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N. Z. NOTES. BY CAMPBELL PATERSON.

Trout 7½c. It is generally known that a 7½c value is to be issued on August 29th. This has been announced as "Commemorating the Centenary of the introduction of the Brown Trout into New Zealand". It is further announced that the new stamp will stay on sale as part of the current definitive issue.

As Editor of our Catalogue this unusual issue - both Commemorative and definitive - poses a problem. In which Section should it be listed? Section 'O', as a 1960/67 Pictorial, or Section 'S' as a Commemorative?

I have seen a reproduction of the new stamp and this has decided me. It bears nothing to indicate that it is a Commemorative - no dates for example - so it will be listed simply as the 7½c value of the new Decimal set. It is not yet certain that this stamp will actually figure in the 1967/68 Supplementary Catalogue sheets now in course of production, but a space and number have been reserved for it and it will appear in the 1968/69 Supplement if not in this one.

Supplementary Sheets. Work is proceeding on the new Supplement which will include all the so far issued Decimal stamps and 1967 Healths, still to appear. It is hoped that the Supplement will be issued in N.Z. in August but with seamounts slow, as they are, it may be November before they reach the U.K.

1967 Christmas. This year's Christmas stamp is to be unusual in showing a "detail" (i.e. a portion) only of the painting chosen. This has not been done before to my knowledge. When one sees the original "Adoration of the Shepherd" by Poussin, which hangs in the National Gallery, London, this is not surprising. The picture as a whole would be quite unsuitable for a stamp. The "detail" chosen includes the Mother and Child and one other figure. It should make a beautiful and effective addition to what is already a splendid series.

Plates and / or Cylinders. In my writing on stamps over a good many years now I have seldom used the term "cylinder", preferring to call all plates, flat or curved, simply "plates". This has seemed reasonable to me since all cylinders are in fact plates but all plates are not cylinders - some being flat. The use of the term "cylinder" is so widespread in Great Britain that it is generally taken as meaning any photogravure printing plate. It may come as a surprise to many to know that many recess-printing (intaglio) plates are curved and could well be called cylinders.

It would seem that there is no good reason for the use of "cylinder" in the case of photogravure while using "plate" in recess printing. Unless specific information on the subject of flat or curved plates is desired (and definitely known) I consider that the general use of the word "plate" is preferable. Readers are welcome to let me have their opinions on the subject.

New "Plates" Service. We regret the delay in distribution of the new Decimal Plates. We understand from our Auckland Branch that the general standard of centering (of perforations) is poor. This means that it is taking much longer than usual to accumulate supplies, since we wish to supply only the best. It has proved difficult in some values to find many sheets well perforated. One would think that a hundred years after Henry Archer invented the comb perforator the use of these machines would have been perfected.

FINE • RARE • SCARCE • UNUSUAL

- 400 Railways Department Stamps. A charming series of six values as described and illustrated on page 237, Vol II of the Handbook. Proofs were taken direct from the dies of the six values together in the form of miniature sheets. A rare and attractive set in deep brown, $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, 2d, 3d, 6d and 1/- complete £25
- 401 (a) The Boer War. 1900 Pictorial Commemorative Postcards (see last month's Bulletin) Scarce. Different scenes. Mint on buff or yellow card. Either 20/-
- (b) As above. 1 SET AND ONE SET ONLY AVAILABLE. 16 different scenes of the Boer War Commemorative Postcards. The complete series. COMPLETE £27.10.0
- 402 Otago Infantry Brigade. A brilliant mint example on original presentation "entire" of the Commemorative sticker for Sutton Camp, Mata-rae, April 1913, see page 345, Vol III. As fresh as the day it was issued and a historic item £5
- 403 World War II. A collection of air letters, F.P.O. markings, military camp postmarks, rare Nazi censor mark, U.S. Navy postmark on N.Z. stamp, censor marks - the lot! Really exciting postal history material. Good clear markings. 22 covers.. £7.10.0
- 404 Stamp Printing Papers. Thos. De La Rue prepared a set of 7 "stamps" for the 1933 Congress demonstrating various papers used for stamps. This little set is now quite a collector's piece. We have seen it offered as a separate item at auction. invaluable to any collector. One set only available to the first comer at 37/6d

