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THE NEW ZEALAND HEALTH CAMPS STORY by Colin Hamilton

The popularity of New Zealand Health Stamps is well enough known, but it is emphasised for us by the number of enquiries we receive for background information on these issues, with particular reference to the history of the Health Camps. For those without access to Volume I of the Handbook (and there must be many who have never even seen a copy!) there doesn't seem to be a readily available alternative source of this information, so let's try to remedy that state of affairs.

As collectors who have studied the 1969 Health stamp designs will know, the founder of the Children's Camps was Dr. Elizabeth Gunn. Born the daughter of an ironmonger at Dunedin in 1879, she was educated at Timaru and Otago Girls' High School, and then went on to Edinburgh University, where she graduated M.B., Ch.B. In 1912 she joined the School Medical Service in New Zealand and by 1919, after serving for a spell during the First World War in the N. Z. Army Medical Corps, she was School Medical Officer at Wanganui. In the summer of that year she organised a small summer camp for delicate and undernourished New Zealand children on a farm at Turakina, a few miles south of Wanganui. The camp was based on regular hours, wholesome food and the open-air life, and it proved of enormous benefit to the children. Further camps were held annually until about 1930.

In the meanwhile, Dr. Gunn's idea was taken up officially, and similar camps were soon being held in other districts. Voluntary Health Camp Associations sprang up throughout the country, each running it's own camp with funds raised by voluntary subscription. One of these associations, the Wellington, established the first permanent camp at Otaki in 1932, and this camp was soon in continuous use, providing six-week holidays for each group of children.

In 1936, the numerous voluntary associations formed the National Health Camp Federation, and in the following year the King George V Memorial Appeal raised no less than £176,000, which was used to establish five further permanent Health Camps - Roxburgh, Gisborne, Glenelg, Pakuranga, and Maunu. Nowadays, of course, the numbers of undernourished children are a tiny fraction of what they were when the Health Camp movement started, and the emphasis is more and more on children with problems of behaviour and learning and home difficulties.

In 1926, it was proposed, quite independently of the Health Camp movement, that New Zealand might consider the issuing of Christmas seals similar to those already in use in some other countries (notably Denmark), the idea being that the proceeds should go towards financing some unspecified but deserving cause. The N. Z. postal authorities took up the idea seriously, but came down in favour of stamps with a postal as well as a charity value, rather than simply charity seals. On the recommendation of the Health Department, it was decided that the proceeds from the charity value should be devoted to the Health Camps.

This led to the first Health stamp issue, in 1929, the forerunner of an unbroken series of forty-two annual issues to date (and, incidentally, of an incalculable amount of pleasure for thousands of serious collectors!)

From a rather unpromising beginning, due largely to world economic factors at the time (the Smiling Boys of 1931, for instance, provided a total of only £778 for the camps), the Health stamps have gone from strength to strength. Now sales are numbered in many millions every year.

Post Offices are now opened annually on the first day of issue at each of the permanent camps, and sets of covers showing the six Health Camp postmarks for each issue have become very popular with collectors. The earliest recorded dates of opening of post offices at the various Health Camps are as follows:

Otaki	1st October, 1941
Gisborne	11th October, 1941
Roxburgh	6th November, 1941
Glenelg	24th October, 1941
Pakuranga	10th December, 1949
Maunu	3rd November, 1955

Dr. Gunn lived to see her venture become a firmly established national institution. In 1951 she was awarded the M. B. E. for her services to the Health Camp movement, and although she had retired from the School Medical Service in 1940 (at which time she was the Director), she continued in private practice until her death in 1963.

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GENERAL N. Z. ISSUES

A good general collection is being offered this month, covering all periods and with some particularly attractive moderns.

