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NOTES AND COMMENTS BY C.P.

Historic South Auckland. It will be recalled that last month we had reached the point where General Cameron went over to the offensive by crossing the Mangatawhiri River. Miss Isabel Campbell's brief notes continue: "There was a big battle at Rangiriri when the Maoris flung up defences from the river to the swampy lake — as usual the troops did not arrive as expected — they were brought by boat (up the river from Pokeno?) but ended up, with Marines and Sailors, fighting at the end of the day. A good many Maoris escaped during the night through the marsh land and next day the British Forces had it to themselves.

Later Cameron went to Tauranga (Tau-ronga) and his Camp extended the whole length of what is now Cameron Street — from Gate Pa to the Mission House, (still well preserved) — a good few miles in all. Cameron attacked Gate Pa too late in the afternoon and (his men) were repulsed time and again by the Maoris; but they had their revenge a few days later when they practically annihilated all the Maori leaders in that part of the country.

The demarkation line in the Waikato, (that is, between the land taken over by the Colonists and the Maori territory, later to be known as the King Country when the Maoris set up a King of their own) stretched from near Pirongia, Te Awamutu, (Te Awa-mootoo) and near Cambridge to the Firth of Thames. Cameron set up the military towns of Te Awamutu and Cambridge as outposts, (the Government) giving grants of land, a plot in town and ten to fifty acres in the country, according to rank. As the bush had to be cleared by hand and crops were very poor many of the soldier-settlers nearly starved. Stock was very expensive.

Part of the original stone wall of the Albert Barracks, (now Albert Park) in the centre of Auckland can still be seen within the grounds of the Auckland University. Little else remains although the Barracks were very extensive and were intended to hold the whole population of Auckland if needed."

That is the end of Miss Campbell's note to me, at least for the present. I hope the effect has been to widen the horizon of those who, (like myself, I am ashamed to say), have hitherto known little about the Maori Wars other than that they happened!

HERE AND THERE.

260 George VI — Coil Variety. Only in the 2d (and then rarely) are counter coils found where the number in each pair is on the selvedge of the right-hand stamp. This is completely different from the normal practice and the reason for the variety is unknown. Of the 2d with rubber-stamped numbers, both purple and mauve numbers are known in this strange form. We can supply both though stocks are scanty, so be early! The two variety coil pairs 40/-

HEALTH STAMPS.**ALL MINT**

Year	S.G.	Mint	Year	S.G.	Mint	Year	S.G.	Mint
1929	544	12/6	1942	630/31	2/-	1955	742/4	1/3
1930	544a	22/6	1943	632/33	1/-	1956	755/7	1/6
1931	546	95/-	1944	663/64	10d	1957	761/2	1/-
1931	547	95/-	1945	665/6	9d	1958	764/5	10d
1932	552	40/-	1946	678/9	8d	1959	776/7	1/-
1933	533	16/6	1947	690/1	8d	1960	803/4	1/6
1934	555	12/6	1948	696/7	8d	1960	803a/4a	1/6
1935	576	6/-	1949	698/9	8d	1961	806/7	1/6
1936	598	3/6	1950	701/2	9d	1962	812/3	1/6
1937	602	6/-	1951	708/9	8d	1963	815/6	1/6
1938	606	3/-	1952	710/11	11d	1964	822/3	1/4
1939	607/8	6/6	1953	719/20	9d	1965	831/2	1/2
1940	622/3	8/-	1954	737/8	1/-	1966	839/40	1/-
1941	628/9	3/6						

PROOFS

- 261 Christchurch Exhibition, 1906.** A charming pair of Die proofs, on individual small cards presumably produced to show the authorities what the stamps would look like in colour. The values involved are the two which appeared in two colours, the 3d and 6d, and the proofs are of the frames, (3d in blue, 6d in olive-green), with the centres provided by cut-outs from Die or Plate proofs pasted into the centre of each frame. The centre proofs are pale brown in the 3d and mauve in the 6d. In no case do the colours match those of the issued stamps.
- These are gems for any collection and the price is less than that realised for a similar pair at auction in London early in 1966. The two £70
- 262 Second Sideface Plate Proofs.** Proofs in grey-black on plain wove paper of the 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 6d Die 1, 6d Die 2, 8d and 1/-; thus a complete set of the 1882 values plus the extra 6d. Each proof has selvage attached. The set £5
- 263 1907 Redrawn 1/- "Keas."** A black Plate proof block of four of this neat little stamp. Proofs of this value are much scarcer than the 6d of the same issue. This block is on paper with inverted NZ and Star wmk. The block £7