1961 CHRISTMAS VARIETY.

- 405 Inverted Watermark. On the 1963 issue, sheets were printed indiscriminately and the inverted watermark is as common as upright. In the 1961 issue however, the variety is very rare and not known to exist mint. 1961 "Adoration of the Magi" with watermark sideways inverted fine used £5

1964 ROAD SAFETY.

- 406 Constant Varieties. R3/2 "Apostrophe", R5/8 Black bar along wrist, R5/3 Nick in "N" of NEW, R9/6 Flaw on D of ROADS. An attractive and unusual set of four constant varieties all fine used (C.P. 593a. S.G. 821). 22/6d

1960 PICTORIAL 2nd.

- 407 C.P.04a. S.G. 784Ea. Watermark sideways inverted. Another rarity, unpriced by Gibbons. Fine used 80/-

1960 PICTORIALS - 4d VARIETIES.

We have a most interesting series of blocks of the now obsolete 4d Puarangi. The basic fact to remember is that two different blue (background) plates both numbered '1' were used for this stamp; both plates showed flaws and subsequent retouches that allow each to be identified with certainty. For convenience we here call the plates "1A" and "1B".

- 408 (a) Plate 1A - In the First State. This plate showed a prominent white blob on the lower petal of the top flower of Row 18 No 3. There was also a clear (flaw) distortion behind the curve of the D of LAND on Row 18 No 5. To match with our other blocks (below) we offer the above in block of 25 (5 x 5). An added 'bonus' is the fact that this fine block is "Chambon" perforated and on that count alone good buying. The block has full selvage and plate number. . . . Plate 1A in block (25) 50/-

- (b) Plate 1A - In the Second State. Another fine block - as above, but with the petal flaw of R18/3 and the "D" flaw of R18/5 both skilfully but identifiably retouched. On R18/5 the retouched D is misshapen. The perfs are again the desirable "Chambon". The block (25). 50/-

- (c) Plate 1B - In the First and Second States. Here we have the other blue plate '1' in the scarce first state showing R20/3 with notably distorted A in 'ZEAL'. This block serves to prove the plates different since no flaw or retouch shows on this R18/3. Also in this offer is a similar block from the same Plate showing the A of ZEAL retouched. The A is now almost, though not quite, back to normal shape. Both blocks in this offer are perfed by "Single Comb" machine. (Two blocks each of 12 stamps (3 x 4) with bottom selvage and plate number. 75/-

- (d) Plate 1B - Block of 25, Second State. This block shows R20/3 with retouched 'A'. (It may even be a second retouch as the shape is not exactly the same as in the retouched block above). Row 16/5 here shows flaws of blue colour blotting out the U of Puarangi and part of the Z of Zealand. (This stamp, we know, later deteriorated to a very blotchy state). The perforation in this present block is again the fine "Chambon", so that coupled with the two blocks in the previous lot (above) it shows Plate 1B in two states and two different perfs. With full selvage and plate number, block of 25 30/-

1907-09 REDRAWN PICTORIALS.

- 409 Collection. A pleasing mounted collection in both mint and used of the 1st green, 3rd yellow-brown, 4d Taupo, 6d pink and 1/- orange, S.G. 428 to 446. Shades in most values in each perf add considerable interest. A very comprehensive lot of 50 a bargain at £6.10.0.

USED ARMS.

These odd elusive items may include just what you're looking for. Seldom offered used.

Cowan Paper.				Wiggins Teape Paper.			
C.P.	S.G.	Single Wmk used.		C.P.	S.G.	Single Wmk. used.	
Z30a	544b	1/3d lemon	10/-	Z36b	544i	7/6d grey	70/-
Z30b	544c	1/3d orange	10/-	Z39b	544m	10/- lake	7/6d
Z57a	545d	35/- on 35/-	£9	Z44b	544r	30/- brown	£6
Z50a	544x	£4 light blue	£10				

Wiggins Teape Paper. Multiple upright watermark. All used.

