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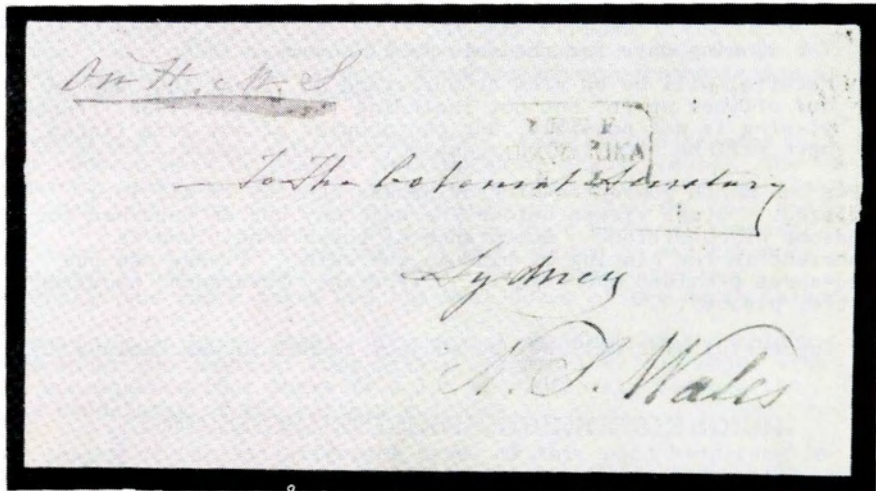
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SPECIAL "ROYAL 100"
POSTAL HISTORY SALE 1855-1862
BY POSTAL TENDER

We present with pleasure this month a new type of sale for CP Limited - sale by postal tender.

This is occasioned by our handling "on behalf" an outstanding collection of Routes, Rates and Markings from this important "stampless" period - that which falls between the first issuance of postage stamps and their compulsory usage (i.e. stamp use was an optional method of prepayment).

Bidders in the sale please note the following:

- * Lots will be sold to the highest bidder at his bid price.
- * Reserves apply on all lots and are not related to estimates given.
- * Campbell Paterson Ltd reserves the right to refuse any bid.
- * No Buy Bids, please.
- * The closing date for the sale is 11 November 1988.
- * Material will be on view at our stand at "Royal 100" and in our offices up to, but not including 11 November 1988. Postal viewing is not possible, but photocopies of any lots listed here will be supplied on request (SAE, please).

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Campbell Paterson Limited has the greatest pleasure in offering their warmest good wishes to the officers and members of the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand Inc. on their staging the fine "Royal 100" Exhibition in Wellington, October 1988

Please refer to listing on p.6

Petre Crowned Circle (A1, A2) The Post Office at Petre was opened on 31 May 1842 and renamed Wanganui on 26 January 1854. The handstamp remained unchanged through its known usage. Letters would have travelled to Wellington via coastal ship as the overland route would have taken three days or more.

New Plymouth Date Stamp Error (A3) The "z" of New Zealand is reversed and the usage December 1853 until July 1860. The mails from Wellington to New Plymouth and back to Wellington were from 15 May 1854 on a weekly basis, taking some five days in each direction.

Incoming Mail - United Kingdom to New Zealand (A4) 1840 to 1857, uniform "all-in" rate of 8d. (sea postage on all letters sent by the Post Office). This applied to "private" vessels if the letter bore instructional endorsement "Private", otherwise the letter was despatched by the Post Office on a contract vessel at the packet rate. 1857 was about the end of the general period of the 8d. Ship Letter charge. By this time the standard colonial rate of 6d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. on Post Office contract steamers extended to most of the Empire and carriage by private ships had ceased.

Sydney Numerical Handstamp (A5) It was a common practice to entrust letters to masters of ships travelling to New South Wales privately or "per favour" then for onwards transmission by the Postal Service from Sydney.

