

Nova Scotia Cents Issue Of 1860 - 1863

The pence issue stamps of Nova Scotia were replaced by an issuance of stamps denominated in cents in 1860 following the adoption of decimal currency in January.

Five different "cents" denominations were issued in October, 1860. An additional two cents value was added in May, 1863 to accommodate the new postal rate for letters within the same county. All of the stamps were engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Company of New York.

There were two printings of the two cents, eight and one half cents, ten cents and twelve and one half cents values. Three printings were needed for the one cent and five printings for the five cents value.

Although the issue has some very minor production varieties, the only major variety occurs on the one cent. It exists imperforate vertically. It is believed the five or six sheets were produced. Toned paper variations are reported existing in the same sheet with normal paper on some values.

This issue was gradually replaced by the stamps of Canada after Nova Scotia became part of the Confederation on July 1, 1867. In February, 1895 remainders of unused Nova Scotia stamps were sold by the government. There were no five cents stamps included.

Unused Examples



1 cent



2 cents



5 cents



5 cents
toned paper



8 1/2 cents



10 cents



12 1/2 cents