

VICTORIA 2d QUEEN-ON-THRONE 1852-1857

THIS TRADITIONAL EXHIBIT PRESENTS THE VICTORIA 2d QUEEN-ON-THRONE STAMPS INCLUDING A RECONSTRUCTION FROM EACH OF THE THREE PRINTERS AS WELL AS SHOWING USAGE FOR EACH OF THE NINE MAJOR GROUPINGS.

AS THE RESULT OF DAMAGE TO THE DIE OF THE 2d HALF-LENGTH, IN 1852 THOMAS HAM WAS ORDERED TO PRODUCE A NEW DESIGN AND PRINT A NEW 2d VALUE STAMP. HAM ISSUED ENGRAVED STAMPS IN DECEMBER 1852. LITHOGRAPHED STAMPS FROM HAM'S ENGRAVED PLATE WERE ISSUED STARTING IN JANUARY 1854 BY CAMPBELL & CO. AND BEGINNING IN MARCH 1855 BY CAMPBELL & FERGUSSON.

A USEFUL METHOD OF DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN THE CAMPBELL & CO. AND CAMPBELL & FERGUSSON STAMPS IS THAT THE LATTER ARE THINNER AND OF POORER QUALITY. ADDITIONALLY, ALL OF THE CAMPBELL & FERGUSSON STAMPS HAVE A PINKISH COMPONENT IN THEIR HUES.

RATES IN EFFECT DURING 1852-1857 FOR HALF OUNCE LETTER

	TOWN	INLAND	SHIP
PRIOR TO MAY 1, 1854	1d	2d	3d
FROM MAY 1, 1854 TO JUNE 30, 1855	2d	6d	1/-
FROM JULY 1, 1855	2d	4d	6d

IN MAY 1857 SAMUEL CALVERT ISSUED THE FIRST 2d EMBLEMS WHICH REPLACED THE 2d QUEEN-ON-THRONE STAMPS.

MAJOR REFERENCE: KELLOW, THE STAMPS OF VICTORIA