

NOVA SCOTIA 1851 – 1863: THE PRELIMINARIES

The Colony of Nova Scotia issued a total of ten stamps; four PENCE values (printed by Perkins, Bacon, London) and six CENTS values (by the American Bank Note Co.).

In this traditional exhibit, the Preliminaries trace the pre-production process from concept to Postal Authority approval, and the Lieutenant Governor's endorsement.

The proofs were created both for postal approval, as well as for internal printing quality control. Pre-production stages are shown in possible completeness.

Herein, as well, are shown the proofs' superior quality of clear impression on high-quality papers, as compared with production stamps. The purpose in showing stamps and covers in this exhibit is only to emphasize contrast between the proofs and the production stamps.

Pages have been arranged to highlight three areas of study:

PENCE area 1851- 1857: all 4 values

CENTS area 1860 -1863: 1, 2, 5¢ values

CENTS area 1860 -1863: 8 ½, 10, 12½¢ values

PHILATELIC ELEMENTS shown are in the order of pre-production timing:



A most unusual Proof.
Engraved and perforated
by the American Bank
Note Co. Perforation 11.8
Emerald green: 27 B 5
Greene Foundation #16575



Unlisted Gold colour
SPECIMEN overprint.
Discovered late 2009.

PENCE AREA:

Die Essay
Die Proof
Trial Colour Proofs
Plate Proofs

CENTS AREA:

Composite Die Essay
Trial Colour Die Proofs
Die Proofs

Bank Note Company's
trade proofs of the two
recorded values.

Plate Proofs in issued
and unissued colours.

Plate Proofs with
SPECIMEN overprints:
all recorded TYPES &
colours included.



Plate Proofs
in the colour
of issue with
2 different
Red SPECIMEN
overprints.

Top pair:
"TYPE B",
bottom pair:
"TYPE C".