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FIRST PICTORIALS 1/- - SOMETHING NEW ?

by Colin Hamilton

A collector friend recently showed me a mint copy of the 1/- Kea and Kaka, perf. 11, with side and bottom selvedge, from the lower left corner of a sheet. The stamp bears no trace of a watermark, but in the extreme bottom left corner of the selvedge there appears as a watermark a single-lined figure '2', similar to the numbers (1, 2, 3 and 4 have all been seen by me) found on the contemporary issues of the ½d Mt Cook and 1d Universal, and on some later issues of the K. E. VII and K. G. V definitives.

These numbers are believed to be the identifying marks of the particular dandy rollers used in the making of the Cowan NZ and Star paper on which they appear. Contrary to an apparently widely held belief, they are most certainly not plate numbers of any kind.

Reverting to the 1/- item, although the stamp has no watermark, both the quality of the paper, and the number watermark in the selvedge, place it beyond doubt in the perf. 11 watermarked issue (C. P. E18d).

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Our old friend Mr. Michael Burberry kindly compared this item against a block of 1d Universals on Cowan paper with a 'number' watermark in his collection, and confirmed that when the numbers were superimposed, one on the other, the 1/- stamp lay over an unwatermarked portion of the wide bottom selvedge of his block. (It should be noted that in making this superimposition, the designs would be at right angles to each other, because whereas the 1d Universal was printed with the NZ and Star watermark upright, the 1/- had the watermark sideways.)

Mr. Burberry went on to suggest that in order to obtain two sheets of 1/- stamps - each consisting of 120 stamps in 10 horizontal rows of 12, against the 240 of the 1d Universal (10 rows of 24) - from one sheet of the Cowan paper, it was probably necessary to reduce the width of the selvedge. As a result, 1/- stamps with wmk letters (i. e. with part of the marginal inscription NEW ZEALAND POSTAGE) should be much more common than similar varieties in the ½d Mt Cook and 1d Universal. With one reservation, of which more later, I find this an

entirely reasonable and logical explanation, even though it is at variance with Volume 1 of "The Postage Stamps of New Zealand" which, on page 250, states (in reference to, inter alia, the 1/- with sideways watermark): "... Correct registration of the watermark was not always effected, in which case stamps falling upon the margin of the sheets of paper had portions of the marginal inscription NEW ZEALAND POSTAGE" This statement signifies that misregistration was unintentional, and the exception rather than the rule, while Mr. Burberry's theory implies it was deliberate, and, of necessity, invariable. Furthermore, the two-sheets-of-stamps-from one-sheet-of-paper suggestion would mean that a number watermark should, in theory, appear on every second sheet of stamps. (It is perhaps of interest to note that since the 1/- value exists with the sideways watermark normal, inverted or reversed, the number could appear in any corner of the sheet except the top left, when viewed from the front - unless guillotined off, of course).

Now I come back to the reservation mentioned earlier. While corner blocks of this issue are not the kind of thing one is fortunate enough to handle every day, the fact remains that I have never previously seen or heard of the 'number' watermark on the 1/- - nor on the 3d, 6d or 8d of the same issue, all of which should have the same characteristics. Can anyone produce further evidence of their existence on all or any of these values, and in positions other than the bottom left corner of sheets?

DELIGHTFUL CHALON MATERIAL

In the early 1900s, Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co. laid down a series of dies from an original transfer roller as used for the 1855 Full-Face Queen designs. In these impressions the value was removed from the value tablet, and various ornamental panels substituted (see illustration page). It is evident, however, that the transfer roller involved was that originally used for the 1/- value, as all prints show the characteristic white flaw (peculiar to the 1/- value) in the engine-turned design in the bottom left quadrant.

We offer below a wonderful selection of these rare and desirable specialist items. As die proofs all are, of course, superbly printed; colours are glorious; condition throughout is absolutely brilliant.

501	<u>Value tablet with single horizontal wavy line, three dots above and two below. (Photo)</u>	
(a)	Die proof in black on thick card.....	£8.50
(b)	Die proof in vermilion on thick card.....	£10.50
(c)	Die proof in ultramarine on thick card.....	£10.50
(d)	Die proof in deep grey-green on thick card.....	£10.50
(e)	Die proof in red-brown (unrecorded) on thick card.....	£12.50
(f)	Die proof in carmine-lake (unrecorded - lovely colour) on thick card...	£12.50
502	<u>Value tablet with three horizontal wavy lines, middle one thick, three half-moons above and two below. (Photo)</u>	
(a)	Die proof in black on thick card.....	£8.50
(b)	Die proof in vermilion on thick card.....	£10.50
(c)	Die proof in ultramarine on thick card.....	£10.50
(d)	Die proof in deep grey-green on thick card.....	£10.50
(e)	Die proof in red-brown on thick card.....	£10.50

- (f) Die proof in carmine-lake on thick card. £10.50
- 503 Value tablet with three horizontal straight lines. (Photo)
- (a) Die proof in black on medium white wove unwatermarked paper. £10.50
- (b) Die proof in orange-vermilion on medium white wove unwatermarked paper. £12.50