- 201 Chalon Heads A representative runthrough of the perf 12½ issues including 1d brown, 2d blue plate 1 showing two different stages of plate wear. 2d blue plate 2 2d orange, a rich full orange and a pale orange from the damaged part of the plate. 3d lilac, 4d yellow, 6d brown and 1/- pale yellow green. Ten stamps providing a useful and attractive run..... £8
- 202 First Sidefaces Quite a pleasant presentable selection of 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1/-, and 2/- . High cat, and though not perfect, they'll fill that page in your album.
Seven stamps 85/-
- 203 King George V What a blaze of colour this issue makes! All values are here to 1/- with many shades in the recess printed, and both perfs represented. 1½d, 2d, 3d and 6d are also present on the Pictorial Paper. Surface Printed ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d and 3d are included both mint and used and finally all values of the "Official" overprints on KGV are present plus the "Long Fiscal" 5/- Official overprint. All the "Officials" are mint. A fine starter for a collection of this fascinating issue. 117 Mint and 29 Used stamps with a catalogue value of around £25..... £18

- 204 As above Rich, desirable, lovely Admirals. Both 2/- and 3/- Jones as well as 2/- and 3/- Cowan. Fine Mint (lightly mounted) C. P. K20a and b, K21a and b, S. G. 540-543 £9
- 205 Arms S. G. 544b to 544p. Single watermark Cowan paper. A very fine Mint Set from 1/3 to £1 excluding only the 12/6. Thirteen stamps catalogued £40+ by both C. P. and S. G. £27/10/-
- 206 As above The three surcharges on single wmk paper, 3/6, 5/6 and 11/-. Catalogued £16/10/-. The three values mint £7/10/-
- 207 Air "New Zealand Lake Scenery", the first Airmail stamps of 1931. Four values complete mint 3d, 4d, 7d and 5d on 7d 70/-
- Each of the above separately:
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| 3d chocolate | S. G. 548 | | 20/- |
| 4d purple | 548 | | 20/- |
| 7d orange | 550 | | 22/6 |
| 5d green | 551 | | 10/- |
- 208 Express Delivery A seldom seen and unusually thorough collection of these issues including the Perf 11, two shades mint and two watermark varieties used, a mint copy of the perf 14 x 14½, a used perf 14 x 15, and of the "motor car" issue. mint block of four with brown gum, a block with white gum, and the three used shades. pale violet, violet, deep violet. Total catalogue value is £6/10/-. Seventeen stamps mint and used £5
- 209 Pathway 1933 Health Stamp. Not quite up to "C. P. Standard", but of fine appearance, clean and fresh. Useful space filler. Unused 7/6
- 210 Second Pictorials A good run of Plate Blocks on the Official issues. All different 1d (two), 1½d (two), 2d (fifteen), 2½d (three), 4d (seven), 6d (five), 8d (two) and 1/- (four). High cat. and an attractive lot £12/10/-
- 211 Mt. Cook Cowan unwatermarked paper, ½d perf 14 x 11 used. A good, scarce stamp. C. P. F3c, S. G. 336 £10
- 212 Dominion The Real McCoy! This is it: lithographed N. Z. and Star colourless, With Horizontal Mesh, this being from the one single sheet printed experimentally and subsequently sold through the Post Office. C. P. 15a, S. G. 528a. Mint 70/-
- 213 As above Another scarce Penny Dominion. This time the variety with "Watermark" overprinted on the front - it shows on the back in reverse. Seldom available, and a good stamp to have. Mint £7/10/-

DECIMAL DEFINITIVES.

Continuing our listing from January Bulletin - this month with each item offered singly.

28 cent Fox Glacier

- Mint 3/3d. Used 1/6d. Plate Block (10) 35/-
- Variety Block with two varieties, R 1/10. Unidentified Flying Objects in the sky, and R3/10 sky retouched by left hand ferns. Positional block of six mint 22/6

30 cent Tongariro

- Original issue with Gum Arabic. Mint 4/-. Used 1/-. Plate Block (6) 27/6
- P. V. A. Gum. Mint 4/-. Plate Block 27/6
- P. V. A. Gum. No wmk. Mint 4/-. Used 1/-. Plate Block 27/6

VARIETIES. (in Mint positional block of four with three normals)

