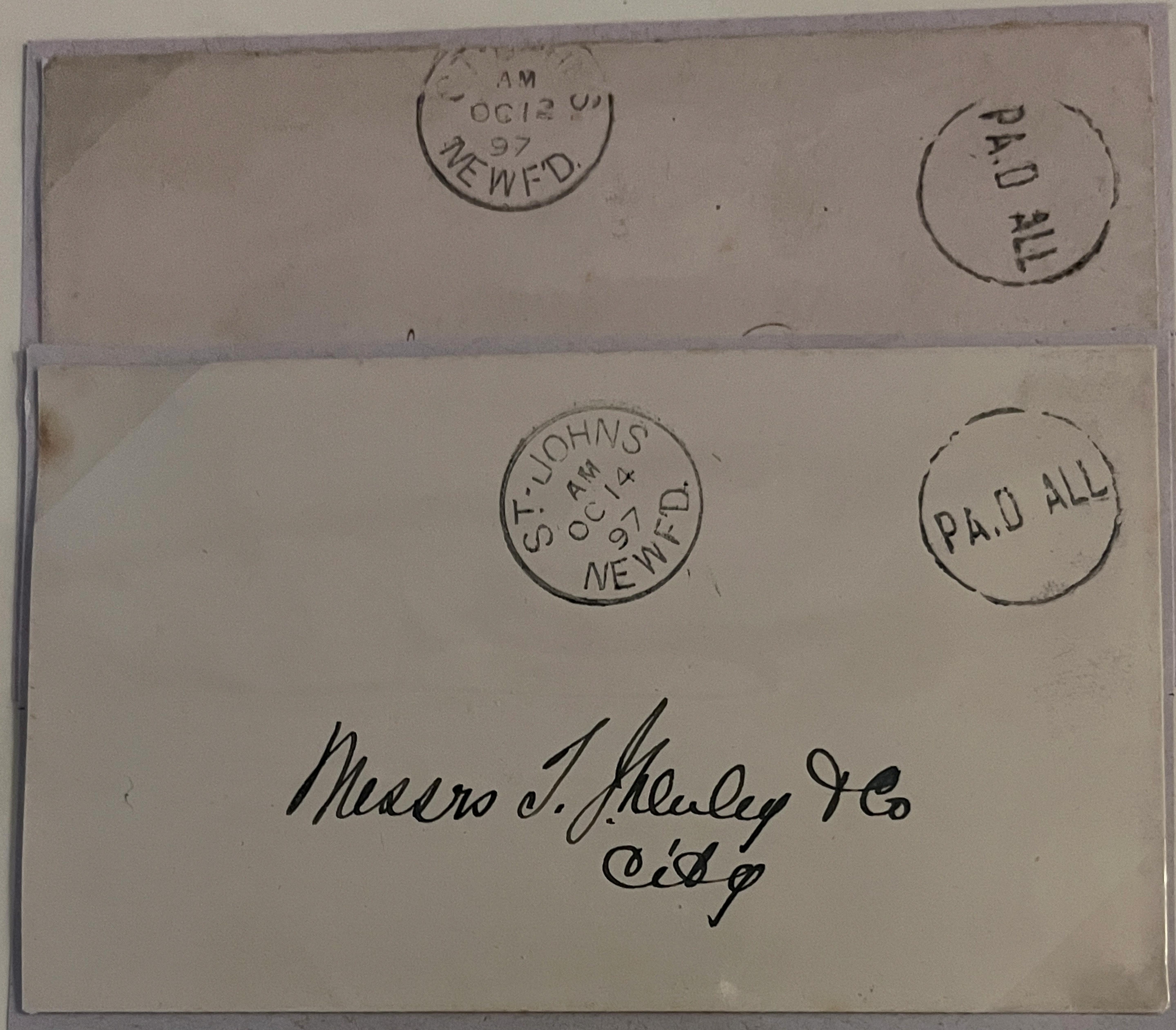


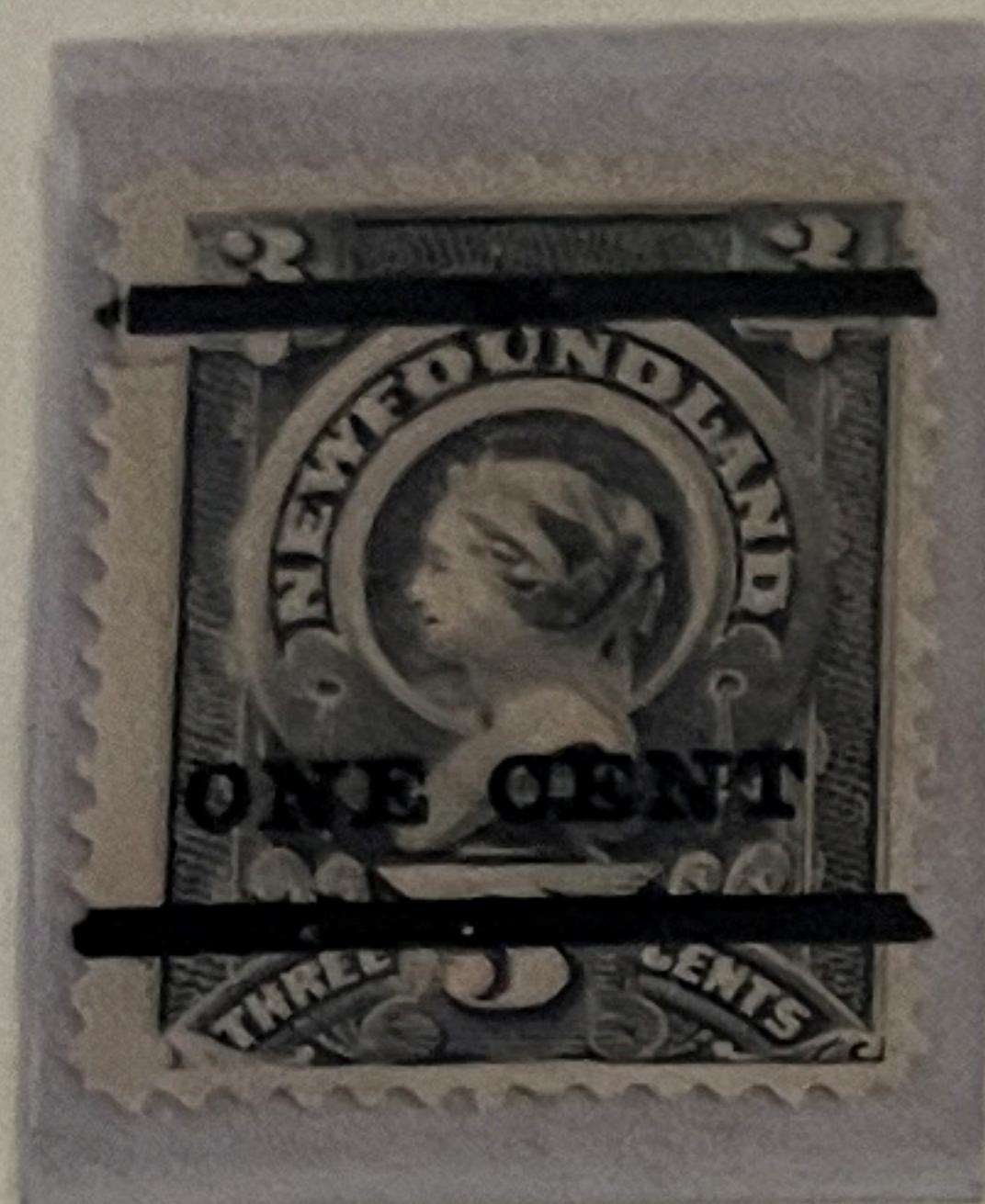
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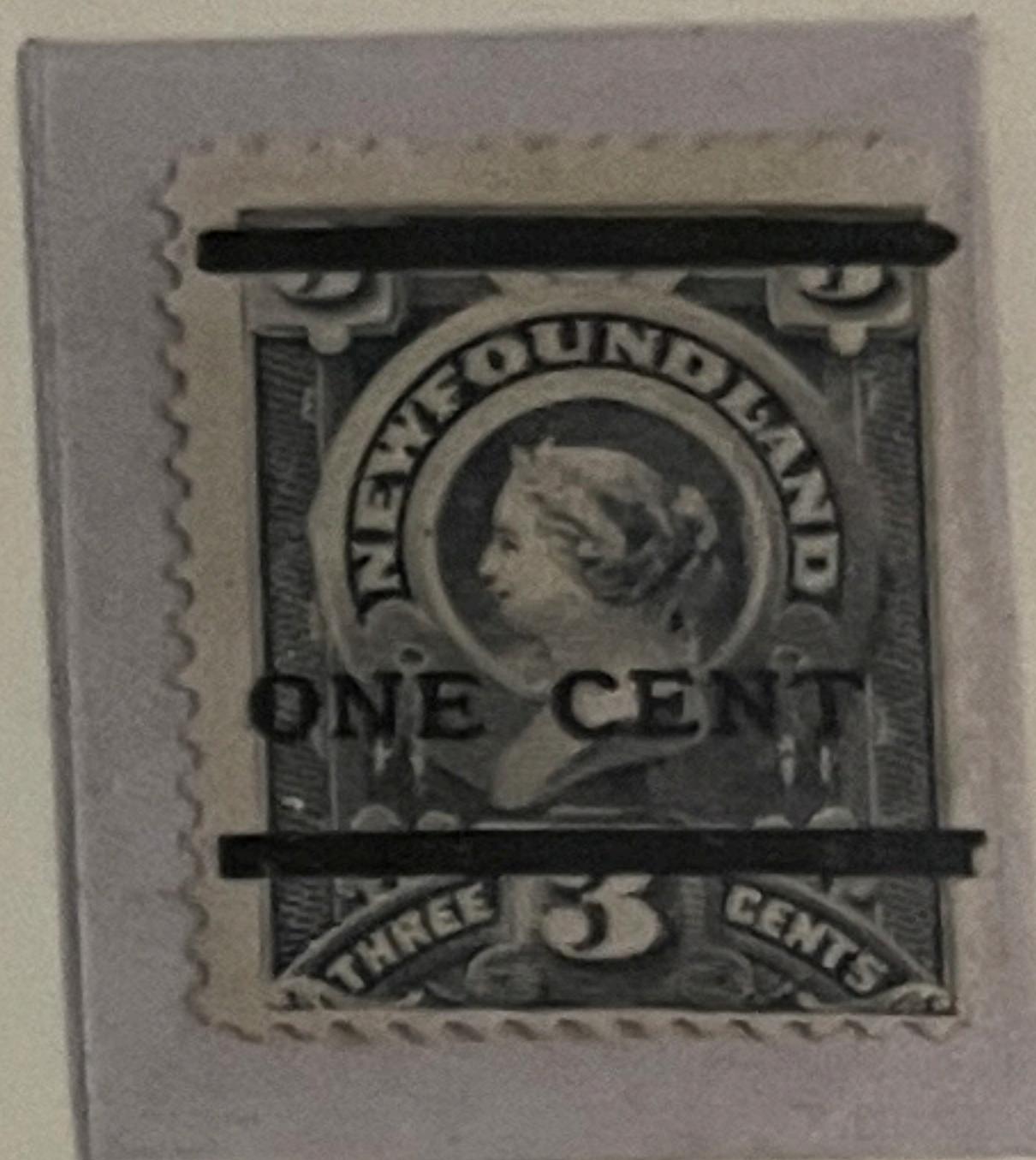
A PAID ALL hand stamp was used in St. John's, starting late September, 1897, in lieu of 1¢ stamps, for mail within Newfoundland, especially drop letters. It would continue to be used after the provisionals arrived, to supplement them.