COMMEMORATIVE VARIETIES — ALL MINT

- 1957 Lamb Export S.G. 759 V2.** Date flaw R8/11 or R10/1 in block of four 30/-
- S.G. 826 V16. "Soldiers on the beach" R10/4, block of four 10/-
- S.G. 828. Retouch in the lightning. R9/6, block of four 10/-
- 1965 I.C.Y. S.G. 833 ci.** Inverted watermark, each 40/-
- 1965 I.T.U. Centenary S.G. 828.** Retouch to globe (beside letter U) R2/4 8/6
- 1964 Road Safety S.G. 821 V12.** Apostrophe flaw R3/2, block of six 10/-
- 1965 Anzac S.G. 826 V15.** "Sail on the beach" R9/4, block of three 10/-

1960 PICTORIALS

Constant varieties in positional blocks. All mint.

- 1963 The Holy Family. S.G. 817 V10.** "Nose flaw" in positional block of six 12/6
- 267 1960 PICTORIALS—Constant varieties in positional blocks. All mint.**
- 1d Manuka R7/8** background retouch, in block of ten 3/-
- 1d Manuka** Fine colour shift on petals. Single. 1/6 Block of four 5/-
- 1d Karaka R12/3** Background weakness. Block of six 2/6
- 1d Karaka Plate block of eight. R20/1,** malformed "N" of New Zealand 3/6
- 3d Kowhai Strip of three from slot machine coil issue.** Centre stamp shows white flaw on flower 7/6
- 4d Puarangi R6/4** malformed foot to 4. Block of eight 7/6
- 4d Puarangi** Block of twelve including stamp with petal flaw R18/3 10/-
- A similar block in which the flaw has been retouched 10/-
- 5d Mountain Daisy R9/5** background retouch. Block of ten 10/-
- 5d "Crazy Daisy"** Eye catching misplacement of yellow colour, each 5/-
- 8d Rata R1/1** Leaf flaw and subsequent retouch. Two positional blocks of four 15/-

EDWARD VII

S.G.	C.P.	Perf 14 x 14	Fine Mint	S.G.	C.P.	Perf 14 x 15	Fine Mint
452	H2a	2d mauve	7/6	449	H1a	1d green	1/3
454	H3a	3d chestnut	4/6			Perf 14 x 13 1/2	
455	H4a	4d red-orange	5/6	474	H3c	3d chestnut	25/-
456	H4c	4d yellow	4/6			Perf 14 line	
457/8	H5b	5d brown	7/6	464	H4b	4d red-orange	5/6
459	H6b	6d carmine	15/-	465	H5a	5d brown	8/6
461	H7b	8d indigo	6/-	478	H7e	8d indigo (side wmk.)	5/-
462	H8b	1/- orange	20/-				

CHALONS IN SETS

Attention is called to the sets of Chalons, perf 12 1/2 offering in this month's Newsletter from Auckland. Exactly similar sets are available at our Woking Branch and U.K. readers can order from there. This applies only to the said Chalon sets; all other Auckland offers should be ordered by Airmail from Auckland Branch. Note that Woking Branch is not able to supply these Chalons in the final cheapest form where singles are offered at a few shillings each; these have to be ordered from Auckland.

MINT PLATE BLOCKS

270 1936 Commerce

- ½d Sheep Farming Pl.1 Plate blocks from each corner. 4 blocks of four from 4 different positions 5/-
- 1d Dairy Industry Pl.1. Blocks of four. Each 2/6
- A few sets available from four different positions. Per set 10/-
- Pl.2. No complete sets available. Three positions only in stock. Blocks of four, each 2/6

HEALTH STAMPS

- 272 **First Day Cover Collection** A grand lot of F.D.C. some with Health Camp postmarks, giving a range from 1937 Hiker to 1966. (1966 Miniature sheets used on souvenir covers from Pakuranga Health Camp). A total of 17 covers 45/-
- 273 **1934 Crusader** A cover with slogan post-mark of Palmerston North, October 29th, 1934. Not first day (which is extremely scarce) but nice to have on cover 20/-

