? (Not N. Z.)
2. When, where and why was there a one penny airmail rate in New Zealand?
3. Name six London scenes found on New Zealand stamps.
4. When was the first Christmas stamp issued? (Not N. Z.)
5. What connection can you find between Dunedin and Brunswick?
6. Which N. Z. stamp design was in use longer than any other?
7. Were Miller, Truebridge and Reich wholesale poisoners of the N. Z. population? If so, when and why?
8. Until 1939 it was the practice to issue only one Health stamp each year, save only in 1931. Why were two values issued in that year?
9. How many horses can you find on N. Z. stamps?
10. How many oxen?
11. How many sheep?
12. Who was Miss World 1963? (Not a New Zealander!)
13. Who practised an economy measure of cutting 1/- stamps in half for use as 6d? (His name, please!) Where, when and why?
14. With what do you associate the firm of Coulls, Culling & Co?
15. What New Zealand stamps were printed in Australia?
16. What did New Zealand's Red Cross Issue of 1959 commemorate?

- 1220 As above Another inverted watermark, this time the rarity of the 1960-67 Pictorial series. 3/- multi-colour Tangariro National Park, C. P. O18b, S. G. 799 Ei, listed but not priced. Mint marginals £17/10/-
- 1221 Postal Stationery This is an aspect of the hobby which is constantly increasing in popularity. 3d Mt. Cook and 1d Terraces envelopes of 1899 both overprinted ULTRAMAR. These items were "Specimen" envelopes sent to the U. P. U. for distribution to member countries as examples of issues to be made by postal administrations and the overprint of Ultramar was seemingly applied by Spanish speaking authorities to indicate that these were from an overseas P. O.
The two items - a nice set £15
- 1223 Shades In the recent pictorial definitives, some fine shades occurred. We always advocate the collecting of shades in blocks of four as this shows the contrast to better advantage. Here are some attractive and inexpensive items to brighten the pages of your collection.
8 cent apples: carmine apples and orange-vermilion apples. Two blocks of 4.. 8/-
18 cent wool, pale brown background and deep red-brown background.
Two blocks of four 16/-
20 cent dairy farms, bright green grass and yellow-green grass.
Two blocks of four 24/-
- 1224 Covers From a collection we have just bought here is a bargain offer for anyone wanting to make a start with modern F. D. C. Virtually complete 1967-70 and including 4th Jan 1969 Jamboree, a complete set (one for each day) of Tarapex special cancellations, Bethlehem and Jerusalem on Christmas covers, \$2 multi-colour F. D. C. etc. 50 covers £10
- 1225 Timaru Local Post From December 1968 to April 1969, a local delivery service was run in the town of Timaru by a local firm called Moulins Services. They produced a series of stamps 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 7c and 15c. There was also a proof supplied of the 15c on card, and it is understood that this was used for postage for a period when the 15 cents stamps were temporarily out of stock.
Set of seven values mint including the 15 cents on card 18/6
- 1226 Health Min. Sheets Used miniature sheets are seldom seen and many keen collectors look for ages to obtain a representation of these items. Here's a useful beginning to a collection of these in used condition. Some are splitting at the perfs, but in view of the favourable price, this is a small matter and difficult to overcome when stamps are removed from the sheets. 12 sheets all different .25/-
- 1127 The Dollar Postmark F. D. C. of the Decimal Issue with the special Wellington \$ cancellation used on 10th July 1967. The complete set to \$2 is on the cover and with this item there is included the Post Office wallet containing the mint set of stamps to 50c. The cover (18 stamps) and wallet (18 stamps) £5
- 1228 As above A short set to 10 cents on large piece with the \$ First Day Cancellation; also included is the official Post Office wallet containing mint stamps to 10c. This wallet has the second issue 10c and 7½c Trout.
The piece (11 stamps) and wallet (12 stamps) £1
- 1229 a) Butterflies and Moths Plate Blocks 1A and 1B occur in all values, ½c to 4c.
The twelve, two of each value in mint blocks of ten £2
b) Constant varieties ½ cent Glade Copper Butterfly. R1/6 retouch under left wing, and R2/1 horizontal plate scratch. The two varieties in one block of 12. 1/6
c) As above ½ cent. R6/20 a blue flaw in the right selvage, R8/20 retouch to background, and R 9/20 background retouch. The three varieties in one block.. 1/6

