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EXCELLENCE IN NEW ZEALAND STAMPS



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NEW ZEALAND NOTES

Our series on the Official stamps concluded that we weren't all breaking the law putting them in our collections.

But Jim Lawrance of Opotiki took the opportunity to follow up a line of enquiry which has puzzled him for years - a tangled web indeed.

Your piece about Official stamps persuades me to put something on paper that has always puzzled me. The Q.E. 4d. Official on gum story in Vol. IV, Chapter XXX, p.346-347. I have a copy of the stamp which you supplied many years ago.

One sheet was received at the CPO Christchurch where it was broken into FOUR UNEQUAL parts and issued to FOUR different Government Departments.

HALF (120) was sent to a Field Office of the Forestry Service. A clerk (presumably Forest Service) noticed the error and returned it to Headquarters. It was exchanged by a Christchurch counter clerk for correct stamps. A collector noticed that the watermark was inverted and reversed and asked for THIRTY copies. (NZPO Regulations permitted the sale of Official stamps for philatelic purposes), so the request was granted and other collectors got the rest. 90?

Questions: How was a collector able to notice the watermark?
Where in the Post Office did the discovery and sales take place?

That accounts for half the sheet; there remain THREE more UNEQUAL parts. FORTY copies were sent to a Branch - where? - of the Justice Department. A clerk used FIFTEEN of them by pasting them on correspondence. The remaining TWENTY-FIVE were still in stock when the story was published. An equivalent number of the normal stamps were purchased and the errors acquired by collectors.

Questions: Where were the TWENTY-FIVE normal stamps purchased?
How and where from did collectors acquire the errors?

This leaves EIGHTY copies in TWO unequal parts. SOME of these were used on correspondence but MOST of them passed into the hands of collectors.

Questions: How many stamps were contained in each of these TWO unequal parts? Not 120 and not 40 - those are accounted for. 20 and 60? 30 and 50? Or what? Which two Government Departments received them? Last, and perhaps most pertinently, how did the remainder of those EIGHTY copies get into the hands of collectors?

The quoted Reference states that the Regulations did allow the normal purchase of Official stamps over the counter for philatelic use, but not for postage on public correspondence, so I suppose that would "put you out of your misery". But it does not solve the mystery of how the gum errors got distributed.

"It was lovely to receive the first consignment of stamps yesterday, and they are in wonderful condition." - HMC, Tauranga

When first used, the first electrotype booklet plates of the Halfpenny Edward and Penny Dominion had no buffer bars added to protect the plates from wear and no commercial advertisements were provided by way of interleaving; the cost of providing the stamps in booklet form was provided by replacing one halfpenny stamp with an ornamental star. For the 1912 printings, when buffer bars were included in the plate between the stamps (though not at the top, bottom, or right-hand side), the cost of supplying the stamps as booklets was covered by advertisements on the covers and as interleaving panes, which were printed in black on rather coarse paper. These "partly barred" booklets, or panes from them, can usually be distinguished from those from later printings by the fact that they are usually less than 60mm wide.

For the 1913 printings, buffer bars were added at the top, bottom, and right-hand side of the plate and the booklets were guillotined to a width of 60-61mm. Little is known about the printing of the advertisements, or the procedure adopted for including them in booklets. Several booklets from these printings have been made available to the writer by other collectors and the abbreviated details are recorded below. It will be noted that examples are provided of advertisements provided by Auckland, Wellington, and Dunedin advertisers: and that the two booklets with Wellington based advertisements are not identical. The covers are designated C1, C2, C3, C4.

- (a) Booklet with wellington-based advertisements and blue covers, from Mr. M.C. Stanley's collection:

C1/C2 NZ P and T/Red Jacket Tobacco
1/2 Chas. Begg and Co. (Wellington)/D.I.C. (Wellington)
3/4 Missing/Missing
5/6 Gerstena Porridge/Nazol
7/8 The Cambridge Shirt/Sea Saw (Wellington)
9/10 Harrington's (Wellington)/Highlander Milk
11/12 Missing/Missing
C3/C4 The Daisy Damper (Wellington)/Baldwin and Rayward
(Wellington)

- (b) Booklet with Dunedin-based advertisements, from Mr. M.C. Stanley's collection:

C1/C2 Missing/Missing
1/2 Missing/Missing
3/4 Missing/Missing
5/6 Gerstena Porridge/Nazol
7/8 Dunlop/Wertheim Machines (Dunedin)
9/10 N.Z.G. Tourist Bureau/Highlander Milk
11/12 Kaitangata Coal (Dunedin)/Perforated Razor Hone
(Dunedin)
C3/C4 T.P. Williamson (Dunedin)/Baldwin and Rayward
(Wellington)

- (c) Partial Booklet in my collection, probably from the 1913 printing (panes 61mm wide), with blue covers, Edward and Dominion panes from the first electrotype booklet plates, and Auckland-based advertisements, as underlined in the list below, identical with those in Mr. B.L. Symonds'

BOOKLETS (Contd.)

booklet without stamps and in Mr. Alan Wilson's booklet without stamps; both these have all the advertisements in the list below.