274 COMPLETE HEALTH MINIATURE SHEETS, MINT

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------|
| (a) 1957 Beach Scenes— | (d) 1960 Birds, 2 sheets | 8/- |
| Sideways wmk., 2 sheets | (e) 1961 Birds, 2 sheets | 10/6 |
| Upright wmk., 2 sheets | (f) 1952 Birds, 2 sheets | 8/6 |
| (b) 1958 Brigade Children, 2 sheets | (g) 1963 Prince Andrew, 2 sheets | 8/9 |
| Blue sheet with tents retouched | (h) 1966 Birds, 2 sheets | 6/- |
| (c) 1959 Birds, 2 sheets | | |

275 HEALTH PLATE BLOCKS

All the following are in blocks of four except where stated.

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| 1936 Plate 1, each | 14/- | 1955 2d + 1d. A1 or B1, each | 4/- |
| 1937 Plates 1 or 2, each | 22/6 | 3d + 1d. B1 or B2, each | 6/6 |
| 1943 1d + ½d. Pl. 4 or 5 (8) | 5/- | 1956 The 3 values—all Plates 1 | 10/- |
| 2d + ½d. Pl. 3 or 6 (8) | 7/6 | "Value" blocks, the set of 3 | 8/6 |
| 1945 1d + ½d. A2 or B1, each | 4/6 | 1957 2d + 1d. Plate block | 2/6 |
| 2d + ½d. A1 or B1, each | 3/- | Value block | 2/- |
| A2, each | £45 | 3d + 1d Plate block | 3/- |
| B2, each | 17/6 | Value block | 2/6 |
| 1946 1d + ½d. Imprint, each | 1/3 | 1958 Both values, Plate blocks (6) | 6/- |
| 2d + ½d. Imprint, each | 2/6 | 1960 Both values, Pl. A1 | 12/6 |
| 1948 1d + ½d. Pl. A1, A2, B1, B2, each | 3/- | 1961 Both values Pl. A1 | 7/- |
| 2d + ½d. Pl. A1, A2, B1, B2, each | 3/- | 1965 Both values Pl. 1A. (6) | 12/6 |
| "Value" blocks, the 2 blocks | 4/- | 1966 Both values Pl. 1A (10) | 12/6 |
| 1955 1½d + ½d. A1 or B1, each | 3/6 | | |

276 HEALTH VARIETIES — ALL MINT

- (a) 1949 Nurse and Child 2d + 1d blue. No dot below "D" S.G. 699a 25/-
- (b) 1950 Princess Elizabeth and Prince Charles 1d + ½d green with inverted wmk. 1/6
- 2d + 1d maroon with inverted wmk. 45/-
- (c) 1946 "Soldier and Child" Both values with blurred "golden-brown" centres. The two, major varieties (listed in C.P. Cat.) 50/-
- (d) 1959 "Poaka" 3d + 1d. Major shift of the red colour, giving "four legs variety" £8
- (e) 1959 "Tete" 2d + 1d Mini-sheet with "Black-eyed Gull" variety. In complete sheet 7/6
- (f) 1963 "Prince Andrew" 3d + 1d. Prominent constant variety "extra button shirt." Complete miniature sheet 5/-

FOR THE POSTAL HISTORIAN

- 277 **Postmarks 1891 — 1900** Each one on a pair of the Second Sideface 1d and included amongst many others are Tolaga Bay, Mount Somers, Loose Letter, R.P.O.—WN, Broad Bay and a Wellington Flag. An exceptional collection of fifty pairs all different and with clear postmark £7 10/-
- 278 **Rare Early Meter Marks WELLGTN. N.Z. POST PAID 3d., NAPIER POSTAGE PAID 1d.,** and a similar item postmarked Napier 18 DE 08. These early markings are seldom seen. One on entire recently fetched over £15 at auction. Postage Stamps of New Zealand Vol. III page 431. type 5. Three items on piece. Two unused (never before known to us in unused condition), and one used. Fine and Scarce £12/10/-
- 279 **Postmarks** An historic selection of postmarks on the 1882/98 1d "Side-face" including scarce early "Postal District Cancellation" lettered, numbered, and duplex through to single lined circles, squared circles and concentric circles. A solid foundation for specialist study 75 stamps 70/-

FULL FACE QUEENS (CHALONS)

280 We rather tend to let Auckland do most of the Chalon offers — but here are a few nice items. All sent on appo., of course.

