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## N.Z. STAMPS BY C.P.

Last month I spoke of the 2/- Captain Cook's attractions as a stamp of unequalled philatelic interest—not only did it appear in seven different combinations of watermark and perforation but every individual stamp of the first plate exhibits features that allow the whole plate to be reconstructed—providing that one has a large enough stock of used stamps to work on! The basic feature of Plate 1 is that every stamp, except R1/12, has the ship's rigging retouched in the form of extra "rungs" of the "ladder" added—the area of interest being the rigging lines immediately beside the head of the soldier on the left. The reason for this mammoth task of retouching lay in a peculiarity of the roller die which was used to lay down the plate. The peculiarity was a weakness or absence of rigging lines in the area described above. We know that this was the case as the weakness can be seen in die proofs (showing that the fault was in the master die—not only in the roller die); also we see the same weakness showing in both the later plates 2 and 3. But we are at present concentrating on Plate 1. Here we find as stated, that every stamp on the plate was retouched in the rigging at least. One other possible exception is Row 10 No. 5 which does not show the typical Plate 1 rigging retouching. This stamp, however, does show signs of re-entering from the earliest printings and this may be the reason for its being different from its fellows. We see the same result in later printings (of which I will write in due course) where, following the development of plate cracking in the bottom two rows, several stamps in those rows were re-entered. These later re-entry stamps, though normal "Plate 1" types before the re-entering, now became (like Row 10 No. 5) more like the original die, with weakness in the rigging. This only underlines the use, for the re-entering of Row 10 No. 5 first and the others later, of a roller die with weakness in the rigging.

It is not possible in the space I have available to deal with the stamps of Plate 1 in any exhaustive manner—that must be obvious—but what I can do is to call attention to some of the more interesting stamps and to their progression through the rather remarkable series of renovations that were made to this plate. Take for instance Row 8 No. 2 and Row 9 No. 2, adjacent stamps in the lower left corner of the plate. As our Catalogue shows, R9/2 was normal during the two Single Watermark issues (L13a and b) and the first issue with Multiple Watermark (L13c) but throughout these three issues R8/2 showed the "coconuts" flaws—a number of spots of colour like nuts falling from the palm tree on the right. When we come to L13d (Multiple wmk; perf 13½ x 14) we find the R8/2 still with 'coconuts' but R9/2 now shows a dot over the bow of the row boat. Later in the same issue R9/2 has two dots over the bow. So far so good, but between this (L13d) issue and the first issue perf. 12½ (L13e) both stamps were cleverly retouched. On R8/2 the lines of sky and of the palm tree show clearly that the "coconuts" have been erased and the damaged area retouched; on R9/2 the site of the two 'bow' dots has been completely redrawn. This means that the hill below and to the right of Cook's left hand has been completely redrawn. The hill is, incidentally, the headland in Poverty Bay known as "Young Nick's Head"—Cook's first landfall in New Zealand. In the retouched R9/2 (as seen on L13e and all later forms of Plate 1) this headland is very crudely drawn and the sky above it equally obviously redrawn.

This is a long subject that I will have to continue later—in the meantime I call attention to our offers this month of the most famous of all the 2/- varieties—the stamp Row 1 No. 4 with the flaw that turns "COOK" into "COQK". This is a good variety and the stamp worth noting for other reasons as well as the "Q" flaw. Of that more later.

**A personal note.** Owing to Mr. Robinson's serious illness I will be in Auckland from early February. Mr. Collins and Miss Tutt will continue at your service in Woking. I expect to be back in England in early April.

## N.Z. NOTES AND COMMENT by C.P.

**PARLIAMENTARY SET FLURRY.** We have to apologise to our New Variety people who have not received their sets of Plate Blocks of this new issue. As is widely known now, the 2/- value was completely sold out on the first day and Plate blocks of all values have been almost unobtainable. Following an S.O.S. from our Auckland Branch—to the effect that their sources of supply had failed them, we wrote ourselves to Wellington, ordering a number of sets of plates. Alas! no luck—our cheque came back by return post. So far we have had a mere handful from all sources and we have even been buying the ordinary stamps from London wholesalers. What has been the full story behind this most unusual set of circumstances we do not yet know, but we are continuing our efforts to obtain sets of plates.

### OFFERS OF EARLIER N.Z. MATERIAL

#### 561 EARLY HIGH VALUES FISCALLY USED.

Stamps with high catalogue value sometimes seem unattainable. Here is an opportunity to acquire some very presentable space fillers of pleasing appearance at a fraction their normal price.

