

N.Z. NOTES AND COMMENT

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It is my intention to keep the 'Notes', to a minimum in the Supplement, reserving them for the printed Newsletter but news is only news if it is up to the minute so I will regularly report any new varieties etc. in the Supplement, repeating them, with fuller detail if necessary, in the next Newsletter.

This month has brought quite a spate of good items which will occupy a fair amount of space.

NEW ZEALAND GEORGE VI.

It was recently reported elsewhere that a sheet of the current $\frac{1}{2}$ d had been found with defective (almost invisible) watermark in the lower right-hand corner. I have been fortunate in finding the same variety in the current 5d, 6d and 8d. The watermark varies considerably from sheet to sheet but in the best examples can be said to be virtually absent in a corner block of stamps extending over six stamps horizontally and four to six stamps vertically. I have not been able to locate any great number of such blocks and they do not go far with the specialists since each of the latter wants a block with selvedge. Distribution has been made to as many as possible of my very big list of enthusiasts in George VI, but by the time this Supplement is issued I hope to have some more. If readers would like blocks with bottom selvedge (the variety is not very satisfactory in any other form) I suggest they write giving their requirements. I cannot promise anything but will do my best. The price (to cover the considerable time and trouble entailed in locating and obtaining the stamps) will be "double face-value". This is an excellent variety in my opinion. Blocks supplied (when available) will all be at least two stamps in width and six stamps in height, to show the upward limits of the variety.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d GEORGE VI.

The new plate, No. 111, as reported in the Gov't Bulletin, is in a bright shade of chestnut, quite new. Not previously reported is the fact that the paper is a "woodpulp", quite obviously, and is thus the first issue of this value on woodpulp paper.

COOK ISLANDS 3/-.

I have a small supply of the 3/- value in no less than three most striking shades. The first differs widely from the others, with the centre ultramarine and the frame olive-green.

The second is, I fancy, another example of the blurred centre variety known in the N.Z. 3d and 5d Peace stamps and the effect is the same in that the colour is a brilliant, almost turquoise blue. The frame (also blurred) is much more green and less olive.

The third is like the second only "much more so". The "doubling" effect of the blurred print is considerable and the centre shade even deeper and brighter than in the second. In view of the impending withdrawal of this issue on July 31 I would suggest that these stamps have distinct possibilities apart from being a 'must' in any other than the most simplified Islands collections.

COOK ISLANDS 1d.

It never rains but it pours and here is another item. The current (until July 31) Captain Cook type with INVERTED WATERMARK. (Two sheets are known to me). The normal watermark is sideways so this is of course "Stars point left". Whether this is a rarity or not I do not know but it demands a place in every Islands collection.

I will be sending it out in company with another variety of the same stamp - this time normal watermark but in a deeper and brighter shade. The frame is slightly blurred owing apparently to a slight shift in the printing.

COOK ISLANDS 4d.

I understand, from "one who knows", that a special printing of this value has been necessary to enable stocks to last until the withdrawal date, July 31. I have a supply of the new printing. The frame shade

is noticeably lighter than before though hardly describable as a major variety.

ALL THE ABOVE ITEMS ARE ADVERTISED BELOW.

NEW ZEALAND

Lot No.

- S1 The current Georges, 6d and 8d with defective watermark which may be available in selvedge blocks. See Notes above for details, price etc. but please make enquiry before remitting.
- S2. $\frac{1}{2}$ d George VI. The new shade and paper. See Notes above.
Available in blocks of 4 3d.

COOK ISLANDS.

- S3. 3/- Cook Islands. Three fine shade varieties as described above.
The set of 3 in blocks (12 stamps) 80/- .. In singles .. 20/-
- S4. 1d Cook Islands with INVERTED-WATERMARK in company with a normal copy in a brighter shade per pair 1/6
- S5. 4d Cook Islands. The new printing (see Notes) with somewhat peler frame shade Blocks 2/6 Singles 8d.

NEW ZEALAND

- S6. 1898-1907 PICTORIALS. Simplified fine used set. Set includes $\frac{1}{2}$ d purple, $\frac{1}{2}$ d green, 1d Taupo, 1d Terraces, 2d red-brown, 2d purple, $2\frac{1}{2}$ d Wakatipu, 3d Huias, 3d small Huias, 4d Terraces, 4d Taupo, 5d Otira, 6d red Kiwi, 6d small Kiwi, 8d War Canoe, 9d Terraces, 1/- Keas, 1/- small Keas, 2/- Milford, 5/- Mt. Cook. The fine used set of 20 £5.
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- S9. 5/- Mt. Cook mint. Local print, Pim's No.291. A scarce stamp, condition excellent £5.
- S10. 5/- Mt. Cook mint. Local print Pim's 350a. This stamp is remarkable in having the upright watermark INVERTED. Not previously recorded £6/10/-
- S11. 6d Otira. The rare deep sepia shade, mint. A fine clean copy but centred somewhat to the right 55/-
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