1897 PROVISIONALS - ALL TYPES

Type I - Pos. 38 & 39



Type IA - Pos. 10



Type II & III

Pos. 48 & 49

Type IIA - Pos. 41

On October 19, 1897, 39,600 of the surcharged stamps went on sale - 792 blocks of 50. Speculation soon led to constant varieties due to font shortages and an inconsistent setting:

Type I - Short, serifed letters, bars 18mm apart ;

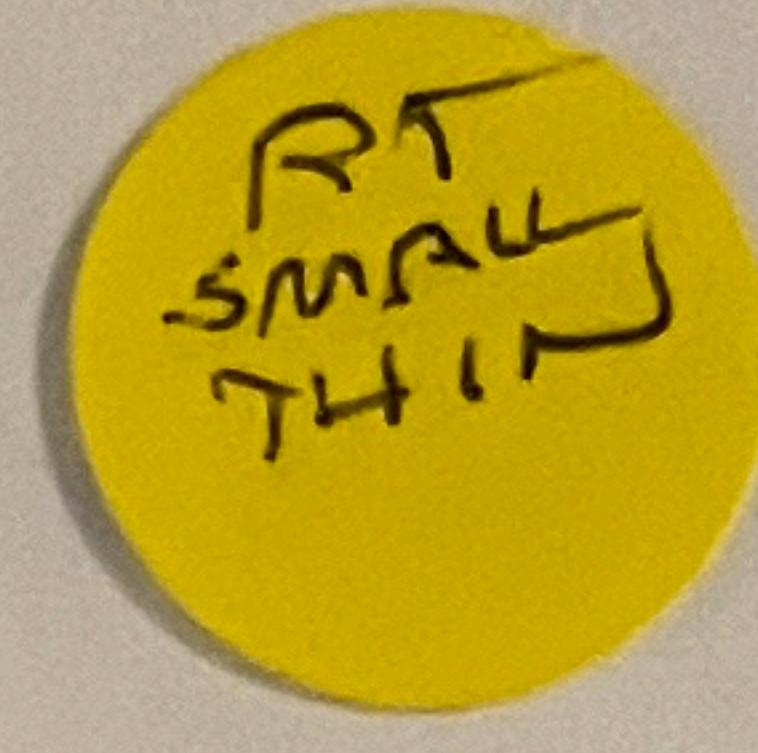
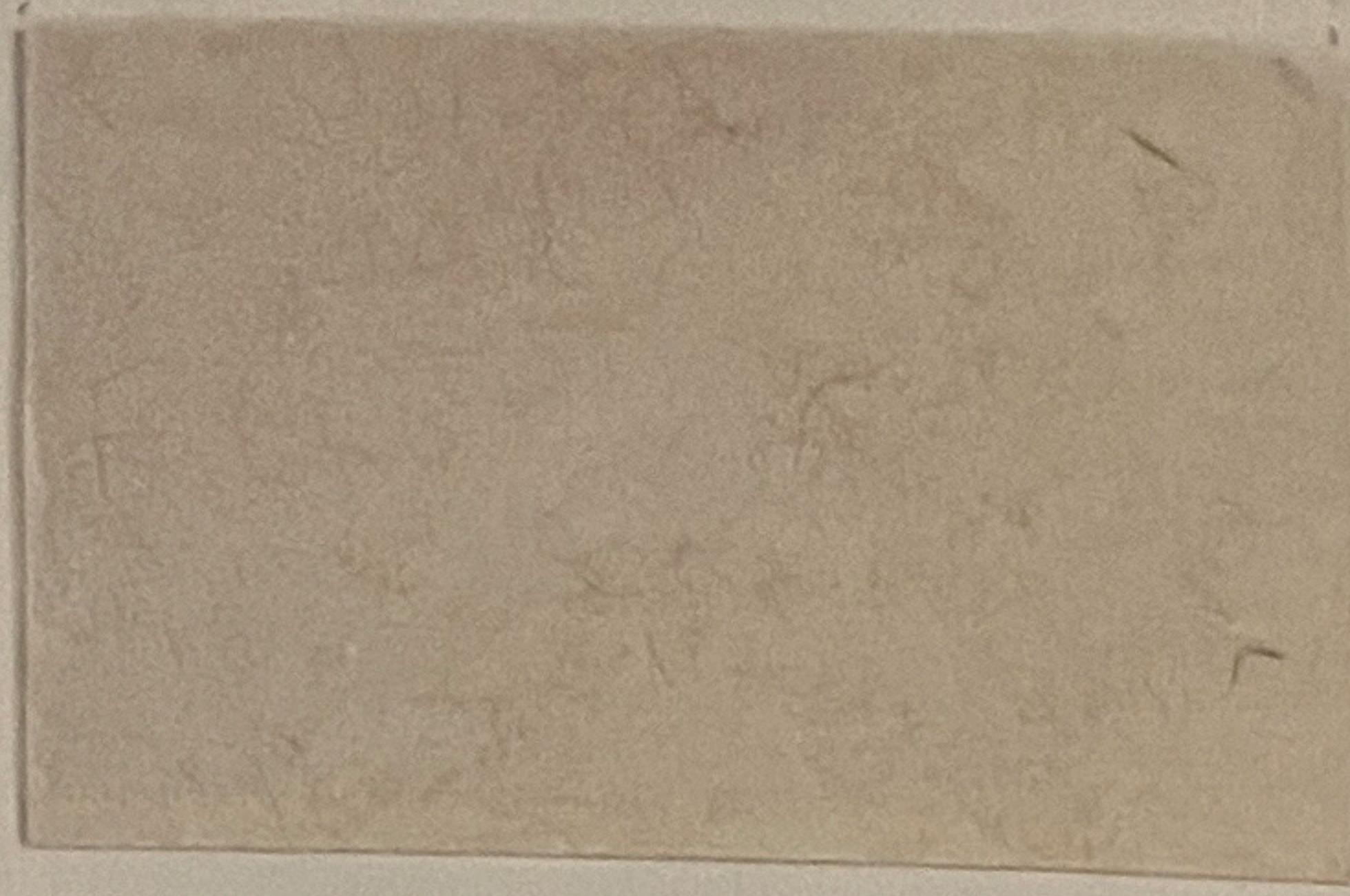
Type IA - Like above, but bars 17mm apart;