C.P.	S.G.		C.P.	S.G.		C.P.	S.G.	
Z30d.	634.	1/3d yellow....1/-	Z33c.	637.	5/- green... 2/-	Z55b.	659.	11/- on 11/-...65/-
Z31c.	635.	2/6d brown 6d	Z54b.	658.	5/6d on 5/6d..10/-	Z42c.	646.	£1 pink7/6d
Z32c.	636.	4/- red 9d	Z39c.	643.	10/- lake.... 3/-	Z46c.	659.	£2 purple....45/-

Wiggins Teape Paper. Multiple inverted watermark. All used.

Z30e.	634Ea.	1/3d yell & blk..1/3d	Z53c.	657Ei.	3/6d on 3/6d..4/6	Z42d.	646Ei.	£1 pink..... 7/6d
Z30e.	634Ec.	1/3d yell & blue.20/-	Z32d.	636Ei.	4/- red1/-	Z30g.	634dEi.	1/3.p14x13½.30/-
Z31d.	635Ei.	2/6d brown 1/-	Z33d.	637Ei.	5/- green2/6	Z30g.	634d	1/3.upt wmk.... 6d



Items from Lot 400.

NEW ZEALAND'S LONGEST LIVED STAMP DESIGN by PETER COLLINS.

Sixty seven different values were printed of New Zealand's first fiscal stamps provided under the "Stamp Duties Act, 1866". (pew!) Section 29 of the Stamp Act of 1875 decreed that stamps provided for one purpose must not be used for any other, but since there were special issues for Stamp Duty, Land Tax, Law Courts and a host of other purposes, government auditors spent so long in checking that stamps had been put only to their proper use, that an amendment to the Act in 1881 authorised the interchange of Postage and Duty stamps for any purpose for which stamps were permitted to be used. Postmasters in some instances took this quite literally to mean that any fiscal stamps were acceptable for postage, and since at this time over 40 different values of fiscals from 1d to £20 were available, any one of them might be acceptable

for postage excepting that until 1930 when airmail services were introduced, postal charges on any one item could not have been higher than £2. In view of these facts, the listing of "Postal Fiscals" by Gibbons after all other issues is quite inexplicable and inconsistent with their cataloguing in chronological order among the general issues the popular "Arms" types which are in exactly the same category.

The beauty of the "Long Fiscals" is that a collection can make a pleasing show as "one of each value", or become a thorough and profound study of New Zealand's papers and perforations.

From 1882 to 1888 printings were made on horizontal mesh unsurfaced paper watermarked N Z and star, with 6mm between the letters and point of the star. Stamps on this paper were first perforated line 11½, then from 1886, line 12½. Vertical mesh paper with the 7mm watermark was used for a short time in 1889 and these stamps too were perforated 12½. In 1890 a printing was made on the 4mm paper, but by 1895 the 7mm watermark is to be found again, now perforated with a rotary machine gauging 11.

A change in the lay-out of new printing plates produced stamps with watermark sideways, and these were perforated in 1903 with the rotary machine gauge 14, and from 1909 14½ x 14 comb. From 1913 chalk surfaced papers were introduced, and at different times De La Rue, Jones, Wiggins Teape, Cowan and Cowan with reversed watermark papers were used. Stamps printed on these papers are found with perforations either 14 or 14½ x 14.

The period over which these stamps were printed and the numbers produced are indicative that their need was postal rather than fiscal and a most interesting feature is that within the series all the changes of paper and perforation found in the regular postal issues appear. All these various printings are of course simply and neatly set out in the C.P. Catalogue.

A really specialised collection of these issues would run to over 300 varieties, but completion of a simplified collection can provide years of fun hunting for odd elusive values.

An interesting error lying unseen in many old time collections is the 2/6d inscribed "Counterpart" - the wrong plate was used in a printing in 1901. Do not miss this variety, it is worth spotting.

