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Delivery of our New Zealand Newsletter has at various times been delayed by Customs examination, through being mislaid somewhere in transit, and (the latest story!) the railwaymen's strike. Both here and in Auckland we take every reasonable step to get the Bulletin and Newsletter to customers in good time, but please accept our apologies for "circumstances beyond our control".

NEW ZEALAND STAMP BOOKLET.

By PETER COLLINS.

It was in 1901 that the New Zealand Post Office first sold stamp booklets experimentally at a few chief Post Offices. These contained 1d Universal stamps from the Waterlow plate printings in panes of six, made up into booklets of 12 or 30 stamps and sold at $\frac{1}{2}$ d above the face value to cover the cost of preparing the book. Ready sales proved that there was a demand for books of stamps and steps were taken to produce a special plate for printing stamps to be made into books. This was undertaken by Royle & Sons.

It is necessary to have a selvage to the panes of stamps for binding into the books and so a special lay-out is required to provide this and make the most economical use of the paper. The best arrangement that could be achieved meant that a proportion of the panes were printed upside down in relation to the others and consequently a number of the panes in all booklet sheets have their watermark inverted. Booklets are put together while in large sheet form, and after being made up are cut to size which explains the frequent trimming of perforations of stamps in booklets.

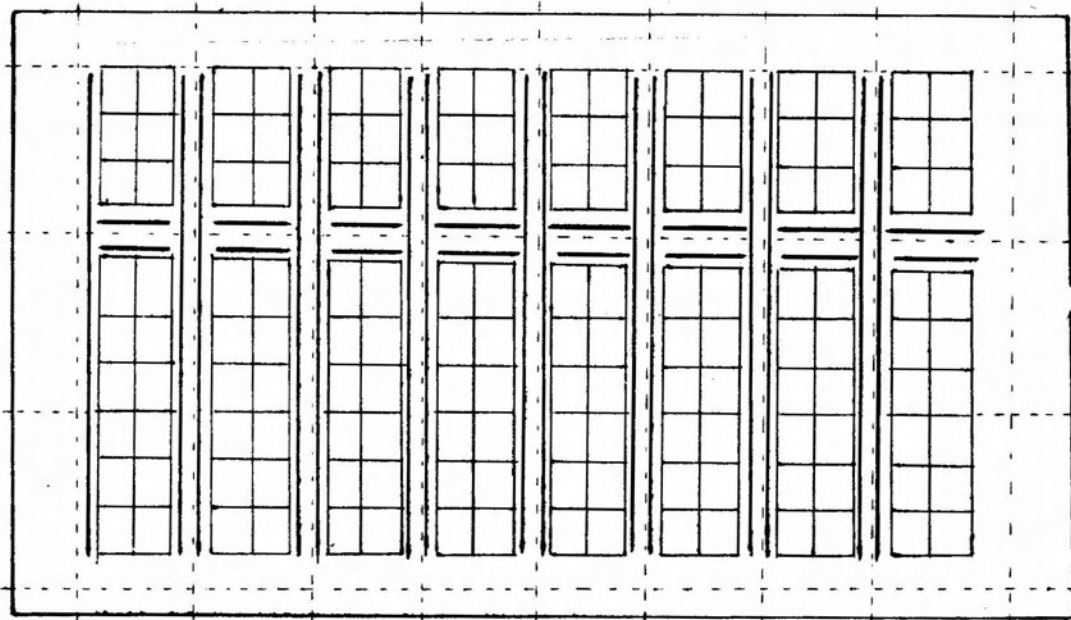
The first "1d Universal" booklets printed from the "Booklet" plate went on sale in August 1902. They contained 12 or 30 stamps in panes of six like the previous issue and sold for $1\frac{1}{2}$ d and $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. In 1905, a booklet containing 24 stamps in 4 panes of six was produced and sold for $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. In these first booklets, some of the panes were perforated between the pairs but not perforated round the outside of the panes, thus when the booklets were guillotined to size, two adjacent outer edges of these panes were imperf and stamps from these are sometimes seen with their other two sides trimmed masquerading as imperf varieties or stamps from the trial slot machines. They are easily detected however by the "Booklet Plate's" characteristic heavy redrawn pearls at the top left and outer left central positions. (See Permanent page G3 in the C.P. catalogue).

