

L1 Notes from NZ Stamp Images



The ½d was first issued on 1 May 1935 perforated 14x13½. There was a double plate with two panes numbered 1A and 1B each with 240 stamps. Stamps on multiple watermarked paper from the same plate was issued on 20 March 1936. The sheets were in 10 rows of 24.

A plate with unnumbered panes was produced in 1936. A further plate was produced in 1937. Again the panes were numbered 1A and 1B, but the numbers were much larger.



The example plate blocks have small numbers. The plate 1B block above is on single watermarked paper and the perforations are from right to left as the holes extend into the left margin. The plate 1A block is on multiple watermarked paper and the perforation is from left to right [1].



Clematis Flaw

In R 8/1 on plate with small 1A, there is the flaw known as the Clematis flaw and can be seen in the above block. It is in the centre of the clematis above the back of the bird. Most printings on single watermarked paper did not have this flaw. Stamps with multiple watermark overprinted Official were issued in July 1937. They were printed from the unnumbered plates.

The ½d was withdrawn on 28 February 1938 and the remaining stamps destroyed