- b) Q. E. 1/- Black and red This delightful stamp (C. P. NC6c, S. G. 732 Ec) shows how the strips were coiled end to end vertically to fit into the machines, with numbers sideways. Complete set of 19 mint pairs £17
- c) 2d Large Figures The attractive blue-green stamp (C. P. NC4a, S. G. 747Ea) again in complete set of 19 numbered coil pairs at a price that is undeniably attractive 80/-

CHALON HEADS

- 1206 London Prints 1d, 2d and 3d, the Perkins Bacon original issue, carrying our full guarantee. This set is one of the finest you are likely to see, each stamp a hand-picked copy with good margins, neat postmarks and superb condition. There is no need to mention that Classics are the soundest investment in stamps. These stamps, as well as being a pride in your collection, are a real gilt edge holding. Three fine used stamps. S. G. 1, 2 and 3 £1,000

CHRISTCHURCH EXHIBITION

- 1207 The Penny Claret This is the most brilliant mint copy we can ever remember seeing of this great rarity. As is usual, the perfs cut the design (at the top in this instance). This stamp, in our experience, is always a ready seller often at a price in excess of catalogue and we fancy it as one of the sure-fire winners of all time. A beautiful item that is a great favourite with collectors. This copy has been previously mounted but we repeat, it is one of the freshest, most attractive copies known to us. S. G. 425a. Guaranteed. Mint. £350
- 1208 Pre-adhesive cover A rather nice item with clear strike of the Crowned circle "Paid at Auckland New Zealand" dated June 1857, two years after the introduction of adhesives showing the persistence of the habit of not using stamps. A red manuscript "6" indicates postage paid (to England) and also on the face is the U. K. marking "Paid 25 SP 1857". The writer's instructions via Melbourne by Gertrude indicate the postal route, and there are backstamps of Auckland JU27 1857 and Exeter SP25 1857. The original ten page letter is included. £8/10/-
- 1209 Postmarks A fine selection of 19th century cancellations with many on pairs, blocks and strips. Unusual in that there are many of the better values to 1/- included. There is nothing later than the First Pictorials except a couple of Mt. Cooks and 1d Universals, and the issues mostly in evidence are the Sidefaces, some in the scarcer perfs and including five 1/-s. Over 70 items 110/-
- 1210 Second Sideface 2d A valuable "identification" set, and a splendid pageful of this one value. All printings, papers and perfs are represented except the three very difficult ones. 2d Sideface perf 12 x 11½ Die 1, 6 mm wmk (C. P. D3a), Die II, two shades on "Life Insurance" paper (D3e), then to perf 10 (D3j) of which two shades are included, two shades of the perf 11 (D3k) and the final issue on "Waterlow" paper (D3p). A very useful representation. 15 stamps all good used. 25/-
- 1211 1946 Health The set that perhaps lends itself more than any other in the series to specialisation. Starting with F. D. C., Imprint Block of both values and then shades. Two good contrasting shades of each value are included in blocks of four and also the Brilliant Golden Centre (each value in pair). This is a "blurred printing", believed to be caused by a double print, one albino. It produces a striking shade. Moving on now to constant plate varieties, we have in the 1d+½d, R8/8, a clear

re-entry with tremendous doubling of the right hand frame line. On the 2d-1d, four varieties are present; R4/3 from Centre Plate 43011 shows a distinct "extra hill" flaw above the running boy, and this is in a positional block of 12; a second centre plate flaw is the extra dark lines of shading in the clouds on R6/1, and there are also two re-entries (both in blocks of four) R14/1 showing doubling of the soldier, the girl, leaves and lettering, and R8/8, the "bird on soldier's hat" variety. Altogether a striking collection providing lots of fun and interest.

All mint except the F. D. C. 85/-

We can do the above lot several times over, but if you would like a really super collection of this issue with all the items listed above plus a score of others, we can supply one only to any interested customer.

All items are supplied in envelopes clearly indicating the varieties.