A rotary machine gauging 14 was used for perforations. Sometimes its operation was faulty and a second strike was made producing a double perforation variety. The second line of perforation is also known in perf 11 producing "mixed perforations". A very scarce variety exists imperf between horizontally.

Besides the normal carmine stamp, some printings were made in a deep aniline ink, and an outstanding shade appeared in carmine lake. A number of re-entries found on stamps from the Universal booklet plate (which are also illustrated in the C.P. catalogue) help to make it one of the most philatelically interesting of all booklet issues.

It was apparent that the booklets fulfilled a need and when new stamps were planned it was decided that not only the 1d, but the $\frac{1}{2}$ d value should be issued in this form as well as in sheets. In parenthesis, these were the only two values of the 1909 issue to be surface printed, the others were recess. These booklets were made up of 18x1d stamps of the "Dominion" issue in three panes of six, and eleven of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d Kings Head, one pane of six stamps, and one pane of five stamps and one label with an ornamental five pointed star. This was done to maintain the $\frac{1}{2}$ d charge for making up the book which was sold now for 2/-. From May 9th 1912 the $\frac{1}{2}$ d charge was abandoned and the booklets were made up of 18 x 1d and 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$ d stamps, the cost of the booklet production being met by revenue from advertisements printed on interleaving between the panes. Presumably as a measure against the faking imperf varieties which had taken place with the previous booklet panes, coloured bars were introduced in the spaces around the stamps. Printing was made on chalk surfaced paper and the stamps were perforated with a comb machine gauging 14 x 15. Copper electrotypes were used for the printing and a chemical action between the ink and the plates produced a duller colour in the stamps than in those printed in the sheet from steel plates. As the plates began to wear definition deteriorated. Recent examination of a number of booklet panes suggests that a series of guide lines and other markings on the sheets would enable the panes to be "plated" without undue difficulty.

Layout of the booklet plate.



The dotted lines show where the sheets were guillotined. From 1912, coloured bars were placed in the spaces between the panes as shown.

These notes will be continued later.

NEW ZEALAND OFFERS

BOOKLET PANES.

- 415 1d Universal. Complete pane of six overprinted "Official". MINT. 12/6d
 416 Edward VII. ½d. Complete pane of six with selvedge bars. MINT. 80/-

FISCALS.

- 417 Representative selections of the Queen Victoria Long Fiscals, made up from an extensive collection we recently broke up. Here is an opportunity for collectors to obtain an unusual display of these handsome stamps, seldom seen in such profusion, the higher priced lots obviously include better stamps.
- (a) 33 all different Long Type Fiscals (and Land Tax Stamp) 60/-
 (b) 21 ditto ditto 50/-
 (c) 17 ditto ditto 30/-
 (d) 11 all different Long Type Fiscals only 20/-
 (e) 8 ditto 12/6d
 (f) 5 ditto 7/6d

ANTARCTICA.

- 418 (a) Victoria Land. ½d and 1d used on piece with BRIT. ANTARCTIC EXPD postmark. The ½d is damaged, but the 1d is without fault, and now catalogued £70. The two, fine used and a beautiful piece. £60
 (b) Victoria Land. 1d overprint. A horizontal pair, one being the variety "No stop after LAND", Superb mint and scarce. £15
 (c) Victoria Land. The 1d value used on a cover addressed to Mrs. Buckland, c/- S.S. Kamona, Union S.S. Coy, Lyttelton. A rare, specialists item. . . . £25
 (d) King Edward VII Land. An outstanding block of four from the middle of the sheet showing the arrow marking in the left hand selvedge, and the overprints in the upper and lower stamps out of line. The overprint was applied to the sheet in two operations, top and bottom half of the sheet being overprinted separately. It is unusual to find such a magnificent block showing conclusive evidence of this complete with side selvedge. BRIT ANTARCTIC EXPD postmark, March 4th 1909, the fine used block. £15
- 419 Ross Dependency. Complete set (3d, 4d, 8d and 1/6d) used on cover, each with different postmarking.
- (a) Postmarked SCOTT BASE. ROSS DEPENDENCY. 12/6d
 (b) Postmarked 20 JA 58 ANTARCTIC MEETING ROSS DEP. 12/6d
 (c) Postmarked 18.1.62. 1912 SCOTTS POLAR JOURNEY 1962. 17/6d
 (d) Postmark as (a) but with cachets "International Geophysical Year", "New Zealand Antarctic Programme" and "N.Z. Antarctic Research Expedition".. 22/6d
- 420 (a) Ross Dependency. Complete set (3d, 4d, 8d and 1/6d) in plate blocks of four .. 21/-
 (b) ditto Complete set in imprint blocks of four. 21/-

