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TO ALL OF OUR MANY CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS
SINCERE GOOD WISHES FOR
A HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND A PROSPEROUS AND REWARDING NEW YEAR



TWENTY QUESTIONS

With the approach of Christmas, we again offer a little gentle exercise for philatelic minds. No prizes, except perhaps an extension of knowledge and (we hope) as much amusement as we had thinking up the questions.

1. How many N. Z. stamp designs feature Mount Egmont ?
2. If you had a N. Z. stamp showing the watermark "Single-lined cross", which design would it be - and how would it have occurred ?
3. Apart from the Full-Face Queen stamps printed by Richardson on blue paper, can you name two other issues listed in the C. P. Catalogue which were printed on coloured paper ?
4. Without looking, can you name one N. Z. postage stamp on which the words NEW ZEALAND do not appear ?
5. "Sands & McDougall Melbourne", "Charles Skipper & East London" and "Sands & Kenny" are all - what ?
6. Prior to decimalisation in 1967, N. Z. stamps were usually issued in sheets of 120 or 240. But how many other pre-decimal sheet sizes can you think of ? (Do not count miniature sheets).
7. If you were a collector of multiples, what is the largest N. Z. piece you could possibly include in your collection ?

8. Name three shipwrecks of interest to N. Z. postal history students.
9. Imagine a $\frac{1}{2}$ d Mt. Cook (or a 1d Universal) with the sides perf. 11, the top and bottom perf 14, but with an extra row of holes gauging 14 cutting horizontally through the lower part of the design. Would this be an example of mixed perfs, double perfs, irregular compound perfs, or what? Careful, now!
10. The 4d Lamb stamp of 1957 is one of a number of N. Z. commemoratives which have an inverted watermark as the normal. Can you name four of the others?
11. A difficult one. What was the connection between the following English places and New Zealand - Walton-on-Thames, Brockenhurst (Hants) and Codford (Wilts)?
12. What was the smallest number issued of any N. Z. stamp qualifying for a full Catalogue listing? And which stamp? A clue - not 19th Century.
13. The plates made by Perkins, Bacon & Co. for the 1d, 2d and 1/- of 1855 were of course the first intaglio (recess-printing) plates for N. Z. stamps. But which were the last such plates to be made?
14. And incidentally, which were the last N. Z. stamps in the production of which Perkins, Bacon & Co were directly involved?
15. What was the connection between the 1d Universal of 1901 and the Map stamp of 1923?
16. One value of the original Queen Elizabeth definitive set was issued some time before all the others. Which value, and why?
17. W. J. Cooch and R. E. Tripe did not open the innings for New Zealand (as far as we know!) What did they do?
18. Can you name two watermarks each of which is to be found on one issue of one N. Z. stamp only?
19. When did a number of N. Z. farmers become special constables, and why (not wartime)?
20. With apologies in advance, when does a crease enhance the value of a stamp?

A letter from Mr Frank Course

$\frac{1}{2}$ d Fantail of 1935 "Clematis" Flaw

As convenor of the group to record in the next Volume of the Handbook amendments and additions to the already published information concerning the 1935-46 pictorial issue, I take it upon myself to reply to Mr Campbell Paterson's note in the New Zealand Bulletin of August last (Vol. IX No.1)

Firstly, I thank Mr Paterson for responding to the recent appeal for information from collectors to be recorded in the coming Volume. As a result, others have also come forward adding to and correcting that already published, and I hope all who have some item worthy of mention will follow those examples of persons wishing to pass on to other philatelists their knowledge.

Next, I confirm that Mr Paterson is correct in stating that the flaw did not occur in all printings from Plate 1A, that it appeared only on the later printings on Single Watermarked paper, that to date no one has produced a copy in mint condition, while it is very scarce used.

On the other hand I feel I must take Mr Paterson to task for his strong attack on the writers of the Handbooks for not having before now corrected the statement in the books. The basis of the published information must be the examples within the knowledge of those writers - including myself. The only examples known to us were the Post Office proof sheet imperforated from Plate 1A dated before issue, which did not show the flaw, and examples used of the flaw. These latter on reference to the Multiple Watermark printings from the plate were shown to come from Row 8 No. 1. But no mint sheets of the stamp as issued from Plate 1A with Single Watermark were available from the Post Office for comparison with the proof sheet, yet the flaw was known. Obviously, as it now appears, plate blocks which include Row 8 No. 1 existed showing no flaw and came from early printings. But they were not made known to the writers.