The collection of 14 items as described above (and we warn you - see any one of these, and you will surely wish you had ordered the lot!). Exhibition material without a doubt. Special price, the lot. £140.00

FIRST PICTORIALS

- 504 1½d Boer War Contingent. A fine display of the perf 14 issue of 1907. Includes a block of 4, two pairs and six singles mint, and three used copies. One or two of the mint have minor creases but this in no way detracts from their lovely fresh appearance. 14 mint, 3 used. £4.50
- 505 (a) 2d Pembroke Peak (Purple). A really remarkable range of shades of the perf 14 issue (C. P. E6b), ranging from very dull purple to a brilliant aniline red-purple. In all, six beautiful shades in well-centred mint blocks of 4. Condition superfine. The six blocks. £7.50
- (b) As above. Another "royal" display in purple, this time seven shades in mint pairs. Condition as before. Lovely! £3.75
- (c) As above. Four contrasting singles, mint. £1.00
- (d) As above. The very scarce variety imperf horizontally, offered in pristine mint block of 4. The beautiful block, imperf x perf 14. (Photo) £25.00
- (N. B. If you would prefer the above variety as catalogued, i. e. pair, imperf horizontally, let us know, and depending on demand for the block, we'll try to oblige).
- (e) As above, but compound perfs (C. P. E6c). A lovely fresh mint single, perf 11 x 14. Centred a little to the left, but rare (as are all compounds in the First Pictorials). The mint single. £8.50
- (f) As above, but mixed perfs (E6d). Top left corner block with full selvages, showing clearly a badly misaligned row of the vertical perf 14, officially patched on the back, and re-perfed 11. In addition, there are signs of extra partial rows of perf 14 in the top selvedge. The rare and interesting block of 4, very fine mint. £30.00
- (g) As above. Another superb block of 4, this one with bottom selvedge. Perf 14 vertically, and with mixed perfs 14 and 11 horizontally. An exhibition piece. (Photo) £25.00



Ex 501



Ex 502



Ex 503



505d



506a



509d



505g



505h



513a



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507c



Ex 507b



Ex 509c



510b(i)



510b(ii)

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Ex 513b



Ex 512

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- (h) As above. Horizontal pair with right selvedge. Perfs. all gauge 14 except the row between the right hand stamp and the selvedge, which gauge 11, thus giving a true "irregular compound" variety (not to be confused with the apparent irregular compound, which in a single stamp is usually the result of mixed perfs). The rare proving piece, mint. (Photo)..... £17.50
- 506 (a) 6d Kiwi (Red). First Local Print unwatermarked (E14c) variety "pair, imperf vertically". Just the faintest trace of previous hingeing, but very fine fresh mint. (Photo)..... £20.00
- (b) As above. 1906 wmk'd issue. Magnificent selvedge block of 4, mint, with compound perfs 14 x 11 (E14h). Two stamps have "wmk letters". Perfs slightly re-inforced at one point, but fine, and very scarce..... £55.00
- (c) As above, mint single, again perf 14 x 11 £12.50
- (d) As above, lovely used copy, clear dated postmark of WHANGAREI, 6 JE 06..... £12.50
- 507 (a) 2/- Milford Sound, perf 11, no wmk (E20b). The three catalogued shades, blue-green, grey-green and deep green (the last being really outstanding), all in mint blocks of 4. Two of the blocks include stamps with minor re-entries, fully identified and in addition the marked range of paper thicknesses and gums used for this issue are displayed to perfection. An insignificant crease (not noticeable from the front) on one block does not detract from a wonderful specialised collection in miniature. The three mint blocks..... £37.50
- (b) As above. Two mint horizontal pairs, one blue-green, one grey-green. The latter pair is of most unusual appearance, the shadows of the letters NEW ZEALAND (normally solid colour) being white, as is much of the foliage of the trees - possibly a dry print. The two pairs, beautiful condition. (Photo)..... £12.50
- (c) As above, perf 14, wmk'd (E20e). Mint block of 4, superfine. (Photo) £15.00
- (d) As above. Two mint singles (shades), one with normal wmk, one with the variety wmk reversed..... £7.50
- 508 5/- Mt Cook, perf 11, wmk sideways (E21c). Block of four, mint (blocks are rare). Glorious deep, rich colour, fresh, well-centred. Superb in all respects. As an added point of interest, this block has the sideways wmk inverted. (Photo)..... £42.50

PENNY UNIVERSALS

There is much seldom-offered material in the following lots, of interest to all classes of collector, advanced or beginner, specialist or not-so-specialist. See any on approval.

