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N.Z. NOTES & COMMENT BY C.P.

Change of address. Attention is called to our new address given on the back page of this Bulletin. It is of course purely postal but visitors are welcome at our new offices in Oriental Road. Ours is essentially a mail-order business so we would appreciate prospective callers phoning beforehand to make an appointed time. The new offices are very light and attractive—I think so anyhow!—and only two minutes from Woking Station. Woking is well served by fast trains and the journey from Waterloo takes only about 25 minutes.

The old Guildford address should no longer be used but if by mischance it should be used the letters will not go astray as it is my home address. The Branch will continue to be known as "Guildford"—not Woking.

Be Prepared! October sees the beginning of another philatelic year, after the slight slackening of active collecting during the (so-called) summer. I hope that those few of our readers who have not yet purchased our N.Z. Handbook-Catalogue will do so at this time and so become fully equipped for the new season's collecting. Because it is our publication anything I say about it will be considered as "advertising", but I must say nevertheless and with sincerity—that in my opinion no collector of N.Z. is properly equipped who does not have this book. Without it a collector has no conception of how much he is missing. It really does add a new dimension to N.Z. collecting. So why not take the plunge and send in the 72/9 (post free) for a Catalogue today? Yes it is quite a sum, but you will not regret it!

"NEW ZEALAND STAMPS."

8d Tuatara 1935/1947 Pictorial. Because of the existence of both upright and sideways watermarks in the various issues of this value, the usual good standby of paper "mesh" as the most reliable aid to identification is here somewhat discredited. This is because (as a little thought will persuade) a stamp having vertical mesh paper used sideways will have all the appearance of being on horizontal mesh paper. But in fact, with necessary reservations and changes of the usual routine we can still use mesh as our main guide.

The 8d Tuatara exists with Single Watermark Sideways perf 14 x 13½ (C.P. L9a S.G. 565) and with Multiple Watermark Sideways in perfs 14 x 13½, 12½ and 14 x 14½ (C.P. L9b, d and e, S.G. 586aa, 586a and 586b, in that order). There is also the one issue with Multiple Watermark Upright, perf 14 x 13½ (C.P. L9c, S.G. 586). Now, remembering that a vertical mesh paper used sideways has the mesh running **horizontally** across the stamp, and vice versa, we should ignore the "odd man out" (L9c) and treat all these stamps as having sideways watermarks. Treated thus we can take all stamps with **apparently** vertical mesh and safely reckon these to have horizontal mesh. That done, we will find that these stamps are either perf 14 x 13½ (L9b), 12½ (L9d) or 14 x 14½ (L9e). As L9e was always on the coarse wartime paper it is easily recognized without a perf gauge. The same applies to the 12½ perfs of L9d which are large and readily distinguishable from the neat perfs of L9b.

We have now left only the stamps having (apparently) horizontal mesh. Using the watermark detector (a black tray used with "white spirit") we can easily see that some of these stamps have sideways wmk and some have upright wmk. The upright wmk stamps are obviously all L9c, this being the only 8d issued that way, and the remainder will all be L9a, the issue with sideways single watermark.

If this sounds all too easy that is because in fact it is easy! To the collector who can recognise the mesh of papers (and that is not hard, really it isn't), the identification of nearly all N.Z. stamps becomes a pleasure, not a trying bore.

A PERSONAL NOTE FROM PETER COLLINS.

Readers will know that I have joined the staff at Guildford and I take this opportunity to introduce myself.

I have been a keen philatelist for 30 years and will now be at your service in the same way as all the other members of the firm.

I look forward to meeting many of you personally as well as by correspondence and through the Bulletin.

NEW ZEALAND OFFERS.