Type II - Tall, serifed letters;

Type IIA - Like above, but 2mm between ONE and CENT ; and,

Type III - Sans serifs (gothic type).

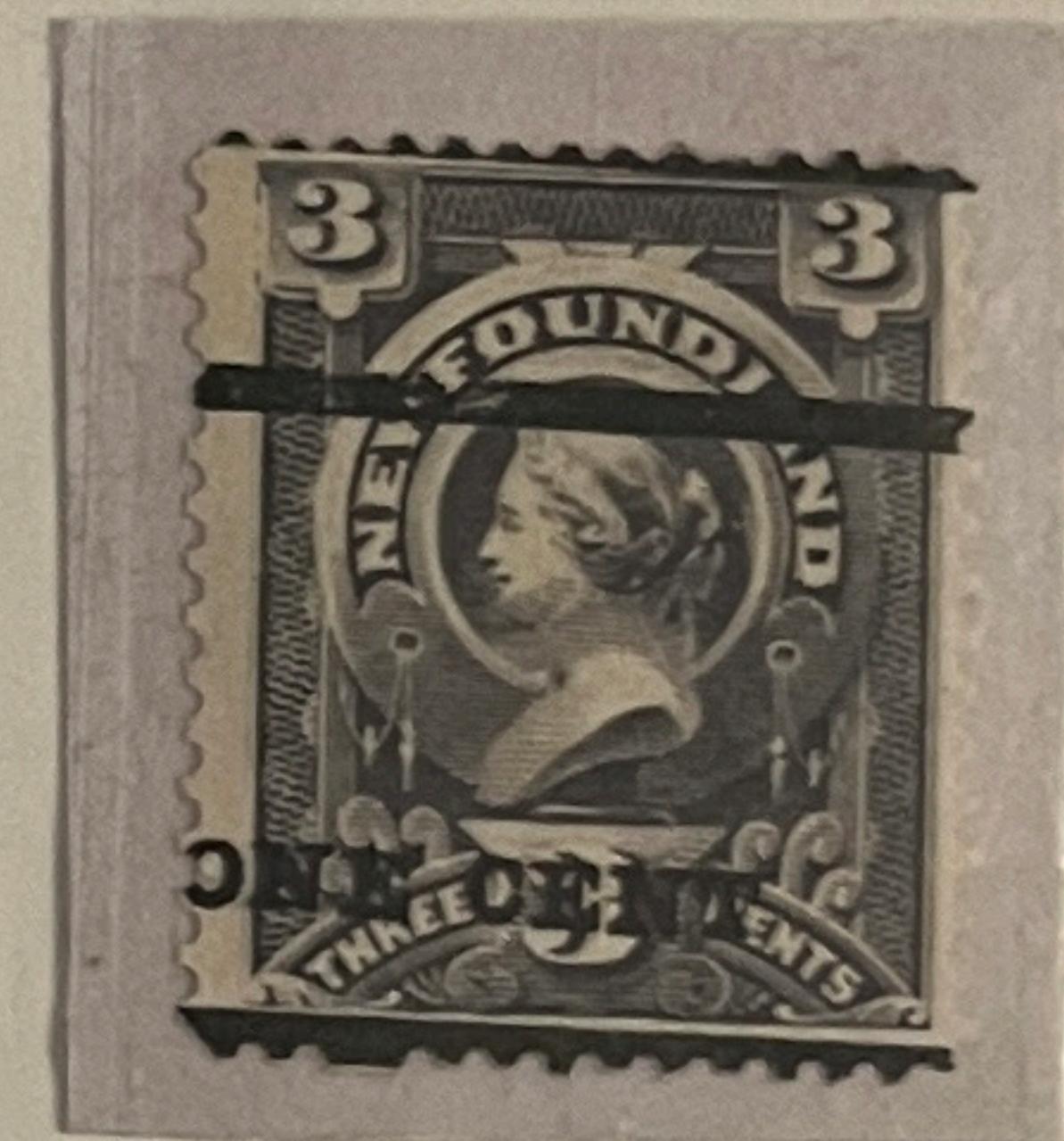
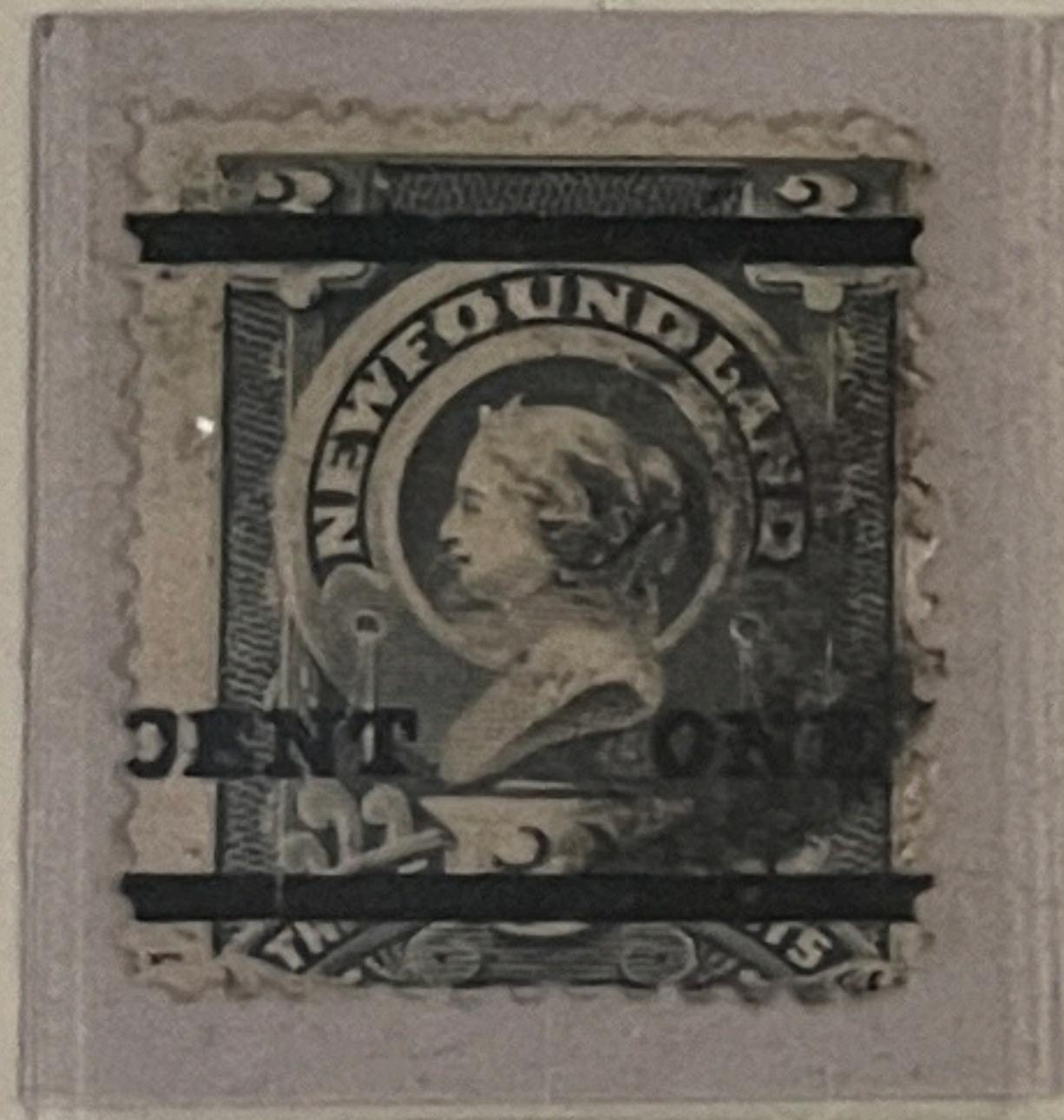
BLOCK LAYOUT BY TYPE