Only since Volume IV was written have I acquired such a plate block. May not the stamp without the flaw be even more valuable than that with ?

Note from C. P.

I am not sure I have to accept Mr Course's rebuke. At the time Volumes 1 and 2 were being compiled there were numerous full sheets of $\frac{1}{2}$ d Fantail in existence. At the time of the Single Watermark's withdrawal from current use, quite a few collectors put sheets aside - hopefully as an investment, so it should have been easy enough to check that the "1A" Single Watermark sheets did not normally show the Clematis flaw. The rarity of the variety on used Single Watermark stamps surely warrants the presumption that most sheets did not carry it. As for the plate blocks (of six stamps) without the flaw being rarer than those with the flaw, I can only point to the fact that between us alone Mr Course and I know of two blocks without the flaw while not one has ever been reported with!

EARLY HEALTHS

With the keen demand for all good N. Z. showing no sign of abating (on the contrary, demand is increasing all the time), these are becoming ever more difficult to find. The moral is obvious - take the opportunity now, before prices rise still further.

1201	(a)	<u>1929 Nurse.</u>	Lovely mint horizontal pair.....	£ 2.00
	(b)		Equally fine mint single.....	£ 1.00
	(c)		Superfine used.....	£ 80p
1202	(a)	<u>1930 Nurse.</u>	Block of four (scarce in multiples) Mint, never hinged.	£ 7.50
	(b)		Mint single.....	£ 1.75
			(sorry, no used available)	
1203		<u>1931 Smiling Boys.</u>	This set to the Healths is as Volume 1 to the Handbooks ! All items offered are in "C. P." condition.	
	(a)	<u>1d + 1d Red, 2d + 1d Blue.</u>	Complete set, mint	£22.50
	(b)	<u>As above, used.</u>		£21.00

1931 Smiling Boys, single values. How often do you see them offered thus ?

(c)	<u>1d + 1d Red Boy,</u>	perfectly centred, mint, never hinged.....	£12.50
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- (d) 2d + 1d Blue Boy, Previously lightly hinged, very fresh mint £10.00
 (e) As above, used £ 8.50
- 1204 (a) 1932 Hygeia. Two super shades (deep carmine and pale carmine) in mint blocks of 4. The deep carmine block is centred a little high, but both blocks are otherwise in beautiful order. The two contrasting blocks (cat. £30)£25.00
 (b) As above, a mint single..... £ 3.75
- 1205 (a) 1933 Pathway. Block of four, mint..... £ 5.00
 (b) As above, mint single..... £ 1.25
 (c) As above, variety. R1/2 Deformed N in NEW and R2/1 "Rift in clouds" and small T in HEALTH (as illustrated in the C. P. Catalogue) The two variety stamps in mint corner block of four.....£ 6.50
 (d) "Rift in clouds" variety on R2/1, in marginal block of 4, PLUS a marginal single showing the later state with cloud flaw removed by retouching. Both variety stamps also have the small T in HEALTH, of course (this is constant in all printings). The variety block and single, mint..... £ 7.75
 (e) As above, R2/1 with the cloud flaw retouched, in pair with normal, mint..... £ 3.50
 (f) "Extra Pathway". This nice constant variety, otherwise known as the "Camp Site", is found on R5/5, and is offered here in mint block of 4 with lower selvage..... £ 6.00
- 1206 (a) 1934 Crusader. Mint pair, marginal..... £ 2.20
 (b) As above, mint single £ 1.10
- 1207 Special Offer, Early Healths. For the collector more concerned with filling gaps than with perfect condition, we can offer a short set comprising the 1929, 1930, 1933 and 1934 issues. We emphasise that any defects are very minor, and affect the backs of the stamps only. See them on approval. The short set of 4, unused (cat. £5.10)..... £ 2.50