- 515 **1½d Boer War.** A fine set of mint singles perf 11 including (a) the scarce 'brown' shade (S.G. 300), (b) the scarce "red-chestnut", (c) the 'chestnut', (d) the "pale chestnut" and (e) the magnificent major re-entry (New Zealand's finest) with most of the stamp doubled. The set of five all mint, previously mounted but fine 110/-
- 516 **1½d Boer War.** As above, the four shades without the re-entry stamp, fine mint 40/-
- 517 **5d Second Sideface, Queen Victoria.** The 5d olive-black C.P. D7b, a beautiful used specimen with mixed (not compound) perfs 10 and 12½ and with advert on back. This is a gem of extreme rarity and probably the finest copy in existence £9
- 518 **2/- and 5/- Q.V. Sidefaces.** The two rare values, S.G. 185 and 186 mint — both a little off-centre but of good colour and fine. Full gum, cheap, the two £8
- 519 **2/- and 5/- Sidefaces.** As Lot 518 but used. Not the finest, with postmarks both rather messy but very cheaply priced, the two 70/-
- 523 **Dunedin Exhibition.** The S.G. listed variety "POSTAGE" — a fine mint single 90/-
- 524 **1936 Captain Cook 2/-**
 (a) The rare S.G. 589b, Mult. Wmk, perf 13½ x 14 with B.P.A. Certificate Superb mint £10
 (b) Another superb mint S.G. 589b, guaranteed, this time with COQK error £10
- 525 **1933 Health Variety.** The major variety with smaller word HEALTH crudely redrawn and (on the same stamp) the notable 'rift in clouds' — the variety stamp in selvedge block of 4 with three normals superb mint. The faultless block 70/-
- 526 **1940 Centennial Official "Joined FF" variety.** This major overprint variety in pair with normal on any one of the 2d, 4d or 6d values. Each pair 17/6
- 527 **Geo. VI Watermark Inverted.** The very scarce 9d (S.G. 685) variety inverted watermark. Mint, each 30/-
- 528 **½d Mt. Cook Variety.** (S.G. 440, C.P. F5c). The major flaw of Row 7/4 in mint selvedge block. A most attractive piece with the flaw visible at anything up to six feet away! 30/-

USED GEORGE V. Two-perf. VERTICAL PAIRS..

- 532 Everyone knows how scarce these 2-perf pairs are in used condition. Below we list an exceptionally comprehensive lot:—
- (a) 3d brown, S.G. 482b, pair, 2-perfs, fine used 20/-
- (b) 4d yellow, S.G. 483b, pair, 2-perfs, fine used 20/-
- (c) 4d violet, S.G. 490c, pair, 2-perfs, used, some creasing 12/6
- (d) 6d carmine, S.G. 485b, pair, 2-perfs, used, some creasing 30/-
- (e) 8d blue, S.G. 515b, pair, 2-perfs, very fine used 30/-
- (f) 9d sage-green S.G. 487b, pair, 2-perfs, used, a few short perfs 22/-
- (g) 9d sage-green S.G. 487b, pair, 2-perfs, used, creased 15/6

533 GEORGE V. 4d. VARIETIES.

- The Geo. V 4d provides some of N.Z.'s finest examples of re-entry.
- (a) **4d yellow.** 2-perf pair mint including the famous R4/10, "club-foot" re-entry (4d re-entered over 2½d) 60/-
- (b) **4d violet.** The same re-entry as in (a) a fine used single, overprinted Official 70/-
- (c) **4d violet.** The R1/6 re-entry (4d over 1½d) in a fine used pair (not Official) 20/-
- (d) **4d violet.** As (c) a fine used single 15/-
- (e) **4d violet** as (d) but overprinted Official 30/-
- (f) **4d violet** as (d), not quite so fine, re-entry clear 7/6
- (g) **4d purple.** From Plate 44, the two best re-entries, R3/8 and R4/7 both present in one block of 4 mint overprinted Official. A connoisseur's piece 30/-

529 1d Universals.

- (a) The scarce perf 11 x 14, mint, of S.G. 419 (C.P. G10d). This is a scarce stamp but has a central crease. Excellent appearance... 40/-
- (b) S.G. 419a Cat. £15, (C.P. G9e, Waterlow plate 1, mixed perfs). A good used specimen guaranteed genuine as described, very cheap at £6

PIGEONGRAM RARITIES.

530 Details of the stamps and forgeries listed below are to be found in Section VP of the C.P. Handbook-Catalogue.

- (a) The very rare first forgery of the first type Pigeongram—with forged "postmark"! This is a fine piece for any N.Z. specialist £8
- (b) The second forgery (perf 11½) mint with full gum—again a rarity and rarely seen £5
- (c) As (b) but some slight staining or creasing (two available) each 50/-
- (d) The genuine issued 6d blue triangular stamp fine used with rectangular cancel on small piece of original flimsy. Very fine 60/-

POSTAL HISTORY ITEMS.

531 It is seldom we can offer material of a truly historic nature such as the items below. In no sphere of N.Z. philately have the rises in value surpassed those of early postal history pieces in the last two or three years. Do not pass this opportunity by.