30 cents R 2/1 Sky retouch around N of NEW

Gum Arabic. 25/-. P.V.A. 22/6. P.V.A. No wmk. 20/-

R 8/1 Retouch by flagstaff

Gum Arabic. 25/-. P.V.A. 22/6. P.V.A. No wmk. 20/-

As above

The 30 cent Tongariro has proved one of the most interesting of all the Decimals. A special collection of all the blocks offered above, i.e. Plate Blocks on all three papers, R 2/1 variety on all three papers, and R 8/1 on all three papers; in all nine mint Blocks of Four. (The P.V.A. variety block includes both R 7/1 dot by flagstaff, and R 8/1 retouch by flagstaff). Special Offer £10

50 cent Sutherland Falls

Gum Arabic. Mint 6/6. Used 2/-. Plate Block (10) 70/-

P.V.A. Gum. Mint 6/6. Plate Block 70/-

VARIETY

R 6/5. Retouch by waterfall in marginal block of ten with nine normals..... 65/-

\$1 Glacier

Gum Arabic. Mint 12/6. Used 7/6. Plate Block (6) 80/-

P.V.A. Gum. Mint 12/6. Plate Block 80/-

\$2 Geyser

Magenta Mint 27/6. Used 27/6. Plate Block (10) £14

Multicolour Mint 23/6. Used 15/-. Plate Block (10) £12

- 215 **First Pictorial Officials** Here's an attractive set comprising two shades of the 2d Pembroke Peak, Bistre and Bistre Brown of the 3d Huias, 6d Kiwi in the small size, 1/- Kea and Kaka, 2/- Milford Sound and 5/- Mount Cook with sideways watermark. Bright and fresh unused (eight)..... 140/-
- 216 **1/- Kea and Kaka** This used lot just jumped out of the album page and hit us as a pretty run of five shades. The perf 11 on unwatermarked paper issue. C.P. E18b. S.G. 284-287. Set of five shades used £1
- 217 **1½d Maori Cooking** Another striking contrast in shades. C.P. L3d. S.G. 579. Red-brown and deep red-brown. Really fine stamps for your collection.
The two good shades mint 3/6
- 218 **1d Kiwi** C.P. L2d, S.G. 578. Variety watermark inverted (from sheet - not booklet) and in a particularly deep, rich shade. A lovely stamp in mint  5/-
- 219 **Second Pictorial Officials** A wonderful representation of these issues in Plate Block form. All values (except the ½d and the 2/-) are present and many stamps show a complete run of all the plates which were used - not a pageful! - an album full! The fine semi-specialised Plate Block collection of this one issue. Forty-five Plate Blocks, all mint, of course. (Catalogue well exceeds our price) £15
- 220 **1947 Lighthouse** C.P. X13a to X20a, including both 4d's and the later 2½d issue. The complete set of nine different, all in Imprint/Plate Block form.
A first class set..... £12/10/-

SOME RARITIES FROM THE C. P. STOCK

425a	Christchurch Exhibition 1d claret. Brilliant mint	£350
520a	Dominion. 1d on unsurfaced paper. Guaranteed. mint.....	£25
538a	Dunedin Ex. 4d POSTAGE R 10/1 flaw.....	£7.50
781 Eob	1960 ½d Manuka. Green omitted. (at ½ S.G.) mint.....	£10
783 Eoa	1960 2d Kaka Beak. Black omitted (S.G. £40) mint.....	£28
785 Eoa	1960 3d Kowhai. Yellow omitted. mint.....	£20
785 Eob	1960 3d Kowhai Green omitted. mint.....	£20
785 Eoc	1960 3d Kowhai brown omitted. mint.....	£20
786 Ea	1960 4d Puarangi. Chalky paper. The vast majority of stamps masquerading as the "4d Chalky" are not the genuine article. Ours are guaranteed the goods mint.....	£80
795 E	1960 1/9d multicolour. Aeroplane shifted. The aeroplane is right across the perforations. Mint horizontal pr.....	£35
808 b	1961 Provisional 2½ on 3d. Se tenant pair wide narrow setting. mint.....	£2.50
810	1962. Telegraph Centenary. The brown apparently affected by cleaning fluid in the printing has produced a Ghostly Hand. Spectacular.....	£35
822 Ea.	1964. 2½d + 1d Health. Red omitted. mint	£50
	1970. 3c Christmas. Green omitted. No value or country's name. mint	£50