OTHER INTERESTING OFFERS

- 1208 1920 Victory 1/-. The top value in a never hinged block of 4. Just a trifle off-centre to the right (though the perfs are well clear of the design). Cat. £10, a snip for someone at £ 9.00
- 1209 1959 Red Cross. The rare flaw state of R13/6, showing as a prominent vertical line in the shading in the S. E. corner of the flag. The flaw was noticed, and retouched, after only a very few sheets had been printed. We offer this rarity in mint positional block of six (which also includes R11/6 "Missing Falkland Island and South Pole retouch", and R13/5 "Flag shading retouched at N. E. corner")..... £32.50
- 1210 1959 Marlborough Centennial 2d. R1/3 "Retouch in sea" and R2/2 "Retouch in sky", both displayed in a mint positional block of 6. The double variety block..... 75p
- 1211 1967 Decimal Booklet Panes. An absolutely complete collection of 20 panes, being 5 panes each of the $\frac{1}{2}$ c, 1c (6 stamp pane), 1c (5 stamp pane) and 3c, showing (i) blank selvage (ii) XA at top (iii) XA at bottom, (iv) XB at top, (v) XB at bottom. The 20 mint panes, many already elusive. One set only, to the first order..... £ 4.00

- 1212 1957 Ross Dependency Set, 3d - 1/6d, complete in mint blocks of 4, with both shades of the 8d (these shades, blue and ultramarine, really are outstanding). The five blocks (total cat. £3)..... £ 1.50
- 1213 (a) 1946 Health 1d + 1/2d, the excellent re-entry showing as clear doubling of the left inner frame line, and of the shading in the bottom left corner. In mint positional block of 4..... 10p
- (b) As above 2d + 1d, two blocks from the lower left corner of the sheet. Both show the R14/1 re-entry (doubling of the right side of the soldier's hat, and of the girl's hat), but in one block, R15/1 is normal, whereas in the other there are prominent flaws below the girl's chin and behind her neck. The two blocks of 4, mint. 50p
- 1214 (a) K. E. VII Official. A marginal block of four of the 3d chestnut, with the combined perfs. 14 x 13 1/2 and 14 x 14 1/2 (C. P. HO3d). Somewhat off-centre, but nonetheless an undoubtedly scarce item, and good buying at, the block £20.00
- (b) As above, 6d value. Two brilliant shades of this stamp (we list only one), displayed to perfection, as is usual with shades, in mint blocks of four. The two blocks, deep carmine and pale carmine .. £ 4.50
- (c) As above. A mint block of the 1/- value in a very markedly orange shade, with less of the vermilion tinge than normal. The mint block £ 9.00
- 1215 Rare Auckland Exhibition Cover. An exceptionally fine registered cover to Germany, bearing a complete set of Aucklands, and 1/2d and 4d yellow K. E. VII, plus the scarce Exhibition registration label. The stamps are neatly tied by individual strikes of the Exhibition datestamp. An exhibition item in more ways than one. Rare..... £37.50
- 1216 Air Mail Variety Cover. First Trans-Tasman flight (Feb. 1934) cover with relevant markings and cachet. In addition the stamp (7d blue Trans Tasman overprint) shows the catalogued "Broken N" variety. That "something different" to add interest to your collection £ 2.75
- 1217 First Sideface 4d. A very fine vertical strip of 3 of the perf. 12 x 11 1/2 issue (C. P. C4d, S. G. 182), cancelled by three lovely strikes of the Hamilton obliterator "10 in barred oval" (type 38, p. 47, Vol 3)..... £ 3.50
- 1218 (a) 1900 1 1/2d Boer War Contingent. An example of the finest of all N. Z. re-entries (R2/12), with pronounced doubling of almost all of the design. This copy is a little toned, but what a variety !.... £ 3.75
- (b) 2/- Milford Sound. London Print (E20a). The good R12/4 re-entry in vertical pair with normal, and with lower selvedge attached. A very minor thin (from previous hinging) affects the normal stamp - the variety is perfect mint..... £ 7.50
- (c) As above, perf. 11, no wmk. (E20b). Another fine re-entry, this time R9/7, showing principally as doubling in the "2/-" value. As a bonus (at no charge !) there is a faint but definite offset impression on the back £ 3.75
- 1219 K. G. V. Booklet. A 2/- booklet (1930 type) containing 3 panes of the 1d Field Marshal and 2 panes of the 1/2d K. G. V., all panes having "Parisian" ads. on the side selvedges. Complete with outer covers and all interleaving (including advertisements for "PULMONAS" and "WOOD'S PEPPERMINT CURE"). Condition brilliant. The complete booklet, rare..... £30.00