Overland Mail (A9) The Overland Mail route was instigated by Capt. Hobson when he visited Wellington in August 1841. The primary reason for its introduction was that a European settlement had just been established at Wanganui. Between 1841 and 1860 this service operated at first on foot by Maori runners, and later by a police constable. Still later it was taken by horseback, until in 1861 it was left to contract carriers. Generally the route taken was the West Coast of the North Island.

Crowned Circle Otago (A10) The postal services of the colony came under the Imperial Post Office between 1843 and 1850, with the consequence that there is a lot of similarity between the paid handstamps of the various colonies.

The larger of the two different types of this paid handstamp in use at various Post Offices in the colony. Known usage of this paid handstamp at Otago Post Office is from October 1846 to November 1856.

Port Victoria Crowned Circle (A11) This Crowned Circle marking is larger than the ones in use at Auckland, Wellington, Petre, New Plymouth, Nelson and Russell. Known usage of this handstamp is from August 1849 to October 1861.

Numerical Handstamps - Wellington (A13) Known usage of these handstruck marks is from December 1848 to March 1862.

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Plymouth Numerical Handstamp (A14) Although the Crimean War had halted the P & O Steamers from Sydney, private vessels were still plying the trade from New Zealand and Australia.

European and Australian Royal Mail Service (A15) This service was started when the P & O Steamers on the Sydney Line were cut out altogether during the period of the Crimean War. The items for the new Australian contract were not acceptable to the P & O Shipping Line. This Royal Mail service operated directly from Sydney, Suez, Southampton, with a total of seven vessels on the trade. The SS "European" departed Sydney on the 11 March 1857, arriving Southampton 9 May 1857.

On Her Majesty's Service (A16) Letter from the Colonial Secretary's Office, evidence that all Government Departments had to pay postage and did not enjoy free postage of mail.

Auckland to Sydney (A18) Prior to August 1854 New Zealand had no regular shipping service to Australia and return. The Auckland Provincial Government arranged a monthly contract in order to bring the English mails from Sydney and to return with Auckland's mail.

Local Posts - Province of Otago (A19) A proclamation dated 21 January 1857 published in the Otago Provincial Government Gazette, No. 47, Vol. 3, stated the local post rate "on every letter not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. in weight, two pence". Local Post rates were established under the Local Posts Act 1856.

Local Posts - Province of Auckland (A21, A23, A24) The Auckland Proclamation was published in the Auckland Provincial Government Gazette No 3, Vol 6, 12 February 1857. Under the "Local Posts Act of 1856" "Postage stamps will not be allowed to be used for payment of local postage rates in the Auckland province."

European and Australian Royal Mail Service (A22) This service took up where the P & O Line left off at the beginning of the Crimean War operating its service from Sydney, Suez, Southampton, from October 1856 to March 1859. With the introduction of the Australian Mail Packet Service mails from New Zealand to the United Kingdom had to be pre-paid with no additional payments or charges on delivery. Letters travelled by SS "Simla" departing Sydney 11 February 1858 and arriving Southampton 6 April 1858.

Instructional Markings - Too Late (A30) The mark "Too Late" applied to mail received at the Post Office too late for the mails of the day and in order to make sure that no undue criticism was levelled at the Post Office, this marking was applied either by handstamp or manuscript. Some Post Offices were provided with a "Too Late" handstamp while at others Post Masters were required to carry out the regulations and apply the mark in manuscript in red ink. This handstruck mark is known to have been in use at the Auckland Post Office from 1859 to 1875. Letter by SS "Benares" departed Sydney 14 November 1859 and arrived at Southampton 12 January 1860.

Manuscript - Paid at Mahurangi (A32) The Post Office was opened at Mahurangi on 20 December 1856, but was not issued with a date stamp until 24 May 1862.

Rangiora (A33) The Rangiora Post Office opened on the 1 May 1858. Perkins Bacon obliterator No. "17" was in use firstly at Christchurch from 1855 until 1858 when it was transferred to Rangiora.

Timaru (A34) The Post Office at Timaru officially opened on 1 May 1858. Perkins Bacon type canceller No. "5" came into use at the Post Office in Timaru in early 1860.