KING EDWARD VII LAND 1d. C. P. R. D. I., S. G. A1

Not very long ago, this stamp was catalogued at £5 mint. Today it is at £60. Consider the fact that it's value has risen by twelve times in a few years & with constantly increasing interest in Antarctica it is bound to continue on this course. So seldom seen mint, it must be accounted one of our major rarities.

We have a bright, sparkling mint copy available at£55
One not quite so fine but still good unused with original gum.....£25

COVERS

221	<u>Pan American Clipper.</u> Cover with red cachet NEW ZEALAND U.S.A. FIRST AIR MAIL DECEMBER 1937. Franked with K. G. VI 6d Coronation Stamps, backstamped San Francisco Jan 6 1938	50p (10/-)
222	<u>FIRST N. Z. HELICOPTER FLIGHT.</u> Air mail specialists say this is a rare item. Printed cover with cachet Western Springs to Auckland 5th Feb 1955	40p (8/-)
223	1970 Definitives. Butterflies & Moths; six values on F. D. C. dated 2 Sep 1970 & five values fish on F. D. C. dated 4 Nov 1970. The two covers	50p (10/-)
224	<u>Chatham Islands.</u> A special souvenir cover was prepared for the N. Z. Chatham Islands Stamps appearing on Dec 2nd 1970. The attractive cover printed in three colours includes a map of the islands, & the two stamps are postmarked Waitangi (Chatham Is.) First Day of Issue.....	12p (2/6)
225	<u>Girl Guides Camp.</u> A temporary post office was opened at the Guides Camp held at Hastings, Hawkes Bay on the West Coast of North Island, & a special postmark which included the Girl Guides emblem was employed. Cover stamped with the 1970 Health Girl Netball Players postmarked "3rd National Girl Guides Camp Official Opening 5 Jan 1971.....	10p (2/-)
226	<u>Sea Scout Regatta.</u> Cover stamped with the 1970 Health Footballers with pictorial postmark "13th National Sea Scout Regatta Official Opening 1 Jan 1971".....	10p (2/-)