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| (a) S.G. 9 Richardson 2d blue — a handsome, very lightly cancelled pair on thin London paper. Three margins, slightly touched at bottom (otherwise the price would have been astronomical!) The pair | £19 |
| (b) S.G. 43 6d red-brown Imperf. Four margins, slightly thin, but showing the re-entry Row 16 No. 3. Cheap | 60/- |
| (c) S.G. 85 6d Pelure paper, fine appearance, cut into at left bottom. Cat. £30. (C.P.). A gift at | £6 |
| (d) S.G. 88 6d Pelure, rouletted. C.P. Cat. £40, roulettes three sides—only a slight nick on right allows us to sell this rarity at the tiny price | £5 |
| (e) S.G. 70 or 72 2d blue, star wmk., perf 13. Very fine used o/c slightly to right but handsome with clear face | 70/- |
| (f) S.G. 74 3d brown-lilac perf 13. Otago P/M, well centred, sound in all respects | £6 |
| (g) S.G. 80 1/- yellow-green. A good clean used copy o/c to bottom and a thin spot but attractive. Cat. C.P. £11 | £5 |

1874 "FIRST SIDEFACES" Q. VICTORIA

281 First Perforation 12½

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| (a) 1d lilac, a fine mint copy, well centred | 20/- |
| (b) 3d brown, a beautiful, well centred mint copy | 60/- |
| (c) 6d blue, very scarce in mint, fine deep shade | 80/- |
| (d) 1/- green. The stamp almost no one has! The 1/-, fine, well centred, full gum guaranteed. C.P. Cat. £50, S.G. £60 | £35 |

282 2d "Perf nearly 12" Rarity in pair

- A pair, mint, finest condition, of this rarity, Cat. C.P. £12 each — there can be few pairs in existence. Carries one guarantee, the pair
- £18

283 Provisional Issue on "Large Star" paper

The 1d and 2d Second Sidefaces appeared in 1875 on the old Star water-marked paper so long in use for the Chalons. This was apparently a usage of remaining stocks for the paper was never used again (other than for certain reprints of the Chalons): the 1d is scarce used are quite rare mint; the 2d is not uncommon used but is also rare mint. Our stocks are surprisingly good and strongly recommended.

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| (a) The 1d Lilac, perf 12½, Large Star wmk, in the rare Mint form: (S.G. No. 178, £15), OG, fine | £13 |
| (b) Again the 1d, Large Star, used, postmark a bit smudgy, cheap at | 15/- |
| (c) The 2d Rose, (S.G. 179 Cat. £7); this is rarer than the Catalogue would suggest | £5 |
| (d) As above: the very rare and fine pair. No gum but few pairs exist | £8 |
| (e) Again the 2d, this time in very attractive used form; several available | 5/- |

1898—1902 RARITIES

- 284 6d Kiwi Green, 1898, with clear offset on back. The 1898 "London" Pictorials produced some of the best offsets in N.Z. history. The 4d, 3d, 1d (centre) and the 2/- are especially fine, but none surpasses the 6d green here offered. The offset is so clear as to look like a reversed print on the gummed side. Something well out of the ordinary. 6d, offset. Mint
- £6
- 285 6d Kiwi Double Print: New Zealand's finest-ever double print—a gem to raise any collection out of the ordinary class. This copy shows the clear extra print over the whole area of the stamp. A beautiful mint copy
- £40
- 286 As above. Only half of the sheet was doubly printed and the copy now offered shows the clear doubling over the complete lower half of the stamp. A thin spot allows this to be offered at the low price of
- £10
- 287 2½d Wakatipu, Imperf horizontally. A vertical strip of three of S.G. 272a, completely without horizontal perforations. Full gum, clean and bright, without defects, the superb strip
- £40
- 288 8d War Canoe, S.G. 404a, perf 14 x 11. This very rare variety, beautifully used, well centred, fully guaranteed; a real rarity
- £25

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