

ERRORS AND VARIETIES + ABNORMALS – A MISCELLANY

1. DEFINITIONS
2. EARLIER DEFINITIVES
3. MODERN DEFINITIVES - with no missing or misplaced colours

Display to the New Zealand Society of Great Britain
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Third Local Printing 1902 (cont'd)

6d value

Definitive issue on Cowan watermarked paper, perf. 11



Rose



Rose-red



Rose-carmine



Carmine-pink



Brick-red



Salmon



Photo of back



Watermark inverted

Watermark inv'd
+ reversed

No watermark



Photo of back

'Abnormal' Upright
watermarkPhoto
of back

The cause of this very rare printing is unknown (ref. D. Diamond p 118)

Third Local Printing 1902 (cont'd)

1/- value

Definitive issue on Cowan watermarked paper, perf. 11



Brown-red



Red



Deep Red



Bright Red



Orange-red



Orange-brown

Deep
Orange-brown

Watermark inverted

Watermark inverted
& reversedAbnormal upright
wmk (inverted)Photo of
backImperforate horizontally at top
(unmarked)

The paper is that used
for 2nd Side faces, with
faint watermark -
cause unknown.
(per D. Diamond p118)

6d Kiwi – 3rd “Red” Issue September 1902
Cowan paper with sideways watermark, perforated 11.

Complete bottom row strip of 12,
with ‘NEW ZEALAND’ letters watermark
misplaced from the margin on to the stamps,
leaving 3 without watermark. (*)

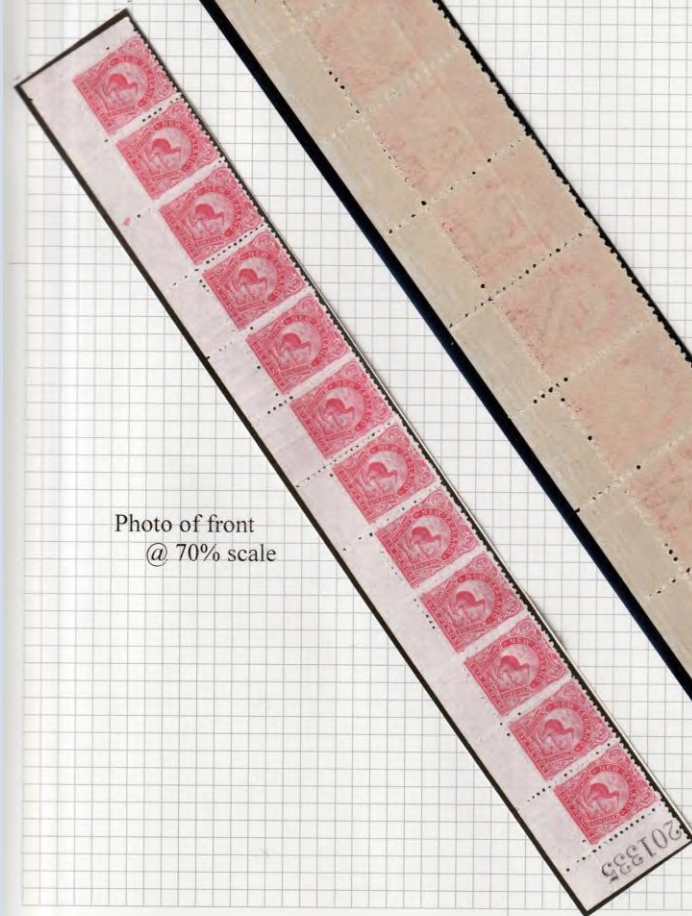


Photo of front
@ 70% scale

6d Kiwi – 2nd “Red” Issue July 1902

Provisional use of paper supplied by Parsons Bros of Auckland, due to shortage of normal paper. Unwatermarked apart from papermaker’s LISBON SUPERFINE once per sheet.



