

# Newfoundland—Scott's #87d

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The Regular collector of Newfoundland who wants a comparatively inexpensive stamp to specialize in can find a very fertile field in the 1c Guy, Scott's #87d. Although all of the stamps in the sheet are interesting varieties, I mean to confine myself exclusively to the one variety that has attained a catalogue listing.

The Guy set, issued on August 15, 1910, was lithographed by the firm of Whitehead Morris and Co., on unwatermarked paper. All of the stamps were printed in sheets of 200, and it is the right hand pane in the case of the 1c, that bears the interesting variety.

Stamp #41, in the right hand pane has a marked transfer flaw, a crease extending from under the 0 of 1610, down to and cutting the line that bounds the oval containing the portrait of Guy. The crease has done away with the lower arm of the E of NEWFOUNDLAND so that it is spelled NFWFOUND-LAND.

Although Scott lists the variety as #87d, no mention is made of the fact that the variety exists in all of the catalogue perforation types. This stamp therefore offers a field for the specialist in Newfoundland stamps since it can be found in perf. 12, as originally printed, and also in the two subsequent perforations in which this stamp exists, namely perf. 12x11, and 12x14.

In addition, B. W. H. Poole, in his book on Newfoundland lists the variety as existing in perf 11½x11, a perf. variety listed by neither Scott nor Gibbons.

Furthermore, the S. A. Brown collection contained a piece that may be unique. The piece in question which sold at auction in 1940 for \$250.00, was a mint block of six, perf. 12x14, two pairs of which were imperforate vertically. One of these pairs contained the "NFW" error.

Gibbons lists the same type of piece as existing in the 12x11 perforation.

In conclusion we find that the following varieties are said to exist. Those marked with an asterisk I am certain of since I am in possession of the copies, or else I have seen them.

- I Perf 12\*
- II Perf. 12x11\*
  - (a) Horizontal pair imperf between
- III Perf. 12x14\*
  - (a) Horizontal pair imperf between\*
- IV Perf. 11½x11

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