The fiscal stamps with Queen Victoria's portrait were valid for postage (and fresh printings continued to be made) until 1931, which must be an all time record for any monarch of posthumous postal portraiture.

THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL OFFERS.

These favourable prices are offered to anyone buying other items to the value of £5 or more from this month's Bulletin.

5/- ARMS OVERPRINTED "OFFICIAL".

Z033a	S.G. 0113. Mint and undercatalogued	40/-
Z033b	S.G. 0123. Used - elusive	10/6d
Z033c	S.G. 0137a. Mint	7/-

JUNE 26th 1967 DECIMAL DEFINITIVES. ALL MINT.

1c	Manuka	1d	8c	Flag	1/-
1c	Karaka	2d	10c	Timber	1/3d
2c	Kaka Beak.	3d	15c	Tiki	2/-
2½c	Kowhai	5d	20c	Taniwha.	2/4d
3c	Puarangi	6d	25c	Butter	3/-
4c	Daisy	7d	30c	Tongariro	4/-
5c	Pikiarero.	8d	50c	Sutherland Falls	6/6d
6c	Koromiko	10d	£1	Glacier	12/6d
7c	Rata	11d	£2	Pohutu	25/-

The Complete set (18) Mint 57/6d.

Varieties, Plate blocks, used etc., will be offered as soon as available.

BOOKLETS. 1 pane of ½c, 2 panes of 3c and 2 panes of 1c (1 blank label). A temporary issue. Make sure of yours at the current attractive price... 6/6d

STATIONERY.

Newspaper Wrapper	2½c.	9d
Postcard	2½c.	9d
Letter card	3c	1/-
Envelope	3c	1/-
Registered letter	18c.	3/6d

ROSS DEPENDENCIES. (Same designs as the sterling series but different shades).

2c cold blue, 3c dull red, 7c red and blue, 15c dull purple. 3/6d

KING GEORGE VI 1937 - 52.

DEFINITIVES.

KINGS HEAD

C.P.	S.G.		MINT	USED	C.P.	S.G.		MINT	USED
M1a	603	½d green	6d	2d	M11a	684	8d violet	1/3d	6d
M1d	603a	½d orange	2d	2d	M12a	685	9d purple brown	1/3d	3d
M2a	604	1d red	1/-	2d	M13b	686	1/- brown & carmine.	2/3d	6d
M2d	604a	1d green	2d	2d	M13a	686a	Wmk. upright	2/3d	9d
M4a	605	1½d brown	4/6d	7d	M13c	686b	Plate 2.	1/9d	6d
M4c	605a	1½d red	3d	2d	M14a	687	1/3d brown & blue.	2/6d	6d
M7c	605b	3d blue	9d	3d	M14c	687a	Wmk. upright	2/6d	-
M3a	624	1d on ½d	4d	2d	M15b	688	2/- orange & green.	3/3d	6d
M5a	625	2d on 1½d	4d	2d	M15a	688a	Wmk. upright	4/6d	-
M5a*	625a	re-inserted "2"	£50	£50	M16a	689	3/- brown & grey	5/6d	1/6d
M6a	680	2d orange	6d	2d	M17a	700	1½d "Arms"	3d	2d
M8a	681	4d purple	9d	6d	M19a	712	1d on ½d	2d	2d
M9a	682	5d slate	1/-	9d	M18a	713	3d on 1d	4d	2d
M10a	683	6d carmine	1/-	3d					

Good stocks of constant plate varieties of K.G.VI are available. Interested collectors are invited to contact us.

A FULL LISTING OF VARIETIES, PAPERS, ETC., APPEARS OF COURSE IN THE C.P.CATALOGUE.

COMMEMORATIVES.

