

SYNOPSIS—July, 2023

CANADA - 8 Cents Small Queens Combining to Pay Period Postal Rates - 1893 to 1899

PLEASE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TITLE PAGE.

Treatment:

This is a two frame exhibit, arranged chronologically within each segment, as listed in the PLAN on the Title Page.

Significance:

The 8 Cents Small Queen was special in several ways:

- It was issued for a specific use—to provide one stamp to pay the First Class Postage and the Registration Fee;
- It was the only printed for 5 years, while other Small Queen denominations were provided for up to 27 years;
- The Queen's profile faced to the left, whereas for all other denominations of this issue, it faced right;
- It had a broad range of colours and shades despite its short life;
- Discussions regarding the number and use of Printing Plates are a hot button topic;

These features are incorporated in the descriptions of the 8 Cents stamp(s) on each of the exhibited items.

Philatelic and Subject Knowledge:

This exhibitor's extensive efforts on the Small Queens Issues are explained in detail in the Title Page.

Personal Research:

Through endless research, and working with many like-minded collectors of these stamps, much knowledge has been accumulated and used in the development of this exhibit and others. Early on, working with the late Dr. J. J. MacDonald, FRPSC, the basics of this issue were explored. Later, Richard Morris of Colour Guides fame was a frequent collaborator on the various colours and shades. So much so that the exhibitor now publishes those guides. Several articles have been provided to philatelic journals, and the exhibitor was very involved with the printing of his Grand Award exhibit through the BNAPS Exhibit Book Series. Consultations with some of the authors of the references listed below have also been rewarding. More recently, meetings and discussions of the 8 Cents denomination with Bob Cumming have resulted in enlightenment for both.

Rarity and Condition:

Multiples of the 8 Cents on cover/piece are very scarce, the piece with 9 copies - the largest reported franking of this stamp - and the strip of 3 shown in the exhibit is one of two reported examples. Almost as scarce are instances of two of these stamps on an item...several examples are included. Interesting weighty items are shown, with their concurrent frankings and mixed frankings. The **Highlighted Items** list identifies the locations of featured covers/pieces which have red borders. Condition is generally fine or better.

Highlighted Items:

- Page 5: An A-R Rated Cover;
- Page 10: A Double Weight Cover to Turkey;
- A Double Weight Cover to Present-day Iraq;
- Page 15: A 6 Cents Small Queen used with the 8 Cents;
- Page 18: A Triple Weight Cover with 2x 8 Cents (different shades);
- Page 20: A Pair combined with a Pair of 2 Cents Leafs on a Cover to France - Late Use;

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Highlighted Items (Continued):

- Page 22: Quintuple Weight Hechler Cover to the U. S. A.:
- Page 24: A sextuple Weight Cover to Switzerland featuring an Added Widowed Queen 20 Cents;
- Page 25: A Septuple Rated cover to London, England
- Page 27: The Largest Reported franking (9 Copies) on Piece;
- Page 28: A Strip of 3 of the 8 Cents on Piece;
- Page 32: The largest Reported Used Multiple of the 8 Cents (Block of 12).

Background Information Sources:

A Basic Colour Guide System for Large and Small Queens, Widow Weeds, RLS and Post Cards of Canada, 1868 to 1897—Richard Morris;

Canadian Posted Letter Guide (The Classic Period 1851—1902)- Firby and Willson;

Canada's Small Queens Era 1870—1897; George Arfken;

Encyclopedia of British Empire Postage Stamps—Volume V—North America—Robinson Lowe;

Unitrade Specialized Catalogue;

The Brigham Collection of Canada—Small Queen Issue 1870-1897—Auction Catalogue;

Canada's Postage Stamps of the Small Queens Era 1870—1897—Hilson and Nixon;