Petre (A35) The Perkins Bacon obliterator No. "12" was in use from 1858 onwards.

Ahuriri (A37) The Post Office at Ahuriri was officially opened on 27 February 1852 with the name being changed to Napier on 2 May 1858. A No. "11" obliterator was supplied to the Ahuriri Sub-Office in 1855.

France to New Zealand (A41) The first Postal Regulations between the two countries were received in a letter from the General Post Office, London, dated 23 February 1857.

Registered Letters (A45, 46, 47) First notice of registration for letters in the colony is dated 9 May 1855, when for a registration fee of 6d letters or packets could be registered and posted one hour before the closing of the mail.

End of Australian Service (A48) This fourth phase of the mail contract started in January 1861 and finished in December of the same year. Route taken - Sydney, Melbourne, Galle, Aden, Suez, Alexandria, Southampton.

Newton Post Office (A50) The Post Office was opened on 5 January 1861, but did not receive a date stamps until 1868; earliest recorded mail coming into this office

Auckland Paid Datestamp (A51) This unframed "Paid" datestamp was used at the Auckland Post Office on official correspondence, but occasionally it was used on other mail. Known usage is from June 1860 to March 1862. This datestamp is also known to have been used at the Military Camp at Pokeno, south of Auckland, the letter being carried free under the Commandant's signature.

Final Month of M/S and Handstruck Markings (A52, 53) An Order in Council signed 3 February 1862, made public on 6 February 1862 and to be effective from 1 April 1862, revoked all previous postal regulations and announced the new postal regulations, one of which was that all postage was to be collected in future by means of postage stamps.

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POSTAL TENDER SALE

Note on manuscript markings: Red numbers indicated "Postage Paid" and black "To Pay" in this period.

<u>Lot</u>		<u>Estimate</u>
A1	1855 (26 JULY) PETRE TO WELLINGTON One of the finest strikes of the "Paid at Petre" Crowned Circle handstamp extant (in red). M/s "2" in Red (Paid) arr. 28 July. (<i>Illus.</i>)	\$2750.00
A2	1859 (22 SEPT.) PETRE TO LONDON Petre Crowned Circle handstamp (slightly worn) and Wellington unframed c.d.s. M/s in Red "6d. Paid". Cover, small tears and soiled.....	\$1250.00
A3	1855 (10 SEPT.) WELLINGTON TO NEW PLYMOUTH Stampless circular unframed c.d.s. "New Plymouth" with "z" reversed. Handstruck "2" black "To Pay". This weekly mail took five days in each direction (from 15.5.1854.). Wellington arr. c.d.s. Cover spiked	\$400.00
A4	1855 (13 SEPT.) CHELTENHAM TO AUCKLAND Incoming mail UK to NZ. M/s "8" red - "all in" rate sea postage. M/S "2" black. Incoming ship letter rate. Cheltenham c.d.s.; "Paid". Auckland c.d.s.....	\$175.00
A5	1855 (11 OCT.) ONEHUNGA TO GLASGOW Folded lettersheet bearing example of large handstruck figure "5" in use at the Chief Post Office, Sydney, NSW, from 1852. Sydney c.d.s. Australian Packet Liverpool c.d.s. Glasgow c.d.s. No NZ markings. Cover various folds, but fine. Believed unique (<i>Illus.</i>).....	\$875.00
A6	1855 (12 NOV.) WELLINGTON TO WANGANUI Wellington c.d.s. Petre c.d.s. Handstruck "2". Petre in Black "To Pay". Discoloured fold	\$250.00
A7	1856 (10 NOV.) WELLINGTON TO PETRE Markings as above.....	\$225.00
A8	1855 (17 DEC.) and 1857 (28 DEC.) WELLINGTON TO WANGANUI Two lettersheets - descriptions as above. Fine	\$480.00
A9	1856 (JAN), 1857 (AUG.), 1861 (FEB.) Three covers "Per Overland Mail" Wellington to Petre showing part of the period of the overland mail. Fine	\$600.00
A10	1856 (17 JAN.) OTAGO TO LONDON Slightly soiled cover showing the very rare "Paid at Otago" Crowned Circle handstamp. M/s "4" red (double letter rate) 1/4d. black. One of the rarest Crowned Circles - fair, fully identifiable strike. (<i>Illus.</i>)...	\$1200.00
A11	1856 (8 JUNE) PORT VICTORIA TO IRELAND Fine lettersheet showing the Port Victoria Crowned Circle in red with red "2" m/s. "8" m/s (black) Port Victoria c.d.s., London c.d.s., Dublin c.d.s. (<i>Illus.</i>).....	\$1200.00
A12	1857 (19 JUNE) CHRISTCHURCH TO WELLINGTON Port Victoria Crowned Circle handstamp - magnificent strike with red "2" m/s. Port Victoria and Wellington c.d.s. Superb and rare. (<i>Illus.</i>).....	\$975.00
A13	1856 (14 JULY) and 1857 (26 OCT.) Two covers Wellington to Wanganui showing the large impressed handstamps in black. "2" and "4" (Postage to Pay). Examples of single and double rate inland letters	\$400.00

