

# NEWFOUNDLAND Legal Documents

## showing Precursor Stampless and 1898 Queen Victoria First Revenue Stamp Issue Use

Scope of this revenue history is to present significant research of:

- intact legal documents. No pre-production essays, dies or specimens exist
- discovery of **10 different precursor stampless** legal types used prior to Queen Victoria revenue stamp appearance
- discovery of **46 different stamped** legal types featuring utilization of all Queen Victoria revenue denominations
- same transaction document having same fee payment but using different Queen Victoria values to achieve this
- thorough explanations of the rate fee structure throughout this exhibit of 123 legal instruments
- earliest known use **July 08, 1898** -1 known- **f.1:p.2**
- discovery findings that correct all previous literature reports

approval of this first revenue issue was given April 30 and the initial printing order for seven denominations was delivered in May 1898 to British American Bank Note Co., Ottawa. To date any papers having to do with the initial order quantities have not been found. It is postulated that initial order was delivered in person because Newfoundland's attorney general had been sent to Ottawa to visit this company so as to verify that the printing plates for producing the government bonds were destroyed. The Governor had written to the company stating "that directions given to the company by the attorney general where fully backed by Newfoundland government". The Colonial Secretary notified government department heads on June 29 "that the stamps to be used designating revenue payments were available and to get their requirements from the Treasury clerk".

The printing was on unwatermarked paper, perforation 12 x 12. Initially the seven ordered denominations and colours were: 5¢ carmine, 10¢ red brown, 25¢ blue, 50¢ orange, 75¢ black, \$1 green, \$5 violet. Later, the two high denominations had their initial and only order placed on November 05 and received December 22.

That order consisted of 1.5 M for each of the \$20 brown and the \$25 slate values. M = thousand

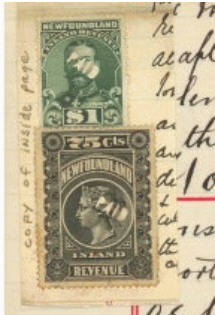
The initial order quantities have not been found but total reorder quantities have been discovered and consist of the following: 5¢ (1.5 M); 10¢ (5 M); 25¢ (59 M); 50¢ (15 M); \$1 (42 M); \$5 (9 M ). As only the initial order had the 75¢ value, it is my estimate, from its diminished availability in the marketplace, to have been 0.500 M.

The same reasoning projects the initial 5¢ order at 0.500 M giving it a total 2 M printed.

- the manner of utilizing inked cancelling was routine
- discovery of two other cancel devices
  - characteristic cancel, **geometric snowflake**, a **punch** cancel (stamp+attached medium punched clear through) cancel used exclusively by Newfoundland Supreme Court and only on 1898 revenues
  - **geometric snowflake** in the **unknown perfin** form (stamp punched; attached medium was not) **f.2:p.4**
  - use of **small PAID** cancel; *previously unknown* on the 1898 revenues **f.5:p.5**
  - use of **small PAID** cancel; in the **unknown perfin** form **f.5:p.5, p.6**



denotes research finds and  
items of special importance



The different transaction instruments are positioned into the 8 chapter headings as listed:

**Judicature Acts** in frames 1 - 3  
have 23 instruments. Especially significant findings at  
f.1:p.2 - 2 Letters of Administration; **eku July 08, 1898**  
f.1:p.12- 8 Claim of Lien under  
"Mechanic's Lien Act"; **2 known**  
f.2:p.1 - 9 Affidavit; **5¢ x 5 setting+snowflake; 1 known**  
f.2:p.2 - 9i Affidavit; **10¢ x 2+5¢ setting+snowflake; 4 known**  
f.2:p.4 - 11 Order for Dismissal of Appeal;  
**discovery snowflake perfin**

**Bills of Sales and Chattel Mortgages Act** in frames 3 - 5  
have 9 instruments. Especially significant findings at  
f.5:p.1 - 6vi Assignment' **largest multiple of 75¢ value**  
f.5:p.5, 6 - 7i Mortgage With Conveyance and Release  
**discovery PAID perfin; 2 known**

**Land Grants** in frame 6  
have 2 instruments

**Timber License** in frame 6  
f.6:p.2 - have 1 instrument; **1 known**

**Mining Licenses** in frame 6  
have 5 instruments. Especially significant findings at  
f.6:p.4 - 2i License to Search for Minerals

**Retail License Act** in frame 6  
f.6:p.7 - have 2 instruments; **2 known**

**Customs Duty Act** in frame 6  
f.6:p.9 - have 1 instrument; **1 known**

**Certificate of Search** in frame 6  
f.6:p.10 - have 1 instrument; **1 known**

Upon the reigning monarch's death a new stamp image design was introduced and remaining issues continued to be used in combination with the new design; thus the presence of Queen Victoria 1898 revenues is found into later years.

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[www.lulu.com/spotlight/jmwalsh](http://www.lulu.com/spotlight/jmwalsh) In 2011 John M. Walsh found: all the Colonial Secretary Outgoing Letters (#67,68) Nov 1898 - which state: approval; order received; remind department heads of initial day of use (July 01); from whom to get the stamps (Treasury clerk); printer of Victoria revenue stamps. Initial order is not stated but in the Colonial Secretary Outgoing Cablegrams subsequent orders are.