This is the rarest recognized variety of the 1897 surcharges. It has an additional surcharge that is diagonal (lighter impression), as shown on this mint pair. Only one other pair and single are recorded. Known examples are from the top two rows (three Type IA's and this Type I pair). Examples of the diagonal surcharge on Type II, Type IIA and Type III are *not* recorded.

Ex-Sir Gawaine Baillie

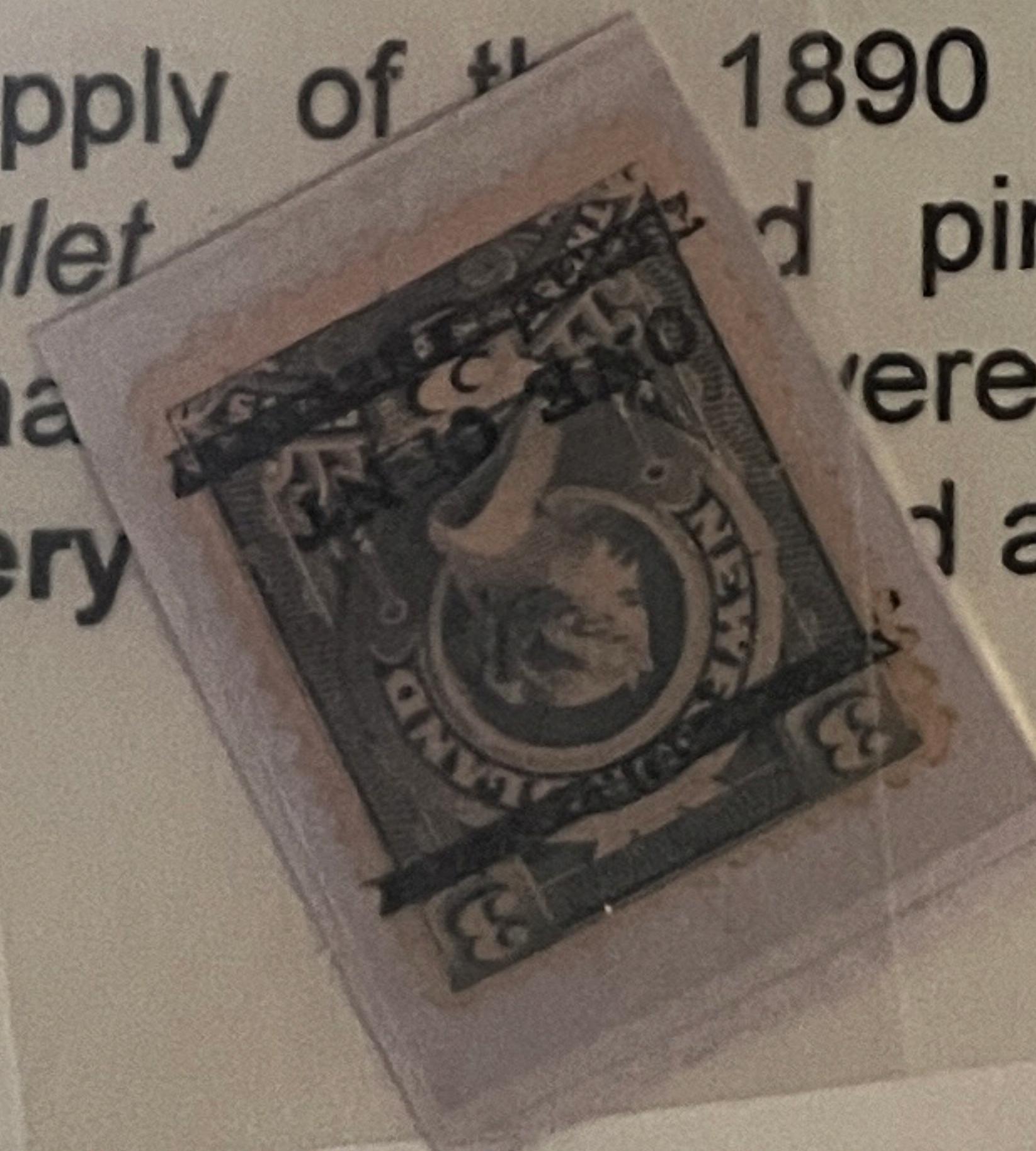
Pictured, Page 477, Robson Lowe's Encyclopaedia, Vol. V