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- A14 1856 (4 NOV.) AUCKLAND TO LEICESTER Plymouth (England) numerical handstamp "8d." struck on arrival (in black), indicating collection of the private ship letter rate charges. (Perfect strike). Auckland unframed c.d.s., Plymouth ship letter c.d.s. London receiving c.d.s., Leicester c.d.s. Crowned Circle "Paid at Auckland" and handstruck "2" in red (2d. Paid). Carried by private vessel. Cover of fine appearance, if a little worn. Very rare indeed - 8d. marking in use 1855-1857 only. (*Illus.*)..... \$675.00
- A15 1857 (3 JAN.) WELLINGTON TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE European and Australian Royal Mail Service. Fine lettersheet carries Wellington Crowned Circle in red. M/s "2" red and "6" black (To Pay). M/s also "No. 31" in black, signifying number of letters in bundle, this being the top letter. Wellington, London receiving and Worksop c.d.s. (9 May 1857). Endorsed "Per Oliver Lang" contract vessel to Province of Wellington. (Great interest) \$500.00
- A16 1857 (5 JAN.) AUCKLAND TO NEW PLYMOUTH Example of OHMS with "Postage Paid". Auckland Crowned Circle red and m/s "10" red ("Paid") (2½oz. rate) ex the Colonial Secretary's office - evidence that Government Departments paid postage in this period. Cover torn and damaged, but important item \$450.00
- A17 1857 (27 JAN.) OENHUNGA TO GLASGOW Example of London numerical handstamp, small "d" large "6", indicating Postage Due (in black) for packet boat or private ship charges. Auckland Crowned Circle red. Handstruck "2" in red..... \$350.00
- A18 1857 (31 JAN.) AUCKLAND TO SYDNEY Good example of Auckland Crowned Circle in red and handstruck "2" in red. Ship letter Sydney c.d.s. Cover stained and aged. Good example. \$350.00
- A19 1857 (15 APRIL) OTAGO LOCAL LETTER Slightly stained cover, bearing SG.5, showing local post rate (Otago 2d. per ½oz.), effective 21.1.1857 to 10.10.1858. M/s "2" black. Only recorded example of Otago local post (Exhibition piece)..... \$1500.00
- A20 1857 (15 JULY) ONEHUNGA TO SCOTLAND Superb folded lettersheet bearing only known example of the Auckland Crowned Circle "Paid" impressed in black in error. M/s "6" red. Cover vetted and expertised and fully guaranteed. Superb and unique. (*Illus.*)..... \$2350.00
- A21 1857 (25 DEC.) CUYONG NSW TO AUCKLAND Example of Province of Auckland local post on damaged and untidy cover. Black "2" (local post to pay). Cover bears three 2d. Diadem (damaged). The cover was rated on arrival..... \$350.00
- A22 1858 (28 JAN.) WELLINGTON TO SCOTLAND Wellington Crowned Circle red and m/s "6" red. Example of European and Australian Royal Mail Service. Superb strike and cover..... \$400.00
- A23 1858 (1 FEB.) BATHURST TO AUCKLAND Auckland provincial local posts. Postage payable shown as "2 + 2 = 4", making up 2d. for the New Zealand inland rate and 2d. for the local post charge. Cover addressed to Otahuhu (i.e. outside Auckland postal area). Fine cover, if slightly tatty. 3 x 2d. NSW Diadem \$500.00