- (c) C1/C2 NZ P and T/Red Jacket Tobacco
 1/2 E and F Piano Agent Ltd., 191 Queen Street, Auckland/
Highlander Condensed Milk
 3/4 Zealandia Shirts/Kohns's Jewellery, 178 Queen Street,
Auckland
 5/6 Walker and Coakley Auctioneers, High Street, Auckland/
Suckling, 52 Queen Street, Auckland
 7/8 John Tann's Safes (agents Sargood Son and Ewen Ltd.)/
Crown Clothing Manufacturing Company, Elliott Street,
Auckland (behind the Strand Arcade)
 9/10 Clarke Brothers Furniture, 161-163 Karangahape Road,
Auckland/Burnett's Registry, Servants Town and
Country, Karangahape Road, Auckland
 11/12 Cambridge Shirt/Perforated Razor Hone (A.L. Pike,
9 Safe Deposit Buildings, Auckland)
 C3/C4 Porter's Dye Works/Baldwin and Rayward (Wellington)

- (d)* Partial booklet supplied as photocopies by Mr. B.L. Symonds, with one Penny Dominion apparently from the first booklet plate in its third (fully barred) setting and with three halfpenny Edwards, including stamp 4 not showing the N-flaw: hence apparently from the 1913 printings; advertisements are Wellington-based.

- C1/C2 NZ P and T/Red Jacket Tobacco
 1/2 Missing/Missing
 3/4 Sea-Saw (Wellington)/The Cambridge Shirt
 5/6 Gerstena Porridge/Nazol
 7/8 Dunlop/Amber Tips Tea
 9/10 Harrington's (Wellington)/Highlander Milk
 11/12 NZ Government Tourist Bureau/Tye Perforated Razor
 Hone (L.G. Porter, Wellington)
 C3/C4 The Daisy Damper/Baldwin and Rayward (Wellington)

Messrs. M.C. Stanley, B.A. Symonds and A. Wilson are thanked for the information they have provided.

OFFER OF THE MONTH

(See illustration front page)

500 (a) A6a (SG:3) THE LONDON SHILLING OF 1855 A four-margined lightly postmarked copy of this magnificent rarity (CP cat. \$6750 in 1986). A vertical crease and tear at base allow us to sell this exquisite-looking stamp at a giveaway price for such an item. Fine deep colour and ivory "head" on reverse. Only in CPNLM\$1250.00

"I really enjoy reading your Newsletter which is full of thought-provoking material!" - BT, Victoria, Australia

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

All prices in this Newsletter are quoted INCLUSIVE of GST. No addition will be made for tax on supplies to NZ clients.

OVERSEAS CLIENTS All offers in this Newsletter are subject to a standard 10% reduction. Quotations are in New Zealand dollars. The only exceptions are material sold "on behalf" which carries no GST. Ask for details when you order.

SELECTION OF PROOFS AND PRESENTATION STAMPS

Check the prices! In some cases a presentation copy or specimen is a relatively cheap and highly satisfactory way of filling a gap. This month's offering is keenly priced!

FULL FACE QUEENS

- 93 (a) Hausberg reprints - on thick paper. Superb complete set of seven singles - all four margins - all fine. 1d. (worn), 2d. (Plate 1), 2d. (Plate 2), 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/- - all in black (scarce complete) \$225.00

FIRST SIDEFACES

- 94 (a) 6d. BLUE (C5c) "Specimen" with serifs, Purple, 15 mm, LH ... \$95.00
 (b) 2/- CLARET (C7a) "Specimen" (Ditto) o/c to left - LH. Large part o.g. Copy (cat. \$900) \$275.00
 (c) 2/- CLARET (C7a) Copy with presentation cancellation (coin type) neatly over corner. Centred left - no gum \$225.00
 (d) 5/- GREY "Specimen" o/p as (b). No gum - beautifully centred. Short corner at top \$125.00