Surcharge shifted 12mm horizontally
Created the **CENT ONE** variety

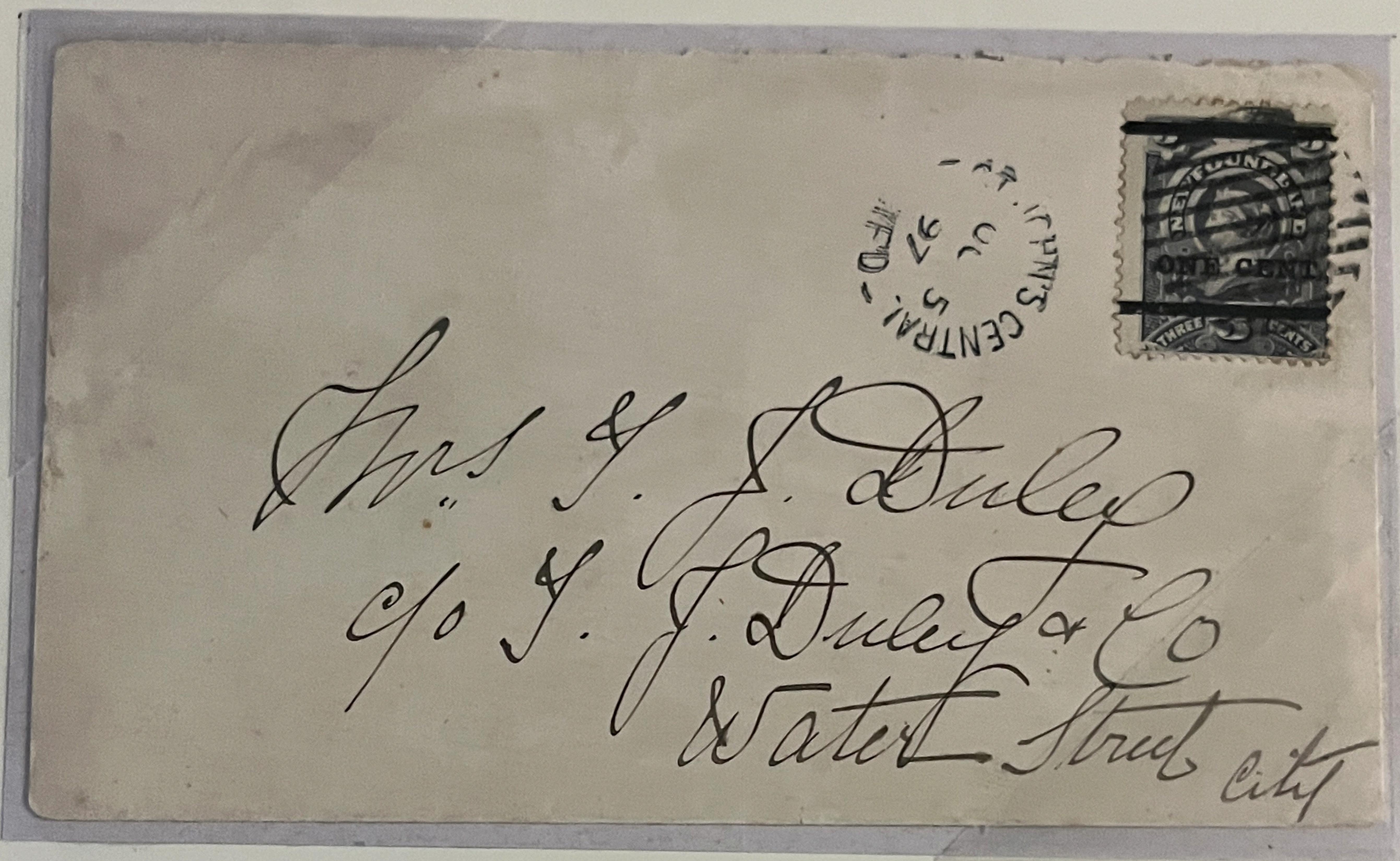
Surcharge shifted downward 5mm
resulted in copy with *three bars*

A supply of the 1890 Victoria was recovered from the 1896 sinking of the S.S. Capulet and pink from wrappers they were stored and not used for surcharge. They were burned in 1899 but a dishonest clerk sold some. This Type I forgery shows a definite lack of forethought.

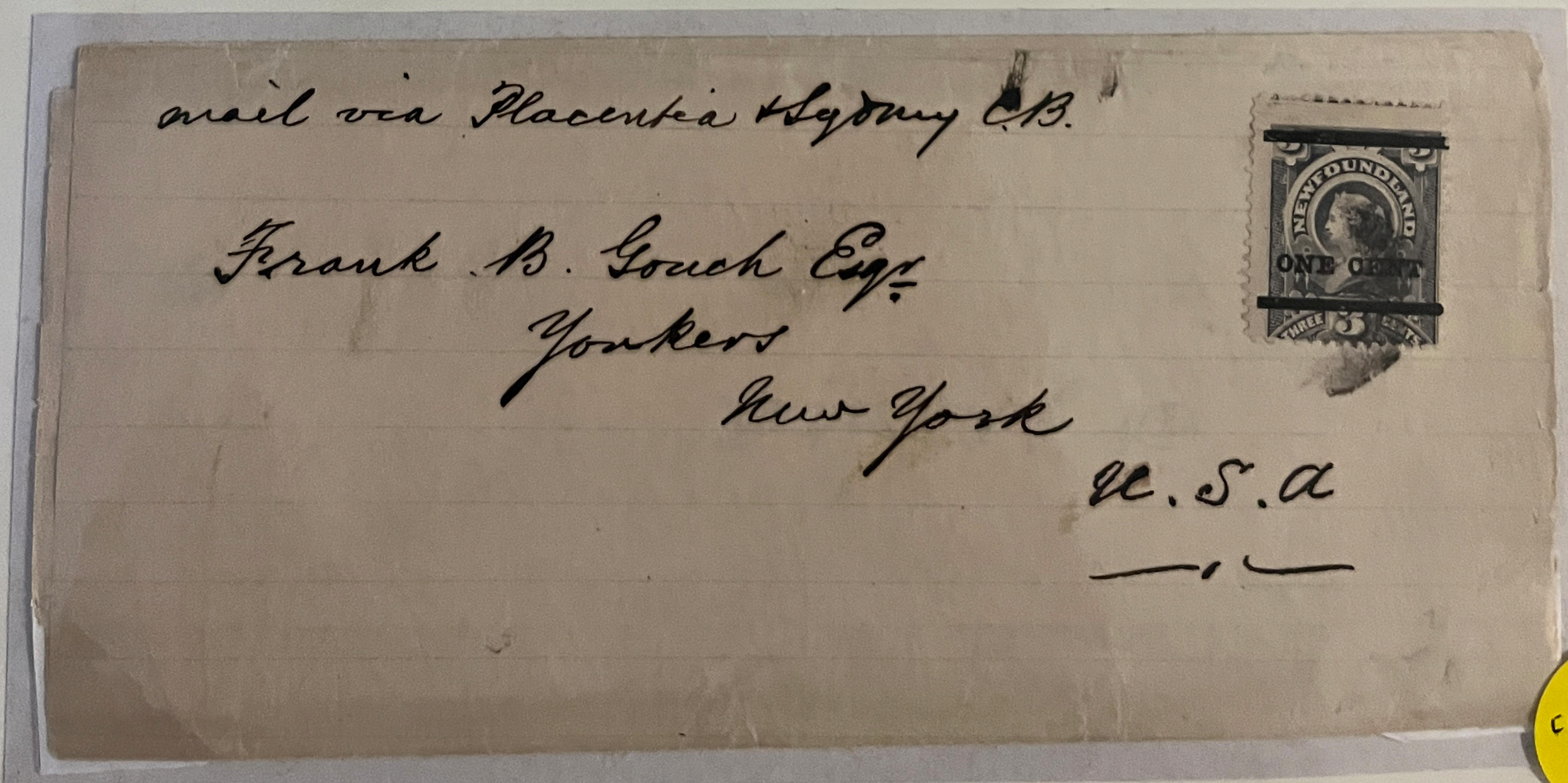


TYPICAL USAGES

Type I used for drop cover, unusual because of OC 5 97 postmark. Since recognized first use is OC 19 97 clerk must have set wrong date in hammer. Should be OC 25 97, or NO 5 97.