421 Edward VII. A collection with all the two perf pairs and at least one example of every other stamp except the impossible 8d line perf 14. Two shades of many values are included with both the 8d two perf pairs S.G. 477a and 477c. Complete from S.G. 449 to 478 excluding the Auckland Exhibition set and the imperf pairs. Many elusive stamps. 36 brilliant mint £25.10s.0d.

422 As above. A somewhat similar lot but not including the two perf pairs, all the perforations are represented however and there is a fine range of shades with 1d (3), 2d (4), 3d (5), 4d (4), 5d (6), 6d (5), 8d (6) 1/- (2) and a range of "Officials" (10) including the scarce 3d perf 14 x 13½.
45 stamps all mint £20

423 Postmarks. An outstanding collection made about 1948 with many elusive, obsolete and short-lived markings. Neatly mounted in alphabetical order and including railway and military postmarks with others of interest, such as Cobb Valley Dam, Fox Glacier, Kermadec Island, Lake Tekapo Hydro, Mangamuka Camp and good examples of the many various types of marking used by the N.Z.P.O. Altogether about 700 pieces in a Simplex loose leaf album, this lot would provide material for a whole section of the Handbook! A fine lot of modern Postal History. £30

424 Collection. George VI and Q.E. II complete from S.G. 599 to S.G. 844. Most issues are represented in both mint and used including all the Health and Commemorative issues made between 1937 and 1966. Other scarcer items include the Q.E. 1/- die II (S.G. 732a) used, all the high value "Queen on Horseback" both mint and used, S.G. 763b mint and a mint pair of S.G. 808b. The Arms types S.G. 634-660 are not included, nor are "missing colour" and similar varieties, nor the very rare 4d on Chalky paper S.G. 786a. Apart from this the collection appears to be complete and makes a splendid display of the period 1937 - 1967. Catalogued by S.G. over £55. 485 stamps plus a few duplicates mounted in an album. £37.10s.0d.

425 Christmas Stamps. Complete mint. 1960 - 1967 in blocks of four. These popular stamps are becoming increasingly difficult to find in mint blocks, and at this price should be attractive. 32 stamps. 45

426 The Islands. A good representative collection of Niue (51) Penrhyn (14) Aitutaki (17) and a few (52) N.Z. officials, dues and adson, attractively illustrated on album leaves just as we bought them. The Islands alone catalogue over £30. 134 stamps mint and used £20

ELUSIVE AND ATTRACTIVE.

427 1862 Pelure paper. 2d perf 13, C.P. A2f, S.G. 92. A sound copy of this rarity with a clear and complete strike of the Otago district canceller 023 (Dunstan). This series of obliterations marks the rapid expansion of the Otago Postal District as the discovery of gold produced a "population explosion" with miners flocking to the gold fields. The perforating of the stamps was also undertaken as a direct result of the gold rush to expedite dealings at the Post Office which almost overnight, were tremendously increased. A great bargain as a stamp and as an item of Postal History. 110/-

- 428 Airmail. December 1930, Dominion Airlines Gisborne to Hastings service.
The 6d stamp issued for flown mail and wrongly inscribed "Dominion Airways",
A scarce link in the Air Mail Story. MINT 30/-

- 429 Poaka. 1959 Health 3d + 1d the scarce inverted watermark. variety S.G. 777E.
MINT 20/-

- 430 (a) 1946 Peace. The complete set of 11 used on F.D.C. (1 AP 46) at A.P.O. 222,
Kure, Japan. 20/-

- (b) As above. The complete set on F.D.C. 6/6d

SMILING BOY DIE PROOFS.