Block of 18 with the Lisbon Superfine watermark



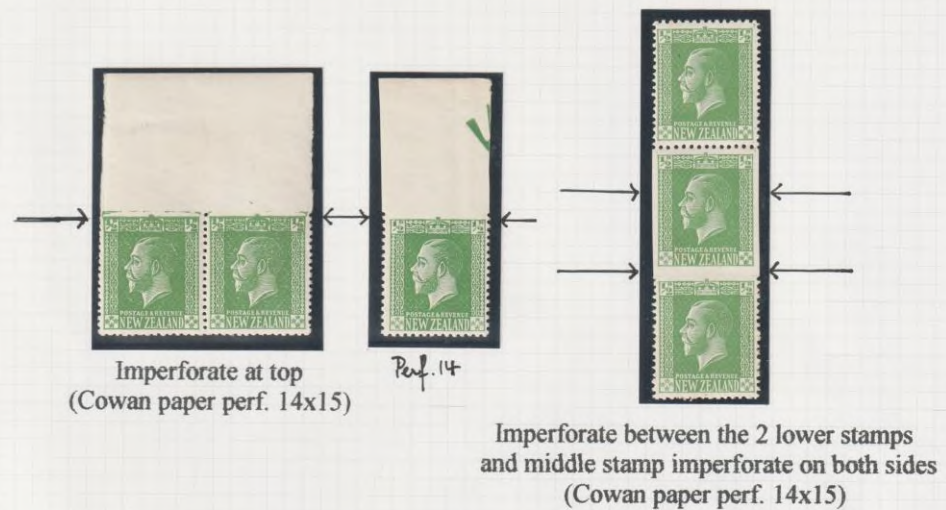
Photo of back (@75%) showing complete watermark (inverted)



Tracing of watermark as seen from the front (photo @75%)

1/2d Value

Perforation Errors



1/2d Value

Perforation Errors (cont'd)



Misperf'd due to Paper Fold



Photo showing the paper fold

Letters Watermark

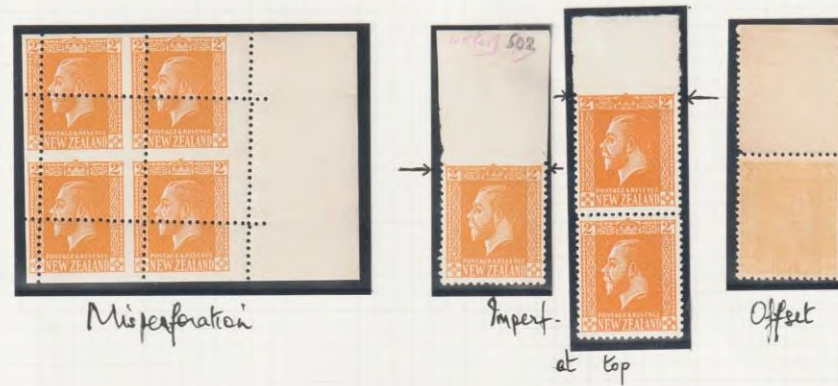
Letters of 'NEW ZEALAND' watermark in the selvedge
misplaced into top row of stamps



Photo of back

2d Yellow Value

Surface Printed on Cowan Paper (cont'd)



Wiggins Teape Paper

Perf 14x15



1d Field Marshal – Cowan Perf. 14 (cont'd)

Perforation errors

Misplaced Perforating Heads



Perforations misplaced to the left



Perforations misplaced downwards and to the left

Misperforation due to Paper Fold after Printing



Paper folded as during perforation
(photo)



Top marginal stamps misperforated
due to paper fold

1d Field Marshal – Cowan Perf. 14 (cont'd)

Imperforate – Wholly or Partially

Wholly Imperforate*



Imperforate on three sides*



Imperforate vertically, and horizontally between stamp and bottom selvage

Imperforate on one side



Imperforate between stamp and top margin

**Note: These errors are attributed by both PSNZ and CP to the perf. 14 printing. However, as they have no vertical perfs, they could equally have occurred in a perf. 14x15 printing.*

1d Field Marshal – Cowan Perf. 14x15

1d Stamps perforated 14x15 were introduced in March 1927 and remained in issue alongside perf. 14 printings until both were withdrawn in 1935.