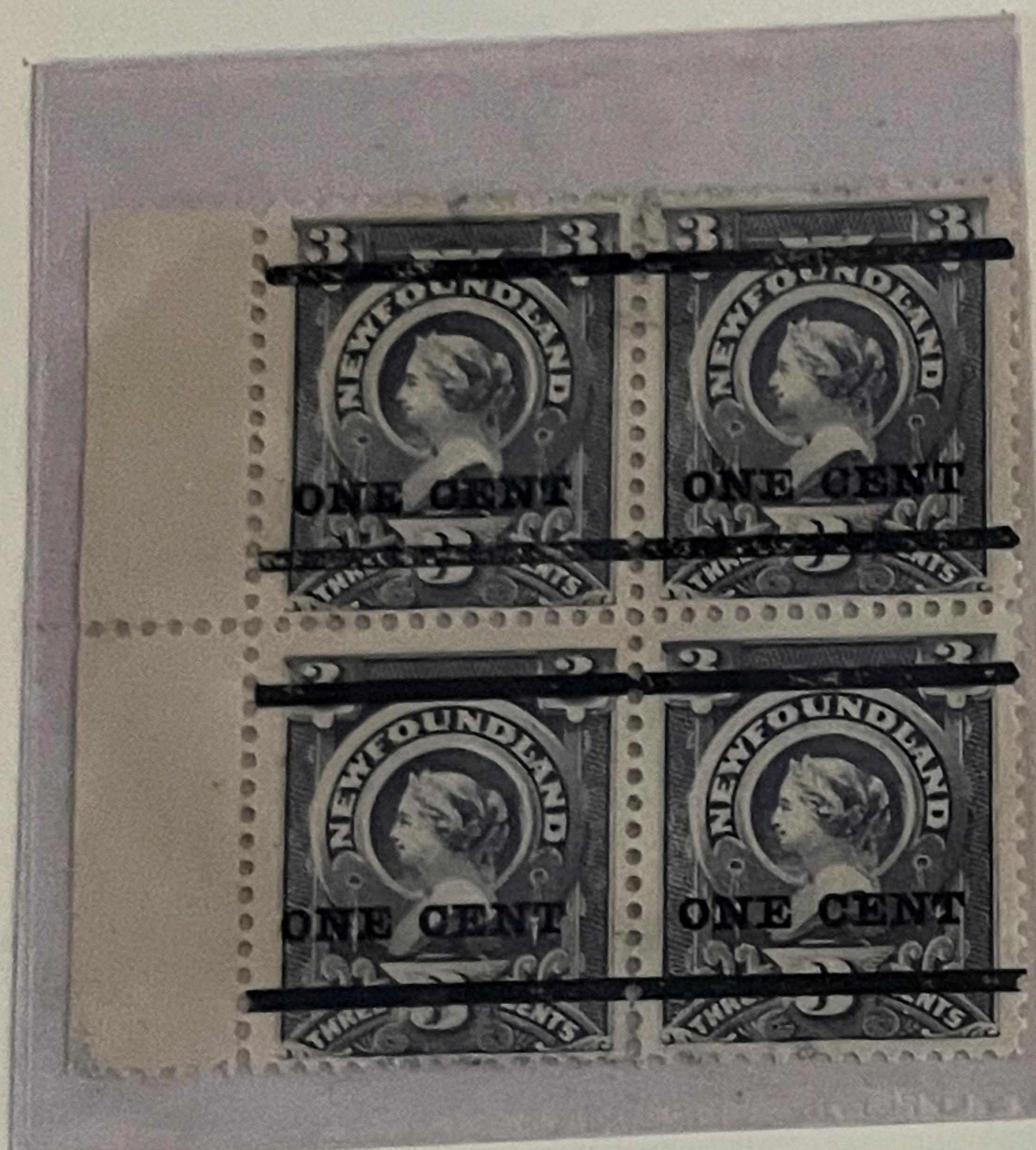


Type I on newspaper or circular wrapper to U.S.A. with a St. John's inscription inside. The Reid line's SS Bruce picked up mail carried by special train to Placentia delivering it to Sydney, Cape Breton. This biweekly service was started on October 20, 1897 and continued until June 30, 1898. No ship markings were applied.

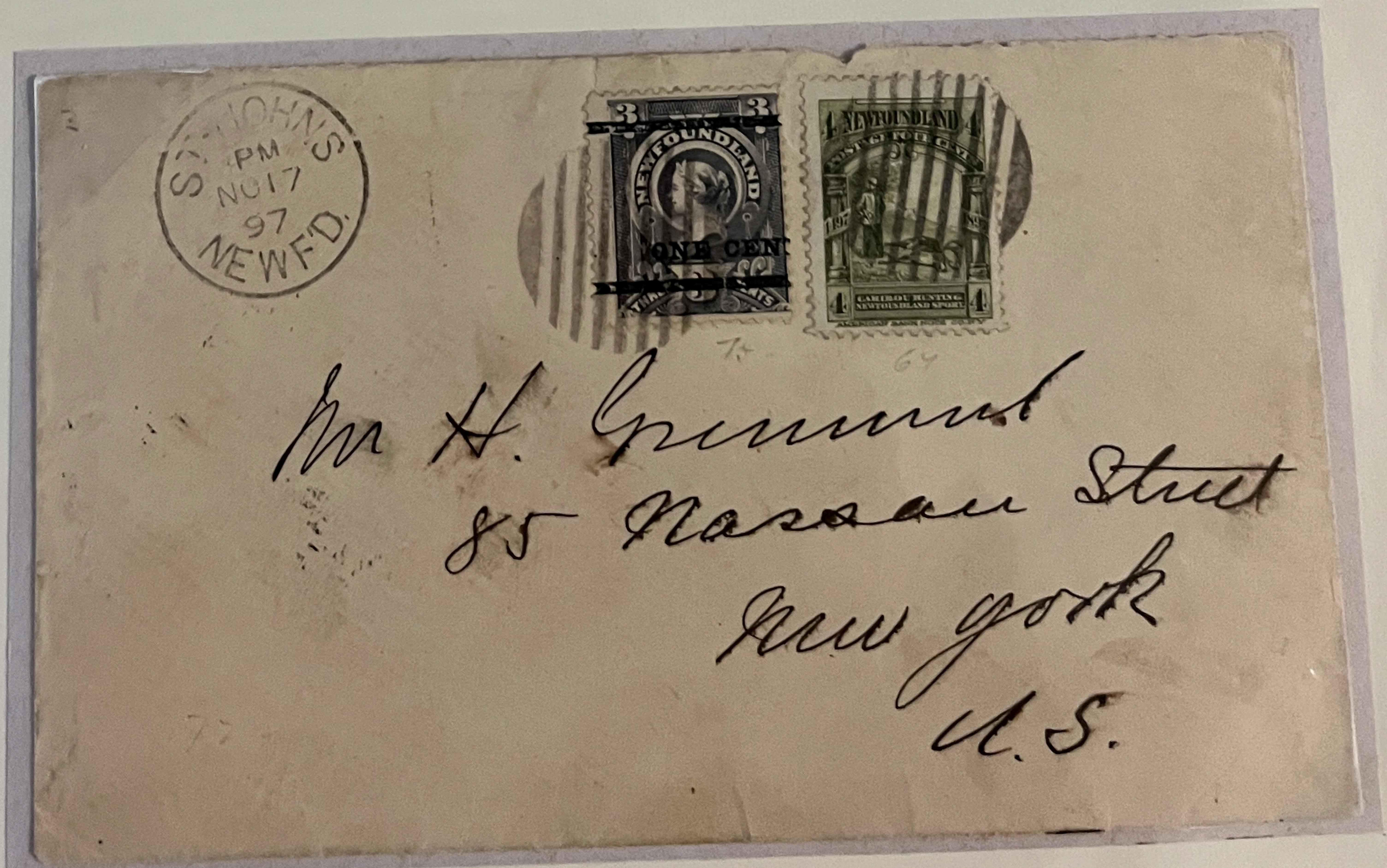
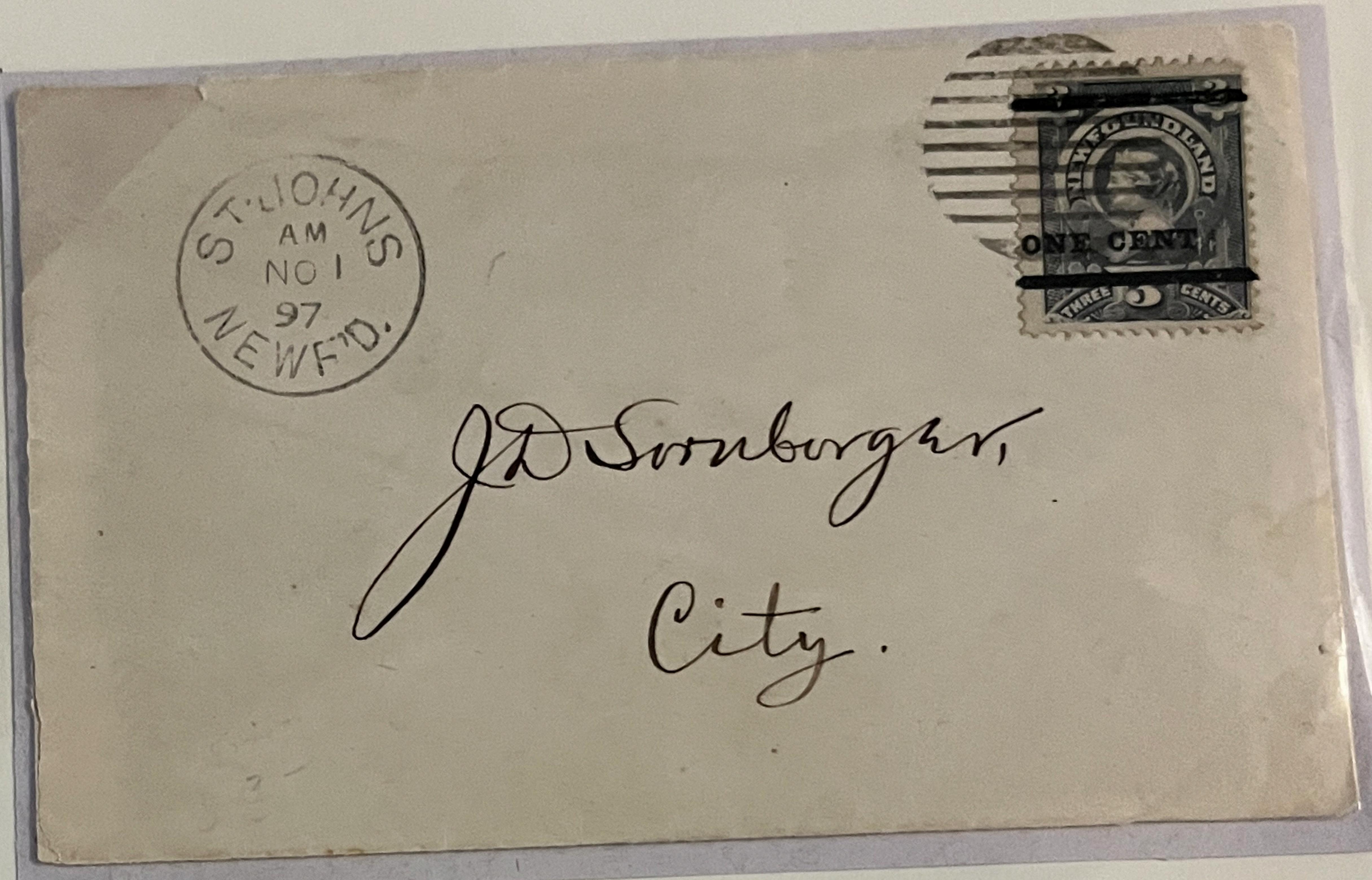