- 1212 A collection An attractive lot of Official stamps 1907-1927. Penny Universals with Official overprint are present in both Mint and Used and a useful representation of Penny Dominions including a used one with "Cracked Globe" variety; one of each value of the Edwardian officials ($\frac{1}{2}$ d, 3d, 6d, 8d and 1/-) mint, and of the K. G. V there is one of each ($\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, $1\frac{1}{2}$ d grey, $1\frac{1}{2}$ d brown, 2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 8d, 9d and 1/-) plus a "No Stop" variety. A useful collection. 20 mint, 10 used £7
- 1213 Dragged Print It has been stated that the chrome plating began to wear on plate 3 of the Capt. Cook 2/- stamp. This produced horizontal lines across the cabbage tree, on the uniform and from the value tablet. All the bollards in the bottom border become blurred. Some excellent examples of this are available in the 2/- Official C. P. L013g, S. G. O136c. Mint 17/6
- 1214 Queen on Horseback The very scarce retouch R3/18 listed on perm. page N14 of the C. P. Catalogue as NV16a. We have rarely seen this stamp, and recommend it to any specialist collector of Q. E. issues. Mint £8/10/-
- 1215 Lake Wakatipu The variety on the $2\frac{1}{2}$ d blue Pictorial of 1899 imperf horizontally C. P. E8b variety, S. G. 274b. A fine example of this striking item in pair. Mint £8/10/-
- 1216 Ross Dependency Two brilliant shades of the 8d C. P. RD6a, S. G. 3, in blocks of four. Really fine stamps giving a brilliant contrast that jumps out and hits you. The two blocks mint 10/-
- 1217 Double Print Q. E. 2d on $1\frac{1}{2}$ d provisional C. P. N40a, S. G. 763. One sheet of these stamps received a second - uninked - impression of the surcharge. It shows as an embossing clearly discernible above the normal surcharge. A remarkable and very unusual variety. Mint block of four £10
- 1218 Double Print Copies of the 1/- Q. E. (C. P. N10a, S. G. 732) are occasionally found with the centre (portrait) blurred, lacking the sharp clear lines of definition usual in this stamp. This is attributed to a double print - one albino; the pressure of the uninked impression ruptured the fibres so that when the inked roller was applied, the paper "rejected" the ink causing the blurring. Blurred centre 1/- with normal for comparison the two mint 70/-
- 1219 Watermark variety It is stated in Vol. II of the Handbook (p. 170) that some sheets of the paper used for the 1949 Health stamp had a horizontal line watermark through the fourth row of stamps (ie. the third row up from the bottom). We have some mint blocks of nine on which the top row of the block shows this line. Attractive and unusual. The block 10/-

17. Which N. Z. stamps were printed in Belgium?
18. Which New Zealand stamp paper has a numeral watermark?
19. The 7½c Trout appeared with two types of perf. One had a "gap" at the top of the vertical row, later an additional pin was inserted, and no gap occurred. In which other issue may the stamps be found in both forms, i. e. both with and without a gap at the top of the line of perfs?
20. Which unsurcharged stamp features on it both sterling and decimal currency?

LITERATURE

- 1201 The name of Claude Scott is well known to us as a student and specialist collector of KG VI issues. He probably knows more than anyone else on almost any aspect of these stamps, and he has just produced a 56-page illustrated handbook devoted exclusively to the KG VI coil stamps. Surprisingly easy to read, and with a wealth of illustrations, this reference work is essential reading to all collectors of these issues, and Claude has rendered a great service to philatelists in producing this book at the remarkably low price (including postage) of 8/-

COMPLETE SHEETS

Here's fun! Complete sheets show all the constant Plate Varieties in their position, and with stamps having a profusion of varieties, these can be fascinating. These lots include complete lists giving details of the varieties which are found.

- 1202 Life Insurance 1/- Cape Brett All sheets of this stamp include 13 notable re-entries (all are recorded in Vol. IV of The Handbook). Our sheets are of the 10c on 1/- surcharge (C. P. X26b S. G. L55a) and the varieties, which are all of some philatelic worth and interest, are clearly indicated on a typed list provided.
The complete sheet of 120 stamps £7/10/-
- 1203 Capt. Cook 2/- Every stamp printed from Plate 1 can be identified by some small but definite characteristic. This value is generally considered one of the most interesting N. Z. stamps ever produced. One complete sheet of 120 stamps perf 12½ on coarse paper (C. P. L13f) is available, and with this there is a photostat showing in detail the varieties which are to be found. Once more C. P. Ltd. have done all the work to provide you with a very interesting study and hours of fun - and think how you can impress your friends.
Complete sheet of 120 plus the invaluable illustrations showing all the varieties. £62/10/-
- 1204 Puarangi 3c Stamps printed from Plates 2B1B1B1B1B are found in two states. In the first state, some twenty stamps show flaws. In the second state, a dozen of these flaws have been touched out, or disappeared, but a further series of flaws has developed. These sheets really are classic examples of the occurrence of constant plate varieties in photogravure printings, and as with the previous lots, these include a list of the varieties in both the original and retouched sheets.
The two sheets (C. P. OD5a, S. G. 849) plus listings £15
- 1205 a) Q. E. 6d Small Figures Complete sheets were used in making up machine coils, twenty sections producing a complete coil. A complete set of 19 numbered coil pairs of the 6d purple (C. P. NC1j, S. G. 729Ea) make up an impressive page.
19 mint pairs 80/-

