

NEWFOUNDLAND PLATE NUMBERS

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Part 2 — The 1932 Resources Issue



The Resources Issue of 1932, according to Boggs, was printed in sheets of 100 subjects. It is the next issue to have numerals in the selvage. And what a proliferation of plate numbers! They were used on the 1¢ to the 5¢ values. No plate numbers have been published for the higher 6¢ to 48¢ denominations, for the 4¢ deep violet, or the 5¢ violet brown die I value.

What I have found is that the 1¢-5¢ values were printed in sheets of 200 subjects containing two panes of 100 stamps. The two panes were separated by a 24 millimeter gutter. When perforating the sheet of stamps, the perforations would run across the gutter thus making two types of the same plate number. These plates would be either the outside (OS) or inside (IS) plate number located either in the upper left (UL) or upper right (UR) corner depending on the value. Therefore, there are four types of position styles which I have arbitrarily named:

- ULOSC — upper left outside corner
- ULISC — upper left inside corner
- URISC — upper right inside corner

— UROSC — upper right outside corner

The existing literature makes no mention of determining the position of the plates in this issue.

I have found the 1¢ green value to exist as plate numbers 1 and 2 in the ULOSC and ULISC positions, perforated 13.5 x 13.5, as are the remainder of the plates in this issue except where noted.

For the 1¢ grey value I have found plates 1 and 3 as ULOSC position, while plate 2 exists at both ULOSC and ULISC positions. The 1¢ grey also has been found as an imperforate plate 4 upper right corner. Lowe makes no mention of an imperforate with this plate number. However, plate 4 exists perforated 13.5 x 13.5 at URISC position.

The 1¢ grey appears again as an imperforate upper right corner with plate 5, but printed on bookend paper. Again, no mention is made by Lowe. The perforated 13.5 x 13.5 plate 5 exists in both the URISC and UROSC positions. Still with the 1¢ grey, I have found it exists with plate

number 6 in the ULISC position. Lathe scroll is also found on this plate. This same plate has the wide 24 millimeter gutter with the perforations on the left side running vertically where the left side pane of stamps would be attached.

The 2¢ red die I (scar on face and dot in O

of TWO) value exists in the ULOSC position as plates 1, 2 and 3 with the numerals reversed.

The 2¢ green die I value is found as plates, 1, 2 and 3 with the numerals reversed in both the ULOSC and ULISC positions. Lowe does state that these same plate numbers exist unre-

Plate Numbers on Newfoundland Stamps — 1932

Issue	Perforation	ULOSC	ULISC	URISC	UROSC
1932 Resources					
1¢ green	13.5 x 13.5	1	1		
1¢ green	13.5 x 13.5	2	2		
1¢ grey	13.5 x 13.5	1			
1¢ grey	13.5 x 13.5	2	2		
1¢ grey	13.5 x 13.5	3			
1¢ grey	Imperforate				4 UR
1¢ grey	13.5 x 13.5			4	
1¢ grey	Imperforate (Bookend Paper)				5 UR
1¢ grey	13.5 x 13.5			5	5
1¢ grey	13.5 x 13.5		6 (Lathe scroll)		
2¢ red, die I	13.5 x 13.5	1 (R)			
2¢ red, die I	13.5 x 13.5	2 (R)			
2¢ red, die I	13.5 x 13.5	3 (R)			
2¢ green, die I	13.5 x 13.5	1 (R)	1 (R)		
2¢ green, die I	13.5 x 13.5	2 (R)	2 (R)		
2¢ green, die I	13.5 x 13.5	3 (R)	3 (R)		
2¢ violet, die II	Imperforate (Color Trial)		2 UL		
2¢ green, die II	Imperforate		4 UL		
2¢ green, die II	13.5 x 13.5	4			
2¢ green, die II	14.2 x 14.2		4 (Vertical Imperforate)		
3¢ orange	13.5 x 13.5	1 (R)	1 (R)		
3¢ orange	13.5 x 13.5	2	2		
3¢ orange	13.5 x 13.5	3			
4¢ rose	Imperforate		2 (R) UL		
4¢ rose	13.5 x 13.5	2 (R)			
4¢ rose	13.9 x 13.9		2 (R)		
4¢ rose	14.3 x 14.3		2 (R)		
4¢ rose	14.3 x 14.3		2 (R) (Horizontal Imperforate)		
4¢ rose	13.5 x 13.5	3 (Hairlines)			
4¢ rose	13.5 x 13.5	3 (Cracked)			
4¢ rose	Imperforate				4 UR
5¢ violet, die II	13.5 x 13.5	2 (R)	2 (R)		
5¢ violet, die II	Imperforate		3 UL		
5¢ violet, die II	13.5 x 13.5	3			
5¢ violet, die II	13.5 x 13.5	4			
5¢ violet, die II	13.5 x 13.5				5
5¢ violet, die II	13.5 x 13.5				6
5¢ violet, die II	13.5 x 13.5				7

Legend: ULOSC — upper left outside corner; ULISC — upper left inside corner;
UROSC — upper right outside corner; URISC — upper right inside corner;
R — numeral reversed; 2¢ die I — scar on face and dot in O of TWO;
2¢ die II — scar and dot removed; 5¢ die II — higher antler under T of POSTAGE

versed or normal. Meyerson reports that the 2¢ green die I exists as an upper left imperforate with the reversed numeral 2. These I have not seen.

An intriguing imperforate color trial in mauve violet (violet) of the 2¢ die II (scar on face and dot in O are removed) has been found with plate 2 in the upper left corner. Neither the color trial or an imperforate of this plate is mentioned by Lowe.

The 2¢ green die II value has been found as an imperforate plate 4 upper left corner, and this is not mentioned by Lowe. With the perforation 13.5 x 13.5, plate 4 has been found in the ULOSC position. Another interesting finding, not reported by Lowe, of the 2¢ green die II value is that plate 4 is found in the ULISC position perforated 14.2 x 14.2. What is extraordinary is that this plate has a row that is imperforate vertically. To date I have seen only one example of this plate with error.

The 3¢ or orange value is found with plate 1, numeral reversed, and plate 2 in both ULOSC and ULISC positions. Plate 3 has been found in the ULOSC position.

The 4¢ rose value has been found as an upper left imperforate with the reversed numeral 2, USOSC position, perforated 13.5 x 13.5. The 4¢ rose also exists in the ULISC position as plate 2, numeral reversed, with two perforations, unreported by Lowe, 13.9 x 13.9 and 14.3 x 14.3. Plate 2, numeral reversed, perforated 14.3 x 14.3, in the ULISC position also has been found with the imperforate horizontal row. Again, no mention is made by Lowe of this plate. Plate 3 of the 4¢ rose position ULOSC, has been found with hairlines and also as a cracked plate. Because of what happened to plate 3 it isn't surprising that plate 4 was prepared. The imperforate plate 4, upper right has been found. No mention is made by Lowe of this plate either.

The 5¢ violet die II (higher antler under T of POSTAGE) value is found as plate 2, numeral reversed, in both ULOSC and ULISC positions. The plate 3 exists as imperforate upper left but is not mentioned by Lowe. I have found that the 5¢ violet die II, perforated 13.5 x 13.5 exists as plates 3 and 4 in the ULOSC position, and as plates 5, 6 and 7 in the UROSC position.

The table shows these plates and their locations, as well as the perforations I have found associated with them.

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