- (a) A very fine pre-stamp cover with bright orange, Auckland "Crowned Circle"; also Leicester backstamp of August 22, 1853. The cover is fine and clean and bears the superscription "By St. Michael". A red manuscript "2" and a black "8" indicate the postal charges paid. This fine cover £16
- (b) A clean cover from Port Victoria (Lyttelton) to Alresford (Hants) Feb 9 1858. A faint Port Victoria red Crowned Circle and a clear "London Paid" in red are on the face with Port Victoria and Alresford marks on the back. Though the Crowned Circle is weak we would point out that not long ago a stronger example sold for about £60. So this is an opportunity—the cover £6
- (c) A cover, backstamped Wellington Ap. 2 1860 and Woburn Ju. 17, 1860. (Almost as fast as today's surface mails!) On the front is a magnificent strike of the Wellington Crowned Circle in red. This is an exceptionally fine impression. The cover £16
- (d) Another Wellington Crowned Circle of 1860—with as fine and clear a strike as (c) above. The cover itself is not quite so well preserved so the price is only £12
- (e) Another Port Victoria Crowned Circle, rather stronger than (b) above; on front only. Remember, this mark is rare. The date is 1855. The front £4

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ARMS! ARMS!

- S.G. 545 to 545d (5) complete mint £40
- S.G. 646a, the scarce 14 x 13½ £1 value, mint £8
- S.G. 647, the rare 25/- with upright wmk, mint £30
- S.G. 657 and 658 to 660 (4) complete mint £27
- S.G. 653—yes, we mean it! Mint, price on application.

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N.Z. COLLECTION-

- (a) An attractive and nearly complete mint or used collection of Health Issues including F.D.C. from 1935, many Plate blocks, variety blocks, etc., etc. In one volume £27
- (b) In one volume, a fine collection of N.Z. Commemoratives from 1936 on, Christmas, etc. (no Healths) including many plate blocks, variety blocks and F.D.C. Excellent buying £25
- (c) N.Z. General Issues (no Healths, Commems), from Queen Victoria Sidefaces, 1898 Pictorial, etc., to Geo. VI A fine foundation lot for a specialised collection £18

This 2½d stamp with the name Wakatipu misspelt Wakitipu is the most famous error in N.Z. philately. Stocks are good at present so why not make a colourful show? The shades we can offer are quite splendid.

(a) Five different mint shades of the error stamp	18/-
(b) Four shades only, mint	14/-
(c) Three Shades only, mint	7/6
(d) Two shades only, mint	4/6
(e) One copy of the error stamp, mint	2/6

- 535 **1d Taupo 1898.** An immaculate corner block of 20 of this pretty stamp—the frames in "brown." The block 30/-

Q.E. PLATE VARIETIES.

Collectors who have the C.P. Catalogue or the N.Z. Handbook, vol. IV will know of the wealth of interest there revealed as existing in the Q.E. 'Head' issues, particularly in the 9d to 1/9 values. In this group there is no more entrancing study than the various states of Centre plate 2B, Row 6, No. 10, the impression that is common to all values and which is known to exist in 'normal,' 'first flaw,' 'first retouch,' 'second flaw' and finally 'second retouch' states. We refer readers to the Handbook or to our Catalogue Permanent page N12 and Temporary page N10. We have an unequalled stock of corner plate blocks (all are plates 1B—2B) showing this fascinating stamp (Row 6 No. 10) in all its states:

(a) 9d value, block of 6, original state of R6/10	12/6
(b) 1/9 value, block of 8, original state of R6/10	55/-
(c) 1/9 value, block of 8, with 'first flaw' on R6/10	60/-
(d) 1/9 value, block of 8, with 'first retouch' on R6/10	75/-
(e) 1/- value, block of 6, with 'second flaw' on R6/10	20/-
(f) 1/6 value, block of 6, with 'second flaw' on R6/10	25/-
(g) 1/- value, block of 6, with 'second retouch' on R6/10	30/-
(h) 1/6 value, block of 6, with 'second retouch' on R6/10	25/-
(i) 1/9 value, block of 8, 'second retouch' on R6/10, thick paper issue	55/-

NOTE: The reason for all 1/9 blocks being of 8 instead of 6 stamps is that it is best in this value to include Row 5/10 because this stamp shows a fine frame doubling. Our prices for 1/9 blocks have recently been affected by the rise in value of the 1/9 stamp itself, it being quite a scarce stamp today.

HANDBOOKS !

Our last offers of these were rushed—better get in quick for these if you do not have them already.

"The Postage Stamps of New Zealand."

Vol. 2., immaculate, full plates	£9/10/-
Vol. 3., ditto	£15/-
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COILS !-COILS !-COILS !

The complete series of Q.E. and 1960 Pictorial Coils—one coil of each type or value in matched pairs—all coils in any set have identical numbers! The sets include all values in all the issued inverted, upright and sideways positioning of numbers.

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Set B. 1960 N.Z. Pictorial Coils—again every major issue in numbered coil pairs—every pair with the same number! This set comprises 16 pairs because most values exist with the numbers in black as well as the later red—even if S.G. do not choose to list them, this is the fact! Many values are already scarce. Again an offer you cannot afford to miss! The set of 16 matched pairs 95/-

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