"It is with great excitement and enthusiasm that I received your supplement for my catalogue. The updated information and prices are of great benefit to me and my collection". - KF, Canada

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<u>Lot</u>		<u>Estimate</u>
A24	1858 (4 JUNE) BATHURST TO AUCKLAND Cover as above, but rated 2d. in error, then corrected to 4d., showing imposition of inland and local post rates	\$575.00
A25	1858 (14 JUNE) NORWICH TO AUCKLAND Very fine cover bearing 6d. Lilac and handstruck "2" in black. Cover addressed to Brookby, near Auckland (outside postal area). 2d. Inland Rate has been charged, but the local post rate of 2d. is not indicated and may not have been collected	\$450.00
A26	1858 (22 JULY) MAURITIUS TO TASMANIA The cover has been sent to Auckland and bears the very rare "Missent to New Zealand" handstamp in black, used at Auckland. Auckland c.d.s. Oct. 23 1858 and Tasmanian ship letter marking in red. The cover has the stamp removed, but is the best strike of only two covers and one front known to exist with this marking. MAJOR EXHIBITION ITEM. (<i>Illus.</i>)	\$5000.00
A27	1858 (24 JULY) NELSON TO AUCKLAND Inland Mail. Fine small cover bearing superb strike of Nelson Crowned Circle. M/s "2" in red. Transit time 54 days. A fine example of one of the rarest of the Crowned Circle handstamps. (<i>Illus.</i>)	\$1500.00
A28	1858 (29 NOV.) AUCKLAND TO TARANAKI Faded OHMS cover from the Native Secretary's office, bearing Auckland Crowned Circle and red m/s "4". New Plymouth c.d.s. with inverted "z". Rare and possibly unique	\$1400.00
A29	1859 (12 FEB.) BATHURST TO OTAHUHU No black "charge markings". Fine cover confirms the revoking of NZ Inland Rate and local post charges effective 10 October 1858. PROVING COVER	\$575.00
A30	1859 (28 SEPT.) AUCKLAND TO LONDON Cover with damaged fold - large part strike of Auckland Crowned Circle. Example of "Too Late" handstamp. Superb and rare	\$550.00
A31	1860 (17 JAN.) WELLINGTON TO WANGANUI Wellington Crowned Circle and m/s "4" red. Endorsed "Per Wonga Wonga" - see notes. Glorious strike of Wellington Crowned Circle	\$500.00
A32	1860 (23 JAN.) MAHURANGI TO ENGLAND Superb example of the m/s "Paid at Mahurangi" in Mauve ink. M/s red "6" and pale unframed Auckland "Paid" c.d.s. Earliest known item from this Post Office. Very fine (ex Hunter). (<i>Illus.</i>)	\$2500.00
A33	1860 (2 MAR.) RANGIORA TO CHRISTCHURCH Fine cover with 2d. FFQ. Inland Letter Rate 2d. Rangiora obliterators "17" and c.d.s. Kaiapoi and Christchurch c.d.s. (Proving cover)	\$550.00
A34	1860 (14 MAR.) TIMARU TO NELSON Fine small front and flap with 2d. FFQ (SG.10) obliterated "5". Timaru, Christchurch, Port Victoria and Nelson c.d.s. Proving cover and earliest recorded strike of Timaru unframed c.d.s. and oblitt. "5"	\$650.00
A35	1860 (21 JUNE) PETRE TO NEW PLYMOUTH Fine small cover with 2d. (SG.9) obliterated "12". Petre, Wellington and New Plymouth c.d.s.	\$350.00
A36	1860 (10 JULY) RANGIORA TO LYTTELTON Fine stampless wrapper (slight tear) with m/s "2" red. Rangiora, Kaiapoi, Christchurch and Port Victoria c.d.s.	\$750.00
A37	1860 (25 JULY) AHURIRI (NAPIER) TO WELLINGTON Fine letter-sheet bears 2d. (SG.10), obliterated "11". Ahuriri and Wellington c.d.s.	\$375.00