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| (a) S.G. 186 (C.P. C7a) 2/- claret. First Sideface, off-centre, otherwise very fine ..... | 30   |
| (b) S.G. 290 (C.P. E21b), 5/- Mt. Cook .....                                              | 26   |
| (c) S.G. 401 (C.P. E21c), 5/- Mt. Cook .....                                              | 20/- |

#### 562 AUCKLAND EXHIBITION.

Two items that are "musts" for those interested in this historic issue.

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| (a) An official picture postcard inscribed <b>AUCKLAND EXHIBITION 1913-14</b> with printed 1d Edward VII stamp and postmarked <b>1 DE 13 Exhibition Auckland (First Day!!)</b> . This piece is mentioned in the Handbook Vol. I but we'll wager that none of our readers has ever seen it before! This is a prime rarity without doubt .....                                                                                | £3 |
| (b) Another Auckland Exhibition super-rarity! As the Handbook recounts a small number of 1d Dominions were sold at the Exhibition through slot vending machines—the stamps being double-gummed for strength. The greater part were unsold and survivors, mint, are of extreme rarity. Another must for both "Exhibition" and "Dominion" specialists—three only available, all with complete original double gum. Each ..... | £5 |

### COVERS! COVERS! COVERS!

#### 570 A UNIQUE OFFER, PENNY UNIVERSALS ON COVER.

Here is something which we have not seen in years, covers from the period 1901 to 1907 all franked with Penny Universal issues. From the response to offers of covers in recent Bulletins, we know that there will be a rush for earlier material like this—especially at our price. While stocks last, we will be pleased to supply as wide a variety as possible of printings and postmarks. There is quite a large stock so don't be afraid to ask!

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| 10 covers ..... | 17/- |
| 20 covers ..... | 30/- |

#### 571 EARLY WELLINGTON MACHINE CANCELLATIONS.

In our recent cover purchase, we spotted a lot of early machine cancellations from the first decade of the present century, including such items as a flag of 1901 and a machine "N.Z. PENNY POSTAGE" (both used as transit marks), also the vertical bar postmark of 1903. A total of eight covers, showing seven different types of Wellington postmark. An interesting set at .....

£2

#### 572 REGISTERED COVERS.

A postal historian's delight! A variety of "Registered" postal marking represented by various combinations of 1898 Pictorials and/or Penny Universals. Regardless of stamps, we offer these handsome covers at 25/- for three different or, for each .....

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#### 573 REGISTERED LETTERS. (Official Stationery)

A fine set of five different official printed Post Office Registered Envelopes of Q.V. and K.E.VII, all used with additional adhesives, and all postmarked from different post offices, including such out of the way postmarks as KAIAPOI, RANGIORA and HUTT. A grand selection for postal historians. The lot of five covers .....

60/-

## JANUARY NEWSLETTER

We very much regret that circumstances entirely outside the firm's control delayed our despatch last month and left many customers without their N.Z. Newsletter. Steps have been taken to see that this does not happen again and we apologise for any disappointment and inconvenience.

### FULL FACE QUEENS

#### 574 YES! WE'VE DONE IT AGAIN.

- (a) Knowing our readers love those beautiful Chalon portraits, we have made up a fine set of no less than ten different **perforated Full Face Queens**. This set really will make a lovely show. Every one is clean and of fine appearance, but one or two are not quite perfect and so we give you the benefit of a bargain. Can you resist! 1d brown, 2d blue plate I, 2d blue plate II, 2d orange, 3d, 4d rose, 4d yellow, 6d red brown, 6d black brown (perf. 13) and 1/- . A nice set to have! ..... £10
- (b) Imperf. 1d red Star watermark. A clean, unused, four-margined copy of S.G. 35 (C.P. A1e) ..... £3

#### 563 BRITISH ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION, 1907-09.

KING EDWARD VII LAND overprinted on 1d Universal. Demand for these stamps always exceeds the supply. This time we offer a single and a block of four postmarked BRIT. ANTARCTIC EXPD. Fe.27.08 (while "Nimrod" was unloading) The single ..... 25/-  
The block of four ..... £5

#### 564 "PENNY UNIVERSAL" ISSUED FROM THE DICKIE TRIAL SLOT MACHINE.

June 15th, 1905. Stamps were prepared for issue from an experimental "penny in the slot" machine at the G.P.O. Wellington. They are rare as numbers issued were small; many must have been lost in commercial use and speculators of the day seem to have missed this, **the first slot machine stamp in the world**. The stamps are imperf at top and bottom, and rouletted 9½ at the sides with two large circular holes for the mechanism to move the stamp. Sorry! There's only one. The stamp is from the dot plate. Mint. To the first comer ..... £5

#### 569 PACIFIC ISLANDS.

We do not deal in anything but N.Z.—however, a recent purchase included NAURU 1937 issue to 5/-, NORFOLK ISLAND original issue to 2/- bistre, PAPUA 1935 Jubilee set, oddments of NIUE (to the 2/6d value, Arms) and PENRHYN. The NIUE are fine used. All others mint. 39 stamps catalogued 112/- by S.G. The whole lot—to the first comer ..... 70/-

