

## Synopsis

This traditional One-Frame exhibit shall represent the most important aspects of the Sir Humphrey Gilbert Issue. The issue was recess-printed by Perkins, Bacon & Co on watermarked paper and released in August 1933, the first day of issue was August 3rd, 1933. It was commemorating the 350th Anniversary of the Annexation of Newfoundland for the British Crown in 1583. Between the date of the first issue and December 31, 1933, the sale of all other postage stamps was stopped. On December 31, 1933 the sale of the Sir Humphrey Gilbert Issue ended and the postage stamps of the other stamp issues came back to the post office counters. I only know something similar from the Danish stamp issue on the occasion of the 60th birthday of King Christian X in 1930.

The exhibit starts with some exemplary examples of large die proofs and trial colour proofs (in black), the 2c value (block of four) with specimen-perforation, imperforated pairs are also presented.

Then the complete issue is shown both with comb perforation (13.5 x 13.5) and, if available, with line perforation (14 x 14), both mint and cancelled. From these stamps you can follow the history of the Sir Humphrey Gilbert expedition. Some values are known with inverted watermark.

The complete issue with comb perforation is shown in mint blocks of four, also some examples of the line-perforated stamps in blocks of four.

The exhibit continues with the double printed 2c stamp, the colour-error of the 8c stamp, brownish red and a 1c stamp with complete offset.

Then the stamps of the Sir Humphrey Gilbert issue are shown on covers. Items presenting correct postal rates with the high denominations of 10c, 14c, 20c, 24c and 32c are theoretically possible, especially on parcel post items, but I have not seen any up to now. But I can present the only cover known to me with a stamp with line perforation.

Mayor re-entries are not known to me.

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