- 509 (a) "Waterlow" Paper, perf 14 (G2b). Block of 4 in deep carmine, pair in carmine, and a single in the scarce and distinctive carmine-lake. Unusually fine coverage for a stamp which is never easy to find. The block, pair and single, all mint..... £12.50
- (b) As above. Carmine and deep carmine. Two shade singles, mint..... £2.50
- (c) As above. A fine pair showing the variety "imperf vertically" with a matching pair, normally perforated, for comparison. (Photo)..... £17.50
- (d) As above, but compound perfs 14 x 11 (G2c). Fine used, scarce. (Photo)..... £10.00
- (e) As above, but mixed perfs (G2d). Mint £10, good used..... £6.00
- 510 (a) Original Local Plate prints, Cowan wmk'd paper, perf 14 (G5a). These plates wore badly during the currency of this issue, and we offer three magnificent blocks of four showing the progressive wear. The three blocks..... £3.00
- (b) As above, perf 11. (G5b) One of the rarest of all the 1d Universal issues - yet here they are mint and used. Copies in any condition are seldom seen; those offered here must be among the finest in existence. The rarities. (Photo). (i) Mint £90.00 (ii) Used £87.50
- (c) As above, perf 11 x 14 (G5c). Very good used..... £6.50
- (d) As above, perf 14 x 11 (G5d). Superb mint marginal block of 4, from centre right of sheet with arrow marking in selvedge. The scarce block £40.00
- (e) As above. Mint singles in both catalogued shades. Fine..... £18.00
- 511 Reserve Plate, Mixed Perfs (G6d). Mint block from the bottom right corner of the sheet, of gloriously deep rich colour, showing clearly mixed perfs 14 and 11 horizontally, with official patching on the reverse. An outstanding block, rare. (Photo)..... £185.00
- 512 Waterlow Trial Plates (G9a) and Royle Plates (G10a). Set of four bottom marginal blocks of 4, all perf 14, with the distinctive plate numbers W1, W2, R1 and R2. A connoisseur's set of four scarce plate blocks, mint and fine. (Photo)..... £75.00
- 513 (a) Royle Plates (G10). Set of five mint, being one each of the major perforation varieties occurring on Royle stamps. These are the issues accorded full recognition for the first time in the 1972 S. G. British Commonwealth catalogue - they have always had a separate listing in C. P., of course. Perf 14 (G10a), perf 11 (G10b), 14 x 11 (G10c), 11 x 14 (G10d) and comb perf 14 x 14½ (G10f). The mint set of five (incidentally showing a striking range of shades). (Photo)..... £25.00
- (b) As above. A similar set in mint blocks of 4 - here are the makings of a

page to grace any collection. When (if ever!) did you last see such a set?
The five blocks, quite magnificent. (Photo).....£110.00

(c) As above, perf 14 (G10a) . Variety "imperf horizontally", in mint vertical pair with top selvage. A faint crease is imperceptible on the face.
The mint variety pair..... £15.00

(d) As above, perf 11. (G10b) Block of 4, superfine mint..... £40.00

(e) As above, comb. perf 14 x 14½ (G10f). This is a scarce stamp even in its normal form: we here offer a mint block of 4 with the major variety "complete double perfs on all four stamps". The double strikes of the comb head make this a truly spectacular block..... £50.00

514 (a) Specialist Set. A comprehensive lot, all the main issues as listed in C. P. being represented, with many extra shades. In addition there are a fine copy of the scarce Royle Plates stamp with comb perf. 14 x 14½, and good examples of re-entries (3) and retouches (2). Finally a set of 10 stamps from the Waterlow Trial Plates, illustrating the five different types from each of Plates 1 and 2. (full description of these is included). The fine reference set of 35 stamps, all used..... £6.50

(b) Watermark Variety. A copy from the Original Local Plates, on Cowan watermarked paper, with the watermark inverted-and-reversed. Scarce. Used..... £1.50

RECENT NEW ISSUES

5th April, 1972. N. Z. Anniversaries 3c, 4c, 5c, 8c, 10c. Set of 5, mint..... 22p
Set of eight plate blocks (two each of the 3c, 4c, 5c; one each of the 8c, 10c). All in blocks of 10 stamps. Complete..... £3.35
Set of five plate blocks (one each value)..... £2.35
Illustrated F. D. C., Auckland postmark..... 27p

5th April, 1972. Special Cancellation. Opening of New Post Office, Porirua.
Pictorial datestamp on cover..... 10p

515 Antarctica. The 1d Universal for use on the 1907-09 Shackleton Expedition was overprinted "King Edward VII Land" in two lines in green, sideways reading upwards. Full sheets were first divided into four panes of 60. The forme used for overprinting contained 30 settings of the overprint, arranged in 5 rows of 6, so each pane had to be overprinted in two separate operations. We offer a block of 4 from rows 5 and 6, showing the overprints on the upper stamps clearly out of alignment with those on the lower stamps; in addition there is a distinct difference in the intensity of the green ink on the upper and lower stamps. The block thus doubly illustrates the use of two separate operations. The scarce and interesting proving piece, lovely used, with the Expedition datestamp of MR 4 09 £22.50

(Note: A similar block, but with a serious defect, is listed in a forthcoming auction with an estimated value of £30).