#### 567 2/- CAPTAIN COOK 1935/47.

The well known and popular variety COCK from Plate 1 Row 1/4 in all printings. This is a variety clearly visible to the naked eye and always in keen demand. We can offer: all "COCK"—  
(a) S.G. 568a (C.P. L13b) Single wmk. Perf. 13½ x 14. Mint ..... 20/-  
(b) S.G. 589 (C.P. L13c) Multiple wmk. Perf. 13-14 x 13½. Mint or used ..... 20/-  
(c) S.G. 589a (C.P. L13e) Multiple wmk. Perf 12½. Mint ..... 20/-  
(d) S.G. 589a. COCK in selvedge block of four with three normals. Mint ..... £4

#### 568 KING GEORGE VI WITH WATERMARK INVERTED.

The listing in Gibbons' Elizabethan Catalogue of inverted watermarks is bound to quicken interest in such varieties and this interest is already extending to other issues.

Make sure of your K.G.VI high values at present available from our stock.

- (a) 1/- (S.G. 686) Watermark inverted, (blocks of four available) ..... 25/-  
(b) 1/3d (S.G. 687) (C.P. die 1a). Watermark inverted ..... 6/6  
(c) 3/- (S.G. 689). Watermark inverted, (blocks of four available) ..... 12/6  
(d) 1/- Official. (S.G. 0157). Watermark inverted ..... 35/-

#### 575 KING GEORGE V.

Noticing that the stamps of this reign have not so far been represented in this month's offers, we have decided to pull out something really special—and at a price which all can afford:

Plate proofs of the King's Head design as issued, printed in black on thin unwatermarked paper, values included are 4d, 6d, 7½d. 1/- . Again, only one set. A beautiful introduction to this issue and seldom seen. A bargain at the price ..... £3

## **Q.E. OFFICIALS. Withdrawn from Sale, Dec. 31st, 1965.**

These charming stamps with classic design reminiscent of the G.B. Penny Black have been popular since they first appeared. Now that they are obsolete, catalogue price rises are inevitable, and there will be a rush to fill blank spaces. While stocks last, we will be happy to help our friends at the old prices

| (C.P. Nos. quoted, S.G. Nos. in brackets)        | Mint | Used |
|--------------------------------------------------|------|------|
| NO21a 1d orange, thin paper (S.G.O159) ... ..    | 9d   | 4d   |
| NO21b 1d orange, thick opaque paper ... ..       | 2d   | 2d   |
| NO22a 1½d brown, thin paper (S.G.O160) ... ..    | 1/3  | 1/3  |
| NO23a 2d green, thin paper (S.G.O161) ... ..     | 1/6  | 4d   |
| NO23b 2d green, thick opaque paper ... ..        | 1/-  | 4d   |
| NO24a 3d vermilion, thin paper (S.G.O162) ... .. | 9d   | 3d   |
| NO24b 3d vermilion, thick opaque paper ... ..    | 5d   | 2d   |
| NO25a 4d blue, thin paper (S.G.O163) ... ..      | 1/6  | 9d   |
| NO25b 4d blue, thick opaque paper ... ..         | 7d   | 7d   |
| NO26a 9d carmine, thin paper (S.G.O164) ... ..   | 1/3  | 1/-  |
| NO27a 1/- purple, thin paper (S.G.O165) ... ..   | 3/-  | 9d   |
| NO27b 1/- purple, thick paper ... ..             | 1/9  | 9d   |
| NO28a 6d on 1½d, thin paper (S.G.O166) ... ..    | 10d  | 10d  |
| NO29a 2½d on 2d, thick paper (S.G.O167) ... ..   | 9d   | 6d   |
| NO35a 2½d olive, thick paper (S.G.O161b) ... ..  | 4d   | 2d   |
| NO39a 3/- grey, thick paper (S.G.O165b) ... ..   | 4/6  | 4/6  |

### **HEALTH PLATE NUMBERS**

All mint blocks or sets of blocks.

|                 |      |                    |      |
|-----------------|------|--------------------|------|
| 1936            | 14/- | 1956 (3 values)    | 10/6 |
| 1937            | 17/6 | 1957 (2 values)    | 4/3  |
| 1938            | 16/- | 1958 "             | 6/6  |
| 1944 (2 values) | 5/-  | 1960 "             | 12/- |
| 1946            | 3/9  | 1961 "             | 7/-  |
| 1947            | 3/3  | 1962 "             | 13/- |
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| 1955 (3 values) | 12/6 | 1965 (blocks of 8) | 16/6 |

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