SECOND CATALOGUE COVERS

A number of Catalogue holders wishing to take advantage of the offer of a second Cover, which went out with the recent Supplement Sheets, have written to us in some doubt as to whether the offer applied to all, or only to Auckland subscribers. We have, of course, already dispelled their doubts, but in case there are others who may be similarly uncertain, we would assure all that Covers with the larger capacity (1½") rings are available from Woking, price £3.25 post free. All orders for these will be executed by return of post.

RECENT ISSUES

3rd Nov 1971 World Rose Convention, Hamilton 2c Tiffany,

5c Peace, 8c Chrysler Imperial. Set of three mint	12p
Illustrated F. D. C., Auckland postmark.	15p
Special F. D. C., Hamilton postmark.	20p

ANSWERS TO TWENTY QUESTIONS

1. 1d Universal (and 1d Dominion); 1935 Pictorial 3/-; 1968 Dairy Produce 25c; 1935 Ahrs;
2. ½ Newspaper on "Small Star" wmk (W. 1a) paper. This was the result of poor registration of the printing in relation to the watermark. The cross was below the bottom row of stars, and did not normally appear on the stamps.
3. 1960 Christmas; 1969 1/- "Pigeongram".
4. The first "Express Delivery" stamp; any Life Insurance Dept. Issue except the 3d of 1947 and its Decimal Provisional version of 1967; First Type Postage Dues.
5. Papermakers' watermark found on the Richardson Blue Paper Issue of 1855.
6. 4p (e.g. 1939 Health); 60 (1957 Health); 80 (1938 Health); 96 (1947 Health); 140 (1920 Victory 1/-); 160 (1956 Health).
7. A strip of 960 from the continuous slot machine rolls of the sideways wmk'd 1d and 3d of 1963).
8. "Colombo" (1862); "Wairarapa" (1894); "Tahiti" (1930).
9. Almost certainly forged parts; No line head gauging 1d is recorded as having ever been used to reproduce perforated sheets in these circumstances.
10. 1948 Okago Centennial 3d; 1950 Canterbury Centennial 1d and 3d; 1958 Hawkes Bay 3d; 1963 Railways 1/9; 1965 L. C. Y. 4d; 1969 Bay of Islands 4c and 6c.
11. All three were locations of N. Z. military hospitals during the First World War.
12. Four, of the "Official" 1d Maori Cooking, single wmk, per. 1d x 13½. (C. P. L03a, S. G. 0116a). None of this issue was intended to be overprinted, but a block of four was officially patched into an incomplete sheet of the per. 13½ x 14 "Wet Printing" issue which subsequently received the "Official" overprint.
13. Those for the 1963 Health stamps.
14. The K. G. V. Definitives of 1915-16.
15. Both commemorated the introduction (in the case of the 1d Map, the re-introduction) of Penny Postage.
16. The 1d (issued 15th Dec, 1953), to ease a serious shortage of this value due to an unusually heavy posting of Christmas cards in that year, 1d being the card rate at that time (changed days);
17. Jointly they designed the 1932 Health stamp and the 1935 5d Swordfish.
18. "Lozenges and INVICIT" (2d Orange Full Face Queen, C. P. A2x, S. G. 142) and "LISBON SUPERFINE" (6d Kiwi, C. P. E14d).
19. During the N. Z. dock-strike of 1913, the N. Z. Farmers Union formed squads of volunteer dockworkers who, with government approval, were sworn in as special constables. They were housed in special camps, and postal facilities were provided.
20. When it appears on the back of a Second Sidface stamp in a "CHASSIS'S AI COFFEE" ad. We did apologise;