Reproductions by offset - photo - lithography are available of the
1930 Die Proof as illustrated in our October Bulletin.

This offer represents an opportunity to illustrate an important
feature in the New Zealand Health Stamps story. Reproduction is in black
on card and closely resembles the original die proof in all respects.
Of exceptional philatelic interest 10/-

- 431 (a) Queen on Horseback. The very scarce 10/- (C.P. N16a, S.G. 736) used on
F.D.C. (1MR 54) 45/-

- (b) As above. The complete Q.E. series as issued on March 1st 1954, including
the 3/-, 5/- and 10/- Queen on Horseback, all used on F.D.C. 55/-

- 432 1960 Coil issues. C.P. 02b and 05b, S.G. 782a and 785a, watermark sideways
and perf $14\frac{1}{2} \times 13$. These stamps were withdrawn from sale unexpectedly and
without warning about 18 months ago. They will never be cheaper than they
are to-day as most collectors and dealers were caught without them.
MINT or USED the two 7/6d

AIDS TO WRITING UP.

- 433 A series of photographs (30), notes and articles (12) including Dr. Scott's
"Notes on the Early Cancellations of New Zealand" long out of print and scarce.
All useful and interesting material. 40/-

- 434 UNO. Stencil outfit containing special pen, plastic stencils and black
drawing ink, which with practice and patience produces prize-winning lettering
which is greatly admired in writing up collections for exhibition or display.. 22/6d

STATIONERY.

- 435 Austin Walsh Card. This mini-card ($2\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ ") was issued by a cigarette manu-
facturer as part of an advertising scheme. Printed by the Posts & Telegraphs
Department and impressed with the $\frac{1}{2}$ d Newspaper stamp printed from the original
stereo with the addition of the words "Postage Paid". We have known them fetch
more than our price at auction. MINT. £5.10s.0d. USED. £6.10s.

- 436 Newspaper Wrapper. Three mint 1878-95 wrappers showing the three different
settings of the instructions, and one used example. Used are scarce as they were
usually torn off and thrown away. An attractive collection of material seldom
offered. 4 pieces. 20/-

Instant Paper Identification!

The papers on which New Zealand stamps have been printed figure prominently in all N.Z. Catalogues. The names 'Jones', 'Cowan', 'Wiggins Teape', 'Royal Cypher', 'Chalky', 'Opaque Esparto' and so on constantly recur and while, with experience, they become easily identifiable they are often difficult for the newcomer to "N.Z." Even the experienced collector sometimes needs to refresh his knowledge of the subject. It follows that a reference set of guaranteed stamps, each one illustrating a different paper, is a very valuable aid to anyone who is collecting N.Z. on other than simplified lines. We have prepared such a reference set, described below. The set is very comprehensive covering all papers that are generally met with. In each case we use a different stamp, readily identifiable, as our illustration, in this way avoiding any necessity for marking the stamps. The S.G. No. of the "illustrator" stamp is given - also, for instruction, 'VM' or 'HM' are stated, indicating whether the paper has a vertical or a horizontal mesh. The 'Mesh' is of great importance in 'N.Z.' identification, as is stressed in the notes in our "C.P. Catalogue". Many of the stamps used in the set are mint but where 'used' stamps appear they are guaranteed undamaged - naturally the back of the stamp has been considered (in this set) more important than the face. Omitting the Large Star paper found with the "Chalons" we commence :-

