

Provisional Stamps Can Be Very Valuable

Recently I told you about those little violet or red postage due stamps that are often ignored, but shouldn't be, because many of them are worth a few bucks. Now let me tell you about another type of stamp that's often worth a lot of bucks: provisionals.

Provisional stamps are issued to fill an urgent need, such as supply shortages or

because of a sudden rate change. There are many other reasons, of course, but that gives the general idea. Canada has had many provisionals, and so have other countries.

For example, on July 28, 1899, a 2-cent black overprint was applied to a 3-cent carmine Queen Victoria stamp (Scott 88) that without overprint is Scott 78 of June 21, 1898. On Aug. 8, the

overprint was applied (Scott 87) to a 3-cent carmine (Scott 69), issued Jan. 15, 1898. These two provisionals led to another class of provisionals, called postmaster provisionals. These stamps are not issued by a nation, but by a postmaster to meet a local emergency, although sometimes using national stamps. Bear with me.

These two provisionals were needed because the postage rate had dropped from three cents to two — Imperial Penny Postage. There were few 2-cent stamps, but many 3-cent,

hence the overprint. In the tiny community of Port Hood, N.S., the postmaster was in a more serious situation: he had 3-cent stamps galore of the June 21,

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used his initiative. He took three sheets of 100 of the 3-cent stamps, and here's what he did:

He cut the stamps vertically in unequal portions.

tion had a blue "1" hand-stamped in the same way, creating a 1-cent stamp.

They were issued Jan. 5, 1899. When postal officials in Halifax learned about it, inspector C.J. McDonald was sent to investigate. He confiscated the stock, destroyed it, and declared the provisionals illegal.



Stamps

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1898 issue, but none of the 2-cent value — he had not received the overprints — and no 1-cent stamps. The Port Hood postmaster

The stamps with one-third removed had a "2" for 2 cents handstamped in violet over the old 3-cent value. The remaining one-third por-

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