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
A38 1860 (20 AUG.) WELLINGTON TO WANGANUI Fine stampless cover endorsed "Per Overland Mail" and Wellington Crowned Circle (fair strike). M/s "2" in red. Petre c.d.s.....	\$300.00
A39 1861 (28 JAN) WELLINGTON TO WANGANUI Superb strike of Wellington Crowned Circle - other details as above. Fine ...	\$425.00
A40 1860 (26 SEPT.) MELBOURNE TO ONEHUNGA Nice (if slightly tatty) cover. Bears forwarding agent Wright Bros. & Co., Melbourne, in double-lined oval h.s. (Victoria SG.92 pair). Auckland transit c.d.s. Rare (unrecorded in Rowe).....	\$225.00
A41 1860 (19 SEPT.) TOURS (FRANCE) TO WAIRAU Fine cover bearing 2 x 40c Vermilion and "PP" boxed handstamp. Tours and Nantes c.d.s. London, Nelson and Picton c.d.s. Absolutely superb	\$1875.00
A42 1861 (8 JULY) WELLINGTON TO FRANCE Wellington Crowned Circle (superb strike) and m/s "9" in red. Handstamp "10" (10 centimes) in black "To Pay". Wellington c.d.s. Australie. V. Suez AMB c.d.s. "Paris" and "Paris A. Forbach" c.d.s. Champagne c.d.s. Very fine indeed	\$875.00
A43 1861 (9 JAN.) KAIAPOI TO LYTTELTON M/s "4" (Inland Rate for 1oz.). Kaipoi, Christchurch, Lyttelton c.d.s. (Scarce multiple rate)	\$275.00
A44 1861 (14 JAN.) DUNEDIN TO MELBOURNE Strip of three 2d. (SG.10) obliterated "18". Very fine small cover. Dunedin, Melbourne and New Brighton c.d.s.....	\$400.00
A45, 46, 47 THREE REGISTERED COVERS addressed to Lyttelton showing differing rates in red m/s letters. 1/2d., 1/4d., 1/8d. rates. Covers strengthened, but interesting series (1859 to 1865)	\$950.00
A48 1861 (31 JULY) CHRISTCHURCH TO GLOUCESTERSHIRE Example of P & O Australian service fourth phase. Fine small registered cover with slightly torn flap. "6" red, indicating that no registration fee appears to have been collected. "Papanui" m/s endorsement on the flap. Superb and rare - only recorded m/s ex Papanui	\$1250.00
A49 1861 (5 AUG.) WELLINGTON TO WANGANUI 2d. (SG.11) obliterated "10" (Wellington). Wellington and Petre c.d.s. Small cover (damaged)	\$275.00
A50 1861 (25 OCT.) DUBLIN TO AUCKLAND (via MARSEILLES) Fine combination cover with 1d. Red and 2d. Blue and 6d. (surface print) Lilac. Superb example on flap of Newton m/s 31.12.61. (only known example recorded incoming to Newton Post Office m/s). Important. (illus.).....	\$1250.00
A51 1861 (9 DEC.) AUCKLAND TO SURREY Perfect example of scarce unframed Auckland "Paid" c.d.s. Rated red m/s "6". Rare example (small mourning cover). Auckland - Paid c.d.s. (This d.s. was one of the first made in NZ).....	\$725.00
A52 1862 (10 MAR.) WELLINGTON TO WANGANUI Endorsed "Per Overland Mail". Example of folded lettersheet during final month of m/s and handstruck markings (stampless period). M/s red "2" and Wellington Crowned Circle. Petre c.d.s. - superb	\$750.00
A53 1862 (17 MAR.) NAPIER TO AHURIRI Fine plain cover with hand-struck "2" black (2d. "To Pay"). Very near last date of stampless period. Ahuriri c.d.s.....	\$500.00