TYPE IA'S

Type IA's are only from positions 1-10 in the setting, with the bars 17mm apart. The top Type IA cover is local while the second shows this variety with a 4¢ Cabot for the 5¢ letter rate to the U.S.

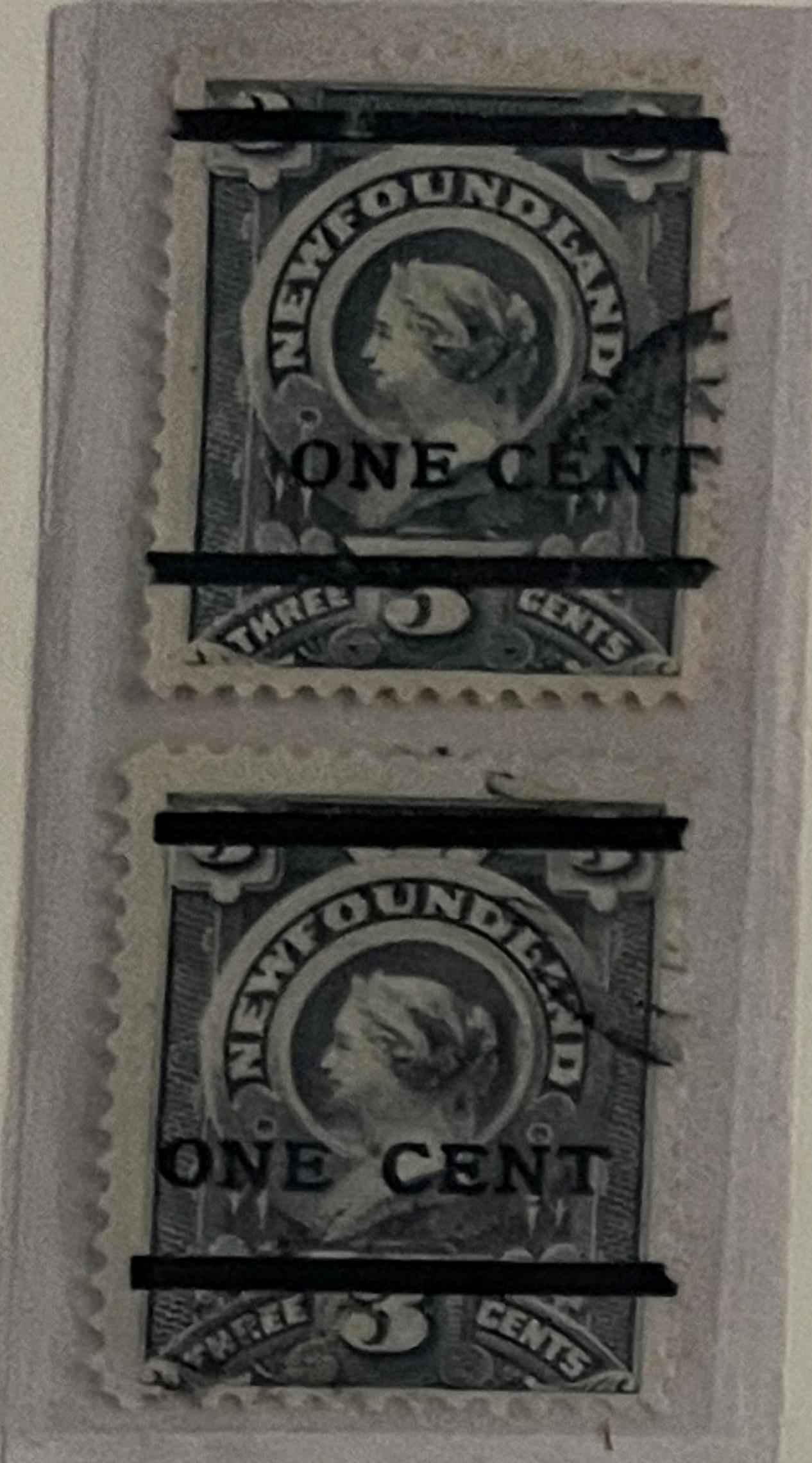


Used block with Pos. 1-2 & 11-12. Stamps above, bars 17mm apart. Those below, 17.75mm apart.