N. Z. MISCELLANEA

227	<u>Q. V. Long Fiscals</u> Clean, attractive copies; 10/- perf 12½ 1886 with neat postmark of Dunedin and £1 perf 12½ 1886 with clear Wellington cancel. Both stamps have full perfs & are of much above average appearance. The two — as fine as you'll see of these stamps	£2.50 (50/-)
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- 228 Postmarks Our "postmark accumulations" always sell like hot cakes & seem to give Satisfaction. Again we have put aside a load of 19th century issues, with nothing later than First Pictorials included, & many varieties, stamps in pairs & better values including the 6d V.R. Life Insurance C.P. X5a, S.G. L5. The lot must be worth more than the catalogue value of this stamp alone. A good selection of over 30 postmarks all pre-1900 £4. 50 (90/-)
- 229 Newspaper Stamp $\frac{1}{2}$ d N.Z. & star wmk perf $12\frac{1}{2}$. C.P. B3a, SG 151. The LETTERS WATERMARK Variety. Mint 12p (2/6)
- 230 Kea & Kaka 1/- . Watermarked paper perf 11. C.P. E18d, S.G. 369 et seq. Three very fine shades in really superb used. The three 63p (12/6)
- 231 Auckland Exhibition. $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, 3d & 6d C.P. S 5a-S 8a, S.G. 470-473. A really scarce to find in used condition. Here they are, the 3d somewhat off-centre, but seldom seen. The four F. U. £21
- 232 Presentation Copies. See "The Postage Stamps of New Zealand" Vol. IV pages 406-408 that the Penny Dominion overprinted with vertical black bars was issued in Presentation Sets. Become the possessor of one of these proud pieces — intended only, of course, for V.I.P.'s! Penny Dominion overprinted with two vertical black bars surface printed $8\frac{1}{4}$ mm apart (Handbook Type P3) £8
- 233 Centennial of N. Z. 9d Gold C.P. S 36a, S.G. 620. The fine plate block showing re-engraved figure 1. The original figure partially erased is still clearly visible providing proof of what must be a very unusual procedure. Mint marginal block of four with the variety as described clearly visible to the naked eye £3
- 234 As above. 10d on $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. The provisional "Five Monarchs". C.P. S 37a. S.G. 662 complete set of four plate blocks A1, A2, C1, C2. (Face value 13/4d) Mint 75p
- 235 Bandaged Thumb. A long time since we've seen this variety! A few blocks are now available including R 4/1. C.P. T 21a, S.G. 698 Mint 50p (10/-)
- 236 Lamb Export A series of constant varieties occur on the 8d. C.P. S 73a, S.G. 759.
 a) R 3/5 large gash in top right hand sail (sorry we don't know the correct nautical term for "top right hand sail"!) in mint pair with normal. 90p (18/-)
 b) R 10/1 dot between 1 & 8 of the date 1882. Mint corner marginal pair with normal. £1
 c) Mint marginal block which includes R 8/11 flaw above 8 of the date 1882 & R 9/12 anchor at the bow of the "Dominion Monarch", an attractive item with these two notable varieties in the one block. £1. 75 (35/-)

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- 237 First Sides. Six clean fresh unused stamps (Minimum cat. £15+) 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, & 1/- £4. 25 (85/-)
- 238 Second Sides. Again an attractive run of good appearance, $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, 2d, $2\frac{1}{2}$ d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d, & 1/-, Nine bright unused. £2. 50 (50/-)
- 239 First Pictorials Another straight forward run through. A number of stamps have faults (badly centered or heavy mounting) but all are of good appearance & this is an opportunity to acquire a colourful album page very cheaply. $\frac{1}{2}$ d purple brown, $\frac{1}{2}$ d green, both 1 d's, $1\frac{1}{2}$ d, both 4d's, 5d, 6d green, 6d red, 8d, 9d, 1/- & 2/- 19 stamps. £3. 75 (75/-)

NEW ZEALAND KING GEORGE VI COIL STAMPS . by Claude Scott.

This comprehensive coverage of a fascinating subject has sold like hot cakes! No wonder; at 8/- it contains a mine of information that will add considerable interest and pleasure to your collecting of K. G. VI, Coils and at such a modest price it must be a bargain.

We completely sold out our first consignment and we now have a few copies available - all that is left of the total limited printing

56 pages - illustrated - crammed with information & very readable. If you haven't bought a copy yet, we suggest that you make sure of yours now.

We are pleased & privileged to have the opportunity of printing this month some supplementary notes from Claude Scott.

KING GEORGE VI COIL STAMPS. A SUPPLEMENT

By Claude Scott

Ink had scarcely dried on my booklet about King George VI coil stamps when good friends in the Campbell Paterson organisation were drawing attention to a 1/- flaw I had not mentioned. This supplementary article is to repair the omission and to give details of the numerals on the two highest values.

1/- BROWN AND CLARET

The variety left out is minor but constant - a tiny yet emphatic spot of colour in the margin immediately above the first "A" in "Zealand" on R 1/7 of Frame Plate 1. It came with the first sheet printings with upright watermark, continued into the printings with sideways watermark and, to the best of my knowledge, was never touched out.

Its position in the top row of the sheet automatically put it into coil gutter pairs. I have not seen it in upright watermark pairs though these must exist or, at least, have existed. I have three examples on upright watermark stamps forming the bottom portion of combined watermark pairs. Nos. 3, 9 and 17. The flaw is commonest, and almost plentiful, in sideways watermark pairs. Occasionally it turns up on sideways watermark stamps at the bottom of combined pairs. Here again I have three. Nos. 7, 16 and 19.

