

## Synopsis

### THE SUPREME COURT REVENUE STAMPS OF CANADA

Canada's Supreme Court stamps were first issued in 1876 and were phased out in the late 1960's. This exhibit will display the individual stamps that were issued along with a sampling of some of the impressive blocks of 4. The Young Queen proofs of 1876 are extremely rare with perhaps 2 or 3 complete sets known (ref: Erling Van Dam). Only one proof on card is exhibited here. Representative documents are shown from each of the Issues. As the standard 8 1/2 x 11 format does not suit this material, a method of displaying these very large documents was developed so that they can be seen clearly and will still fit into the requirements of a standard philatelic "frame".

As a general rule, Supreme Court and Exchequer court documents are some of the most difficult to obtain Canadian revenue items and thus have a high rarity factor. Note that there were only 2 major cases where the "In Prize" Court documents were used and examples from both of these cases are presented. Also note that the Privy Council decision from Buckingham Palace (1924) may very well be unique.

This exhibit was first displayed in 2008 and 2009. It has been updated since with the addition of some newly acquired and very rare documents. Some of the major information regarding the documents will be found on the appropriate display areas of the exhibit.

The principal motivation for assembling these stamps are their unprecedented beauty – probably the most striking of all stamps produced in Canada.

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