SECOND SIDEFACES

- 95 (a) 3d. Yellow, 4d. Green, 5d. Black, 1/- Red-brown All perf. 10 - all with advertisements on back. 3d. is "Brown" Cat. at \$445. All o/p "Specimen". All no gum - super! \$175.00
 (b) 6d. Brown, 8d. Blue, 1/- Red-brown Set of three (8d - 2 x pulled perfs), no gum set. Cat. at \$340. All o/p "Specimen" \$145.00
 (c) Set of Plate Proofs in Imperf. Blocks of Four on Cream, Surfaced Unwatermarked Paper Original issued values. 1d. (Die 3), 2d. (Die 3), 3d., 4d., 6d., Die 1), 6d. (Die 2), 8d., 1/-. The eight plate proof blocks - nice \$120.00
 (d) Ditto 1d. "Widow's Weeds" in Die proof, thin toned wove paper \$75.00

JUNIOR SPOT BY VAL MCFARLANE

COLOUR TRIALS Proofs in colour made by stamp printers for experimental purposes and to enable officials to make a suitable selection of colours.

1898 PICTORIALS

- 96 (a) Set of Four Colour Trials in Ungummed Imperf Blocks of Four
 ½d. Sepia (second design), 1d. Lake-purple, 2d. Brown-red.
 Spectacular set \$20.00
 Ditto in singles \$5.00
 Or ½d. value \$1.00
- (b) 5/- Mt. Cook Imperf. proof in Vermilion - no watermark.
 Huge margins \$150.00
- (c) ½d. Mt. Cook (2nd design) and 6d. Kiwi (redrawn) In un-
gummed watermarked blocks of four - imperf - few stains.
 Block proofs \$25.00
 Or singles \$5.00
 Or ½d. Black \$1.00
- (d) The 1898 Pictorial Set in Presentation Copies Short set
 (all with two parallel line cancellations over corner), o.g.,
 (LH). ½d. Purple, ½d. Green, 1d. Taupo, 2d. Pembroke
 Peak, 2½d. Wakatipu, 3d. (redrawn) Huia, 4d. Terraces, 5d.
 Otira, 6d. Kiwi (Green), 6d. Kiwi Red (reduced), 8d. Canoe,
 9d. Terraces, 1/- Kea & Kaka, 1/- (redrawn), 2/- Milford
 Sound, 1d. Terraces, 1½d. Boer War, 2d. Pembroke (Purple),
 4d. Lake Taupo. Cat. at nearly \$700. This is a "Xmas
 Special" for the collector with gaps to fill or a presenta-
 tion stamp collection \$325.00
- (e) As above In singles (all presentation cancellations).
 1d. Terraces \$5.00
 2d. Pembroke Purple \$4.00
 4d. Lake Taupo \$6.00
 2½d. Wakatipu \$9.00
 8d. Canoe \$20.00
- (f) As above Scarce issues in singles - all presentation two-
line cancellations, o.g., LH. Never again!
 3d. Huia (redrawn) - cat. \$50 \$30.00
 6d. Kiwi (Green) - cat. \$85 \$50.00
 6d. Kiwi (reduced) - cat. \$55 \$35.00
 1/- Kea & Kaka (redrawn) - cat. \$225 \$150.00
 2/- Milford Sound - cat. \$150 \$95.00
- (g) 2½d. Wakatipu London Print Unwatermarked colour trial in
 Deep Purple. LH - perforated (pulled corner) \$10.00

KING EDWARD VII

- 97 (a) ½d. Black Set of two plate proof blocks of four (a) Imperf
unwatermarked, ungummed, (b) Perf. 14 x 15, gummed, water-
marked (de la Rue paper) \$50.00
- (b) ½d. Ditto Single perf. etc., and pair of imperf thicker
glazed card \$15.00
 Or single, perf., wmk., gum \$5.00
- (c) Set, Four Presentation Copies (Wmk. corner lines) 1d.
Universal, ½d. Green, 3d. Chestnut, 1/- Orange (Official).
 LH - cat. \$150 \$65.00
- (d) 1d. UNIVERSAL Block of four black plate proof on thick
 card (surface printing plate) \$40.00

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1d. DOMINION

- 98 (a) Comprehensive set of plate proofs etc. Mainly blocks of four. (a) Black on heavy card, (b) on thick orange card - black, (c) on gummed de la Rue paper (wnk.), imperf. (d) ditto perf. (e) ditto imperf. surfaced, unwatermarked paper (printed both sides) (f) presentation stamp (black corner lines) (Jlc). Super ready-to-mount set \$125.00
- (b) Another set (a) From booklet plate (steel), block of four (black) showing selvedge bars sides and interrupted bars in binding selvedge, (b) on orange card - block of four, (c) imperf. de la Rue paper (d) presentation cancelled copy \$70.00
- (c) Booklet Block as Above Bars in binding selvedge \$20.00
- (d) Single Proofs - in black (main plates) Orange card \$5.00
De la Rue paper \$5.00
- (e) Booklet plate (steel) Fine double (unguillotined) pair of panes joined vertically - in black. Continuous side bars. Excellent example of booklet proof material - excellent for 1d. Dominion collectors \$60.00