OTHER COVERS

<u>Lot</u>		<u>Estimate</u>
B1	1841 (26 JAN.) "FREE KORORARIKA, NZ" A very fine and clear strike of this, one of the rarest New Zealand postal markings. Always impressed in red and boxed. In this example it carries a letter to The Colonial Secretary, Sydney. Backstamped Kororarika Crown-upon-Oval in black and Ship Letter, Sydney, February 14 1841. Minor frontal smudge. Endorsed "On HMS". Very rare indeed	\$5000.00
B2	1858 (12 JUNE) RUSSELL TO AUCKLAND Small lettersheet with slight tear, bears Russell Crowned Circle and endorsed "2" (red) Inland Rate. Auckland c.d.s. and backstamped Russell c.d.s. Addressed to D. Bell, Land Commissioner. Russell and New Plymouth have recently been identified as the rarest of all the Crowned Circle handstamps by G.J. Elliott, RDP. This cover bears a pale, but fully identifiable strike.....	\$2750.00

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NEW ZEALAND NOTES - WARWICK PATERSON

H2a, 2d. Mauve Edward VII Ted Moore, of Sydney, reports inverted watermark in a used copy of this stamp.

And Ted also reports mixed perfs 11 and 12½ in D7g, 5d. Olive-black Second Sideface. This variety presumably arises through a perf 12½ row being out of place in the compound perforation variety and the sheet being re-perforated with the rotary machine gauging 11.

L07e, 4d. Mitre Peak, perf 14 x 14½, plate nos. (strip of 10) - 2B. The CP Catalogue Temporary Page L14 lists this with an asterisk mint. In fact, Mr. Savins believes that his item - a double strip of 20 in the bottom of the sheet - is unique, being the basis of the catalogue listing and the listing should be changed to reflect this. Mr. Savins also reports E12c, 4d. Lake Taupo, perf 14, with watermark inverted and reversed and a 6d. Kiwi, CPE14f, perf. 11, abnormally watermarked, with watermark upright, used, post-marked Nelson (30th April 1903). Mr. Savins points out that many examples of this variety carry the Reefton postmark.

Scrupulously Philatelic - Test Your Own Hypocritical Rating With CPNLM! An article I noticed in the American Philatelist recently by David H. Ahl was itself inspired by a book which has been on the New York Times Best Seller List for some months during 1988. The book attempts through 267 carefully honed questions to force participants to examine their own value system and judgements. The idea is that the rules we use when competing in business when dealing with other races and cultures or backgrounds or within our own families with family members, differ in quantity and quality and in fact represent a "multiple value system" which causes us tension, guilt feelings and carefully concealed hypocrisy! Starting to feel nervous? I certainly was by the time I got to the end of the eight questions listed in the American Philatelist which were a veritable moral minefield. Did I know myself better at the end? Quite likely - but I felt I knew a few other people better too!

According to David H. Ahl, if we identify the inconsistencies within ourselves by measuring ourselves against the questions, we will know ourselves better and be better able to deal with the conflicts existing in our own world. It sounds good. CPNLM invites you to tiptoe through the following assemblage of questions, especially adapted for New Zealand conditions and measure your self-esteem at the end - that is, what's left of it!