- d) As above $\frac{1}{2}$ cent. R3/14 retouch of a flaw on the fraction bar. Block of 6 ... 1/-
- e) As above $\frac{1}{2}$ cent R10/5 background retouch to left of righthand wing and R10/8 flaw at the tip of the righthand wing. Two flaws in one block of eight ... 1/-
- f) 1 cent Red Admiral R7/3 retouch under 1c, R9/1 retouch over W of NEW, R9/4 retouch centre top. All three varieties in the block of twelve 2/-
- g) As above R3/10 retouched background to left of upper wing, R5/9 background retouch top of left antenna. The two varieties in block of ten 6/9
- h) 2 cent Tussock Butterfly R9/18 retouch below second A of ZEALAND, R8/17 and R9/17 retouch behind figure Z. Both varieties in one block of twelve 3/6
- j) 3 cent Lichen Moth R8/13 retouch to left of upper wing. Block of ten 4/-
- k) As above R6/13 prominent dark spot to left of moth's body. Block of ten ... 4/-
- m) As above 3 cent R2/14 background retouch at right margin 3/6
- n) 4 cent Puriri Moth R9/16 retouch over second A of Zealand and R10/18 background retouch above moth's head. The two in one block 4/6
- 1230 Christmas 1970 Postcards newly arrived from the Uffizi Gallery, Italy, of Correggio's "Our Lady Worshipping the Child" - the picture of this year's low value Christmas stamp - are now available in full Kodak Ektachrome at 2/6

We hope you find something of interest in this comprehensive selection from 1855 to 1970 - from £1,000 to 1/-: and again we wish you a Merry Christmas.

THE CHRISTMAS QUIZ ANSWERS:

1. Canada 12d. Black 1851.
2. Dec 31, 1934, Hokitika - Okuru in replacement of horse transport, a subsidy being paid for the air-service, and postage remaining at 1d as formerly.
3. Lions in Trafalgar Square. Victory 1/- . Peter Pan, Kensington Gardens. 1945 Health. St.Pauls. Peace 1½d. Eros. 1947 Health. Buckingham Palace and Westminster Abbey. 1953 Coronation.
4. 7th Dec 1898, Canada.
5. Dunedin (Gaelic for Edinburgh). Brunswick Star - a type of cancellation used in Edinburgh, Scotland.
6. The Long Fiscal.
7. Miller, Truebridge and Reich were contractors for the "Adson", which were withdrawn because of allegations that the printing was injurious to health when licked.
8. Owing to the international economic depression, N.Z. postal rates were increased. Originally there was to be only a single (1d) stamp, but with the increase in letter rate to 2d, a second stamp was prepared (from a plate made locally) in the expectation that more were likely to be used on letters than on other forms of posting. The low sum of only £778 was raised from the sale of health stamps in that year.
9. 1901, 1½d. 1946 Peace 6d. 1935 Pictorial 6d. 1948 Ottago Centennial 2d. 1953-57 High values. Coronation 4d (only just!) 1961 Christmas.
10. 1940 Centennial 4d. Marlborough 3d. 1960 Christmas.
11. Chamber of Commerce ½d and 2½d. Peace 6d. Hawkes Bay 8d. Southland 3d. Lamb 4d and 8d; and a whole flock of them on the 18c Wool Industry.
12. Jamaica S.G. 214-216.
13. Captain Elles at Dunedin bisected 1/- Chalons between 1857 and 1859 when the postal rate from New Zealand to the U.K. was reduced from 1/- to 6d.
14. Overprinting of the King Edward VII Land stamps.
15. More than you think! 1936 Anzac, 1936 Commerce. Health issues 1935-37. 1939-42, 1958 Trans-Tasman. 1963 Compac, 1965 Churchill.
16. The Centenary of the Battle of Solferino and the "birth" of the Red Cross idea: not the founding of the Red Cross.
17. Health Issue 1957.
18. Cowan wmk.paper used for ½d Mt.Cook and 1d Universal.
19. Queen Elizabeth 9d.
20. The P.O.S.B. 9d commemorative of Feb 1967 shows a silver dollar!