

The Constant Plate Varieties of the Eight Cent Small Queen

Synopsis

This is a 16 page (one frame) exhibit of Canada's 1893 8¢ Small Queen focusing on Constant Plate Varieties. This study is very narrow in scope but should manage to show the reader that there is significantly more constant plate variety interest on the 8¢ than just the single variety listed in the various catalogues.

Diagrams are used to illustrate the significant aspects each variety.

The shade varieties and the Postal History of the of the 8¢ are only obliquely referenced and are only present to illustrate the length of life of some of the varieties (the Major re-entry, in particular) or to show a given variety's use on cover.

Highlights include:

A previously unreported 'significant' re-entry on a single plate proof - this is probably unique.

The Major Re-entry both on cover and in a 'block' of three.

Five different varieties are presented in multiples (from pairs to a block of six).

Seven varieties are presented 'on cover', one of which is in a pair on a quintuple rate registered cross border cover.