1. While attending "Royal 100" you are examining an old album which an Auckland dealer has for sale on his stand, when a loose stamp falls out from a page near the back and disappears between the floor boards of the Wellington Town Hall. You do not know the value of the stamp or anything about it, except that it seemed to have some green in it. You doubt that the dealer will notice its loss as you hand the album back. What do you do? Would your answer be different if you had noticed that the stamp was a Full Face Queen? Would it be different if your ten-year-old son also noticed the stamp? Would it be different if your wife was with you, but didn't notice the stamp?
2. You regard yourself as a Maori and as a keen collector of Full Face Queens on cover, you are offered out of the blue two examples of soldiers letters, bearing 1d. Full Face Queens in equal condition and of equal rarity and interest. One of the covers is priced at \$15,000 and is offered to you by an old Maori elder who plans to establish a fund for the education of Maori youth. The other cover has a price of \$1500 and has been sent to you out of the blue by a local dealer whose son captained a rebel rugby tour to South Africa. Which soldier's letter do you buy? Would your answer be different if the Maori elder were younger and tries to finance a holiday in Libya? Would it be different if you did not consider yourself Maori?
3. You are offered a complete sheet of the 18c 1985 "CRISTMAS" error for \$100 by the third cousin of a former employee of the Waipa Mill. New Zealand Post has already stated that some such sheets are known to have been stolen and "never issued", but the seller assures you the sheet was bought legitimately at the Ngongataha Post Office on the 6th December 1985. You know that by holding the sheet for 20 years it will be worth at least \$100,000 in 2008. Your

SCRUPULOUSLY PHILATELIC (Contd.)

- suspensions are aroused. What do you do? Would your answer be different if the face value were the as yet unreported 40¢?
4. You discover that you have contracted Aids during a recent stay in hospital. You hear that a well-known French specialist has developed treatment which has a 50% chance of prolonging your life for 15 years. He is also a well-known collector of 1d. Blacks and offers you the treatment at half-price in return for your collection which you value at \$100,000. You have no other way to pay for the fare and the treatment. What do you do? Would your answer be different if the chance of improved life expectancy was three years?
 5. An elderly member of your church gives you half-a-dozen old covers from her pioneer family relics, saying that "She'd rather have this rubbish off her hands". On examination you find examples of three rare Kororareka postal markings and an Auckland dealer offers you \$25,000 for the lot. However, you decide to put them into your award-winning pre-stamp postal history collection. How much do you pay your church friend? Would your payment be different if the owner were a collector of Communist bloc issues and had sent you the covers out of the blue in response to a club magazine advertisement you had placed?
 6. While he is away on holiday you collect junk mail on behalf of your neighbour from his letterbox with his authorisation to "discard any of that junk mail". While you are throwing the envelopes out, you notice an unmistakable "missing colour" in one of the Leigh Mardon printed "Bird" series - the first ever found. A figure of \$10,000 appears in your mind. The neighbour asked you to throw the mail away. What do you do? Would your answer be different if the letter was a tax demand, a personal letter, a cheque for a Lotto win from the Lotteries Commission? Would it be different if the error was a noticeable, but minor, colour shift?
 7. While waiting to visit your Bank Manager with whom you have an overdraft of \$50,000 which is overdue, a mail man drops a letter in the bank foyer which you pick up and notice a block of four of modern New Zealand stamps with the words "New Zealand" missing which you immediately recognise as having a market value of approximately \$50,000. There is no-one else in that part of the bank at the time and the letter appears to be routine correspondence from another branch. What do you do? Would your answer be different if you had no overdraft? Would it be different if you were about to ask for an overdraft? Would it be different if you knew your Bank Manager had recently left his wife for a younger woman?
 8. While at SYDPEX '88, a visiting Iranian dealer offers you a mint copy of NZSG.1 with four margins, at 25% CP. You know the Iranian dealer's brother is one of the Ayatollahs. SG.1 unused is the only stamp missing from your collection. Do you buy? Are there any circumstances which would alter your decision either way? A passing NZ specialist dealer advises you to write out a cheque immediately. Does this influence your decision?

Remember - don't send us your answers. We have enough of our own problems!