- 1) "Small Star" VM paper used for Newspaper Stamps only. Newspaper Stamp. S.G. 149.
 - 2) "N.Z. & Star Watermark" HM paper with wmk "W 3" as used for both First and Second Sideface (Queen Victoria) sets. This paper has a distance of 6 mm between the 'NZ' and the 'Star'.
6d Sideface, S.G. 183.
 - 3) As above, but watermark 'W4' with vertical mesh and 7 mm between 'NZ' and the 'Star'.
2d black Queen Vic. S.G. 200.
 - 4) As above, the so-called "Life Insurance" paper with VM and only 4 mm between 'NZ' and 'Star'.
1d rose, Sideface. S.G. 188.
- (Note: the above wmk W3, W4 and W5 are not differentiated in S.G. so that the S.G. Nos. quoted are not fully indicative of values).
- 5) Not strictly a 'paper' difference, this is the same paper as (3) above - with advertisement on the back. We use the scarce Sideface, 2d blue, with advert, S.G. 216.
 - 6) The fine, thin paper used for the first, 'London' prints of the 1898 Pictorial. The mesh can be either VM or HM.
1d purple, S.G. 246.
 - 7) The thick soft paper used for the first "Local" prints of the 1898 set. Mesh varies.
1/- Keas, S.G. 285.
 - 8) The thick "Pirie" (Waterlow) VM paper with double-lined watermark NZ and Star. This paper gives a beautiful example of a clear vertical mesh. 1d Terraces, S.G. 298.
 - 9) The Cowan HM paper with no watermark - used for the 1d Mt. Cook and 1d Universal.
1d Universal, used, S.G. 335.
 - 10) The close-set "NZ and Star" paper, HM used for the later issues of the 1898 etc.,
Pictorials 2d Wakatipu, S.G. 383.
- (Note: this paper had the wmk 'bits' set in rows wide apart, for use with large stamps)
- 11) The same paper as (10) but here used for the George V. provisional issue (S.G. 496/500)
1d George V. mint, S.G. 496
 - 12) The more usual HM paper used for George V. Engraved stamps, with closer rows of NZ and Star watermarks.
2d yellow Geo. V. mint, S.G. 481.
 - 13) As (12) but higher grade paper with Esparto fibres, used for Geo V. and other contemporary issues.
1d Airmail, 1935, S.G. 570.

- (14) "De La Rue" HM chalky paper as used 1919-1925 for all N.Z. surface printed stamps.
1¹d brown George V. mint, S.G. 501.
- (15) The scarce highly surfaced thick paper HM used as an experiment in 1915, Cat 20/-
1¹d George V. mint, S.G. 504.
- (16) 'Jones' paper, used in 1925, HM, Chalk surfaced shown on 1¹d Geo. V. Official Mint, S.G. 0102.
- (17) As (14) but with thick brown gum and used sideways, (Sideways HM).
1d Dominion mint, S.G. 526.
- (Note: most of our S.G. 526 show letters watermark !)
- (18) With the lithographed "Watermark" used during a shortage of watermarked paper.
1d Dominion Official, mint, S.G. 0105.
- (19) The Cowan thick soft chalky paper, (HM) used for years for many surface-printed N.Z. issues.
George V. 2d yellow, S.G. 533a.
- (20) As (19) but surfaced on the wrong side in error and so with reversed watermark.
1¹d George V. used.
- (Note: the above stamp is not listed in S.G.)
- (21) The fine VM paper with 'Single' wmk used for the 1935 Pictorials - original issue.
1d Kiwi mint. S.G. 557.
- (22) As above, used sideways (SVM) as always on the 8d stamp.
8d Tuatara mint. S.G. 566.
- (23) as above but the special "Wet printing" with brown gum thickly applied.
2¹d Mt. Cook mint, S.G. 560a.
- (24) The thicker paper with Multiple watermark as used from 1936 to 1940.
1¹d Maori Cooking, mint. S.G. 579.
- (25) The fine but softer paper used for most of the so-called "Blitz" (1940/41) printings.
2d Maori House, perf 12¹/₂, used S.G. 580a.
- (26) The coarse, low quality paper used for late wartime and post war printing.
4d Mitre Peak. S.G. 583c.
- (27) Wiggins Teape, Single wmk VM paper. This is the paper used for several Geo. V. stamps, for Arms Types, Insurance, Postage Dues, etc. The stamp we use for illustration is quite scarce.
9d Panel used, S.G. 626.
- (28) The later Wiggins Teape VM paper with Multiple watermark. Mainly used for "Arms".
2/6d Arms Type, used, S.G. 635.
- (29) As above but with Inverted watermark - as regularly issued for some years, not an error
4/- Arms Type, used, S.G. 636.
- (30) The unsurfaced paper used for only the 1/3d, £1 and 5/- Official Arms.
1/3d Arms, Used, S.G. 634d.
- (31) George VI. The 1938 original VM paper.
1¹d green, mint, S.G. 603.
- (32) George VI. The thinner "St.Cuthberts" VM paper used for the 4d to 9d values, 1947 on.
George VI, 9d mint, S.G. 685.
- (33) George VI. The fine HM paper used for 1¹d, 1d, 1¹/₂d and 3d only.
George 1¹d rose-red, S.G. 605a.
- (34) George VI. The coarse VM paper used for the first issues of the 2d yellow.
George VI. 2d Official, mint, S.G. 0152.
- (35) George VI. The coarse HM paper used for later 2d issues. Geo. VI. 2d, mint, S.G. 680.
- (36) Q.E. Original paper. The VM paper known as "Royal Cypher" used for all 'the original Q.E. set.
Q.E. 1¹d brown, S.G. 725.
- (37) Q.E. White opaque paper. Actually on esparto paper this was introduced in 1958 to replace the poorer quality Royal Cypher paper. 2¹d on 3d mint. S.G. 808.
- (38) 1960 Ordinary paper. This highly surfaced (but not coated) paper was used for all the original set of 1960 Flowers, etc.
4d Puarangi, S.G. 786.
- (39) 1966 Chalky paper. This coated paper was introduced for some values only of the "1960" set.
3d Kowhai, S.G. 785b.