1937 CORONATION.

C.P.	S.G.			MINT	USED
S25a	599	1d	King and Queen	3d	-
S25b	600	2½d	ditto	9d	-
S25c	601	6d	ditto	1/3d	-

1940 CENTENNIAL.

S26a	609	½d	Maori landing	2d	2d
S27a	610	1d	Capt. Cook	3d	2d
S28a	611	1½d	Five Sovereigns	3d	3d
S29a	612	2d	Abel Tasman	6d	2d
S30a	613	2½d	Treaty of Waitangi	6d	6d
S31a	614	3d	Settlers of Petone	2/6d	6d
S32a	615	4d	Transport	3/-	9d
S33a	616	5d	H.M.S. Britomart	4/6d	4/6d
S34a	617	6d	Refrigeration	3/6d	6d
S35a	618	7d	Maori Council	6/6d	7/6d
S35b	619	8d	Maori Council	2/6d	1/6d
S36a	620	9d	Gold	9/6d	4/6d
S38a	621	1/-	Kauri	17/6d	3/6d
S37a	662	10d on 1½d		1/-	1/-

1946 PEACE.

S39a	667	½d	Lake Matheson	2d	2d
S40a	668	1d	Parliament	2d	2d
S41a	669	1½d	St. Pauls	6d	6d
S42a	670	2d	Royal Family	4d	3d
S43a	671	3d	Air Force	6d	2d
S44a	672	4d	Army	6d	4d
S45a	673	5d	Air Force	9d	4d
S46a	694	6d	Industry	10d	2d
S47a	675	8d	St. George	1/3d	1/3d
S49a	677	1/-	National Carillon	1/6d	1/3d

PEACE VARIETIES.

½d "T" mark R12/3	C.W. S18a.	Mint positional block	7/6d
3d retouched tail on plane R3/2.	C.W. S22a.	Mint positional block	5/-
3d ditto	R2/4. C.W. S22a.	Mint positional block	5/-
5d trailing aerial on "Dominion Monarch" R8/1.		Mint positional block	7/6d

1948 OTAGO.

S50a	692	1d	Otago Harbour	2d	2d
S51a	693	2d	Cromwell	4d	2d
S52a	694	3d	First Church Dunedin	6d	5d
S53a	695	6d	Otago University	1/-	9d

1950 CANTERBURY.

C.P.	S.G.			MINT	USED
S54a	703	1d	Canterbury Cathedral	3d	3d
S55a	704	2d	Pioneer's Cairn	5d	3d
S56a	705	3d	J.R.Godley	6d	6d
S57a	706	6d	Canterbury College	1/-	9d
S58a	707	1/-	Timaru	2/-	2/-

H E A L T H S.

T9a	602	1937	Hiker	12/-	10/6d
T10a	606	1938	Children	5/-	2/6d
T11a	607	1939	Beach Ball 1d	4/6d	4/6d
T11b	608		ditto 2d	4/6d	4/6d
T12a	622	1940	Beach Ball 1d	6/-	-
T12b	623		ditto 2d	6/-	-
T13a	628	1941	Overprinted 1d	2/6d	3/-
T13b	629		ditto 2d	2/6d	-
T14a	630	1942	Swing 1d	1/6d	1/6d
T14b	631		ditto 2d	1/6d	1/6d
T15a	632	1943	Triangular 1d	6d	6d
T15b	633		ditto 2d	6d	6d
T16a	663	1944	Princesses 1d	4d	5d
T16b	664		ditto 2d	6d	5d
T17a	665	1945	Peter Pan 1d	4d	4d
T17b	666		ditto 2d	5d	4d
T18a	678	1946	Soldier 1d	3d	3d
T18b	679		ditto 2d	6d	3d
T19a	690	1947	Eros 1d	3d	3d
T19b	691		ditto 2d	6d	3d
T20a	696	1948	Health Camp 1d	3d	3d
T20b	697		ditto 2d	6d	3d
T21a	698	1949	Nurse 1d	3d	3d
T21b	699		ditto 2d	6d	4d
Variety "No dot below D" 2d				25/-	-
T22a	701	1950	Princess & Charles 1d	4d	3d
T22b	702		ditto 2d	6d	4d
T23a	708	1951	Yatching 1 1/2d	3d	3d
T23b	709		ditto 2d	6d	4d
T24a	710	1952	Charles & Anne 1 1/2d	5d	3d
T24b	711		ditto 2d	6d	4d

W A N T E D.

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