

SYNOPSIS—July, 2018

CANADA—The 8 Cents Small Queen Issue Used in Combination With Other Values

PLEASE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TITLE PAGE.

Treatment:

This is a one frame exhibit, arranged chronologically in each segment, as noted in the Index in 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 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;

Many of these features are incorporated in the descriptions of the 8 Cents stamp(s) on each of the 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 major 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 with, 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, 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...two 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 2: An A-R Rated Cover;
- Page 6: A 6 Cents Small Queen used with the 8 Cents;
- Page 10: A Pair of 8 Cents used on Piece;
- Page 11: Two single 8 Cents used on Cover;
- Page 13: A Strip of 3 of the 8 Cents on Piece;
- Page 15: A Parcel Piece with a 10 Cents Small Queen used with the 8 Cents value;
- Page 16: A Septuple Rated cover to London, England.

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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 Arfkrn;

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;

The Canadian Encyclopedia;

Pre-printing notes from the book on the 8 Cents Small Queens Issue—Bob Cumming;

Jarrett's B. N. A. Book—Stamps of British North America—Fred Jarrett