For the 1/- denomination the numerals are normally about three millimetres high, a little more if the impression is heavy, as it frequently is. For Nos. 1, 10 and 17 and the first numeral in No. 11, however, a shorter 1 was used, only about $2\frac{1}{2}$ millimetres high. It shows up most prominently beside its longer brother in No. 11, the two of them giving a real lop-sided "long and short of it". The second 1 is always long.

In the two-digit numerals the long 1 is often out of alignment with its mate, giving the appearance of being shorter at first glance. Measurement shows up the deception but allowance has to be made for the fact that sometimes the whole 1 is not there. The figure is frequently blunted at the top and this accidental shortening during printing has to be taken into account.

Similar defects in printing can be found in almost all digits. These, of course, are not constant. But some of the numerals were badly to give constant varieties. There is a short 1 so distorted that it looks more like a crude mark than its original self, a 3 broken across both the top and bottom loops, an 8 with the centre stroke broken and another 8 with both top loop and centre broken.

All examples seen of the R.16/5 variety on upright watermark paper have the broken 3. Those of R 16/5 on No. 8 with sideways watermark also have the numeral broken.

The type was in such dilapidated state that it was replaced before rollings with Centre Die 2 stamps were made. The numerals on these coils are uniform in size, sharp and clear-cut.

Additions to check list

CENTRE DIE 1

Watermark upright

R 16/5 Top frame strengthened - No. 3 (Broken 3)

Watermark sideways

R 1/7 Flaw - Nos. 2, 5, 6, 8-11, 13-18

R 16/5 - Nos. 1-19 (Broken 8 in No. 8)

Broken numerals - Nos. 1, 3, 8, 8 in 18.

Watermarks upright and sideways combined

Top stamps watermark upright

R 1/7 - Nos. 7, 16, 19

Top stamps watermark sideways

R 1/7 - Nos. 3, 9, 17

1/3 BROWN AND BLUE

Numerals on this top value are the same as for the 1/- except that there is one fewer short 1. This was not used for No. 17 and confined to No. 1, No. 10 and the first digit of No. 11.

Many numerals show much wear. In addition to the thick 1 listed in the booklet, several other figures sometimes have thick, squashed impressions. There are a broken 3 and broken 8, the former across both top and bottom loops and the latter at the centre stroke.

Once again there was a clean-up before the issue of coils from Frame Die 1b. These all have the uniform, clear-cut numerals as on the 1/- Die 2.

Reverting to Die 1a, the top stamp in one pair (No. 15) in my collection may have significance for all King George VI specialists. At the exact spot on the right-hand side where Die 1a differs from Die 1b it differs from both. The normally regular end of the downward-curving white band is miss-happen where it meets the inner frame line to resemble an arrow-head, the surround of the dots immediately below it is thicker and bluer so that the dots themselves are less prominent and the outer frame line is drastically thinned.

Nothing similar occurs on any other Row 16 stamps available to me for examination and I have seen no record in print. The original owner had noted beside my stamp in pencil, seemingly tentatively, "retouch." I incline to "damage" or "re-entry" rather than "retouch".

Volume IV of the Handbook says of Frame Plates 1 and 2:

Between the time the first plate was laid down and a start made on the second plate, the impression on the transfer roller was damaged. This affected the frame lines and portion of the ornamental panel on the right-hand side of the stamps. The break in the frame lines was noticed and every impression on the plate (Plate 2) was touched up

The damage described could fit the coil stamp. So the answer may be that there was a re-entry in the Die 1a plate from the damaged transfer roller before the damage was detected or had reached its full extent.

Information would be welcome from anybody having either an authoritative explanation or examples of this Row 16 variety.

Additions to check list

FRAME DIE 1A

Watermark sideways

Broken numerals - Nos. 3, 8.