KING GEORGE V

- 99 (a) Recess Plates - Proofs In black watermarked paper - imperf. 1½d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 4½d., 6d., 7½d., 9d., 1/- . Nice short set \$125.00
Or blocks 3d., or 1/- \$20.00
Or set of pairs 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 4½d., 6d., 7½d., 1/- \$60.00
- (b) Surface Printed Pairs 2d. watermarked (black) \$10.00
½d. in Green (wnk.) \$15.00
½d. Dark Green on coarse paper \$15.00
- (c) ½d. Booklet (steel plate) Block of four (bars). ½d. Green on glazed card and 1½d. (London) black on wnk. de la Rue paper - both in blocks of four \$50.00
- (d) From Steel Booklet Plate ½d. value in black. Single pane with selvedge bars \$35.00
Double (unguillotined) panes vertically ditto \$75.00
- (e) Recess 4½d. value Presentation (lines) cancel \$10.00

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SUPERB SELECTION OF COVERS

(See Illustration Sheet This Month)

Remember, CP Ltd are keen buyers of any fine New Zealand covers with strong Postal History interest. Airmails, earthquakes, slogans - you name it - we buy it.

- 111 (a) 1880 (6 Feb.) Beautifully clean and simple item, Dunedin to Cromwell. Dunedin duplex and back-stamped Cromwell FE 10 80. "Butterworth Bros." embossed flap and 2d. First Sideface, p. 12 x 11½. Cleanest cover of this period we've seen \$20.00
- (b) 1894 (29 Nov.) Registered cover, Wellington to Pennsylvania. Ringed "R" and 2½d. and 3d. Second Sidefaces (both p.10) - 3d. bears "Fry's Cocoa" adson. Pristine item, if heavy strikes. Wellington "A" class \$95.00
- (c) 1894 (8 Nov.) "Saved from Wreck of the 'Wairarapa'". Queensland to Southland. 2d. Lilac Victoria (SG.245). A fine strike of the "Saved from" cachet and cover in generally good condition. Backstamped "Auckland". "Found Open/Officially Sealed" and resealed with label at Auckland \$400.00
- (d) 1914 (25 June) Auckland to England. Fine example of early Auckland meter frank (Type No. 6, PSNZ, Vol. III, p.431) on Wilson & Horton Ltd. embossed stationery. An interesting example of the use of meter franks on overseas mail in the period before recognition by the UPU in October 1921. Our example falls into the period after 1 January 1910 when meter franked mail to the UK was stamped with a "Paid" marking - overseas mail being made up at the CPO, Auckland. Fine strike of the Auckland 1d. "Paid" marking. Condition excellent \$150.00
- (e) 1919 (31 July) Christchurch to Philadelphia. Superb example of early slogan "Give Preference to the Men". 1½d. Orange-brown surface printed George V and "Passed by the Military Censor" cachet. Fine example \$40.00
- (f) 1929 (4 July) Fanning Island to Dunedin. Superb cover with excellent strike of the Fanning Island date stamp. No other markings \$90.00
- (g) 1931 (15 February) Napier to Whangarei. "Earthquake Area" endorsed cover on "Nelson Park Refugee Camp, Napier", sent during the postage free period just after the Great Earthquake of 1931. Good strike of Napier CDS and general condition fine to superb. Important item \$425.00
- (h) 1941 (30 June) Prisoner of War cover. New Zealand via Central Agency for Prisoners of War in Geneva, Switzerland. Addressed to POW "Believed Prisoner of War". Destination completed officially with NZEF number and Swiss destination. "Opened by Censor" label and cachet in purple. Boxed "Exempt from Postage" cachet: postmarked Gore. A cover in exceptional condition \$250.00
- (i) 1955 (23 September) London to Wanganui registered cover, compulsorily re-registered in Wanganui on arrival. Two strikes of the error "Compulsory Registered" (see Vol. IV page 499, PSNZ). The re-registration in New Zealand is a mystery, but as the cover has been readdressed from Wellington to Wanganui it may have been the result of its contents or of re-sealing after opening in Wellington (no evidence of the latter). NZ QE II 1/- and GB 5/- and 2/6d. \$80.00