Rose-carmine



Rose-red



Deep Red-carmine

Watermark Reversed



Paper correctly surfaced
unlike third printing shown on sheet 6

Double Perforations



Perforations doubled at top
and into selvage

Damaged stamp replaced by patching-in



Cuts along perfs
where damaged stamp
was removed
(photo at 1.3 scale)



Top left stamp replaced



Patching glue seen from
the back (photo)

1d Field Marshal -
Cowan Perf. 14x15 with reversed watermark (cont'd)

Double perforations

Row 5

6

7

8

9

10



4 rows of double perforations both horizontally and vertically.

The result is 3 rows of stamps (7, 8 and 9) with complete double perforations
and 2 rows (6 and 10) with partial double perforations.

4c Value continued

COMPLETE DOUBLE PERFS



Complete double perfs in col.1 and part in col.2

MAJOR PRE-PRINTING PAPER CREASE ERROR

On 8c Roses Definitive Block of 20

The major crease runs diagonally from the top-right (R1/4) to the lower left side (R4/1). Flattening out the crease shows six stamps affected by a white band of missing colours and/or perforation misalignment.

Small creases can be seen running parallel to and to the left of the main crease but without causing the same errors.



*Only printings from Plate No. 1A1A1A1A show the petal nick flaw on R1/4.

PRE-OVERPRINTING PAPER FOLD ERROR

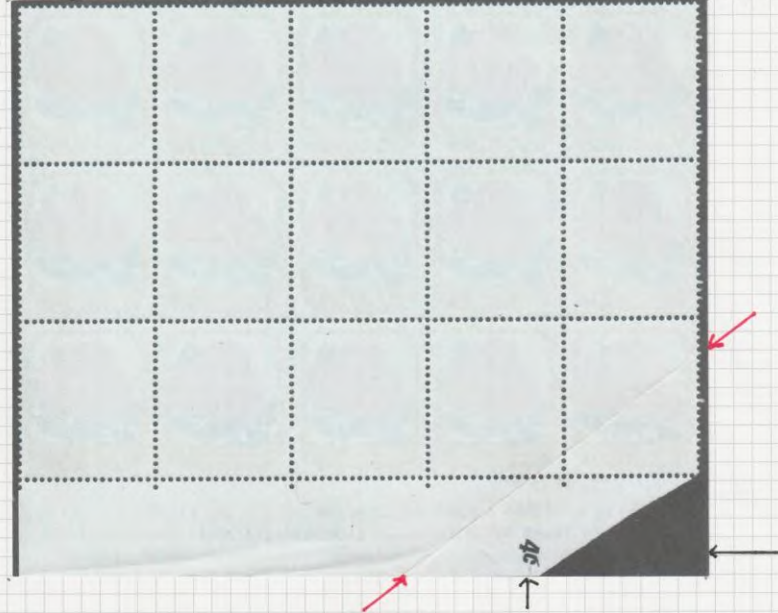
On 4c on 8c Roses Definitive Block of 15

The paper fold occurred on the bottom left corner of a sheet of 8c stamps prior to application of the 4c overprint. As a result the two left-hand stamps in the bottom row of this block did not receive an overprint, causing the error:
“overprint omitted se-tenant with normal”



Pre-overprinting Paper Fold (cont'd)

A second consequence of the fold was that the underside of the paper that was folded over received an overprint, in this case in the bottom selvedge and at an angle of 90 degrees. This gave rise to another error: **"overprint on the reverse"**



The block with paper fold in place as during the overprinting process (*photo*)



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'ELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

1971 4c ON 2.5c 'MAGPIE MOTH' PROVISIONALS

Local Letterpress Overprints : Sheet Value markings

The sheet value markings on the Harrison overprints were amended from \$5.00 to \$8.00 at the time the stamps were overprinted. With the Local overprints, however, the sheet values were amended manually, either by rubber stamp or by pen, or sometimes not at all!



Not amended



Amended with rubber stamp



Amended by pen

NEW ZEALAND : 1979/80 PROVISIONAL DEFINITIVES

20c on 7c

Errors on underlying stamps

Misperforation



Misperforated to Left

Inking Flaw



*Horizontal black
'doctor blade' line*

Surcharge Error

"GEAR OVERPRINT" inscription shown with plate imprint



*"GEAR OVERPRINT" shown at base of sheet due to extra-deep selvedge
caused by inaccurate trimming*