The Reference Set of 39. Catalogued over £5 by S.G. the above set will repay its cost many times over by permitting the ready recognition of scarce stamps.

Price the set 50/-

Footnote: extra papers, not in the above set because in short supply, can be supplied as long as stocks last.

- (a) Basted Mills paper.
- (b) Lisbon Superfine paper.
- (c) Laid paper.

1d Universal mint. 4/6d
6d red Kiwi mint. 17/6d
2/- Milford Sound, mint or used 60/-



PHILATELIC FAUX PAS AGAIN.

(by kind permission of the Editor of "Stamp Collecting")

The S.S. "Dunedin" appears on the 1940 Centenary 6d with bowsprit rigging, but on the 1957 Lamb 8d the rigging is missing.

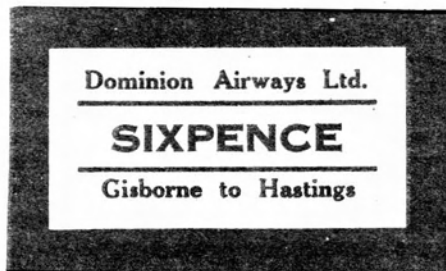
"Dunedin" must have been destined
To meet a dreadful storm,
For when she next appeared we find
Her bowsprit riggings gone.

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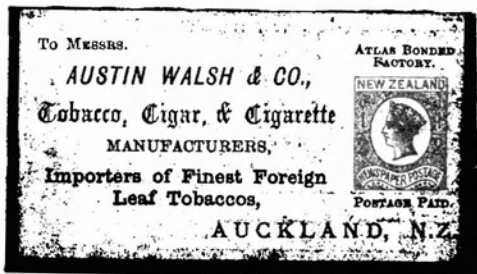
SELLING ?

Collections and single items of New Zealand which appear in auctions are frequently bought by us at prices much below the figure we are prepared to pay. With our tremendous circle of New Zealand customers we can get the right price for good material, recognising varieties and good postmarks overlooked by other prospective purchasers who perhaps value collections at some fraction of catalogue price.

Our stock of most modern issues and all commoner material is ample and in general we cannot handle second grade stamps, but we can use almost any accumulation of postal history material, stamps, covers, collections or single items. If you have any such material to dispose of (New Zealand only, of course) you could find contacting us brings a very pleasant surprise. No waiting for settlement, no commission to pay, on the day we receive your collection, our offer is made, and if it should not be acceptable - no obligation - we only ask that return postage be forwarded. We make this stipulation only as a safeguard against our being asked, in effect, to provide a free valuation! Remember that as the only one country specialists of New Zealand, we can handle any material of this country - to your advantage.



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