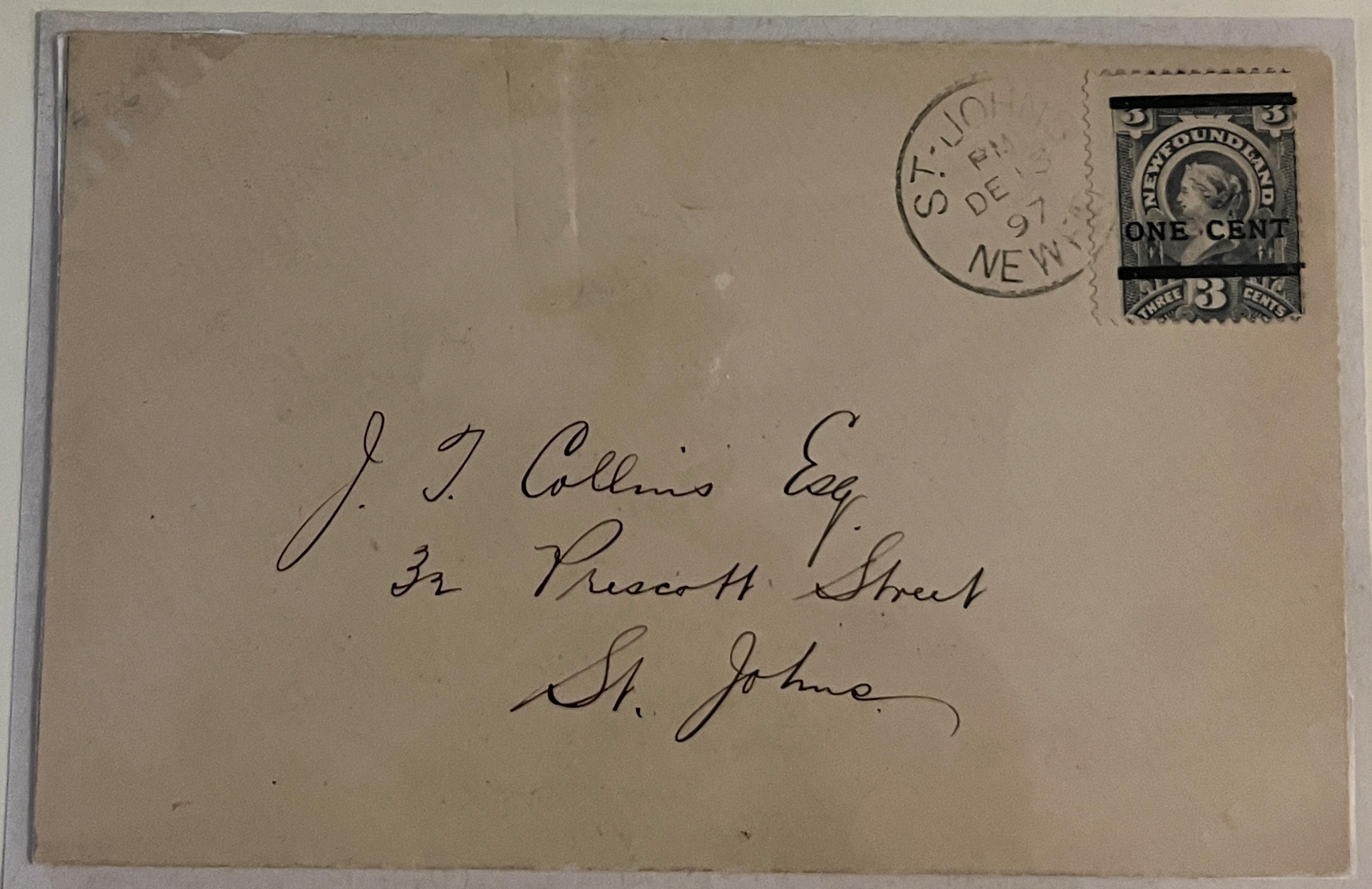
TYPE II & TYPE IIA

Type II, 1.5mm
between words
ONE CENT



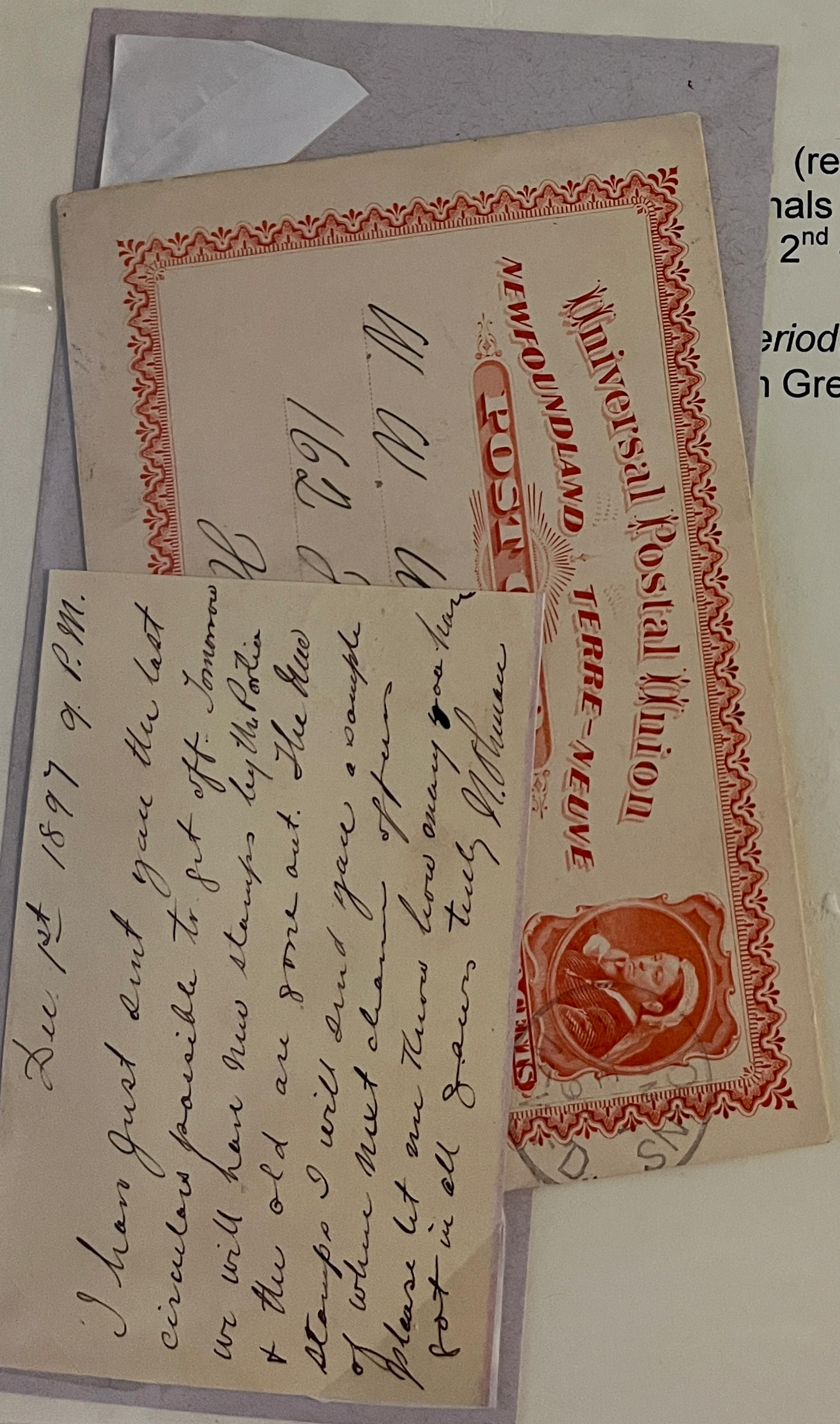
Type IIA, 2mm
between words
ONE CENT

Type II on local cover of OC 19 97, first day of issue.



Type IIA used locally on DE 13 97 nine days after end of provisional period, still valid for postage. It was only at pos. 41 (792 created). 1897 usage is extremely rare. The last recorded IIA cover *within* the provisional period was in the 1970 Sidney Harrington auction.

IMPATIENCE, AND THE END OF THE LINE

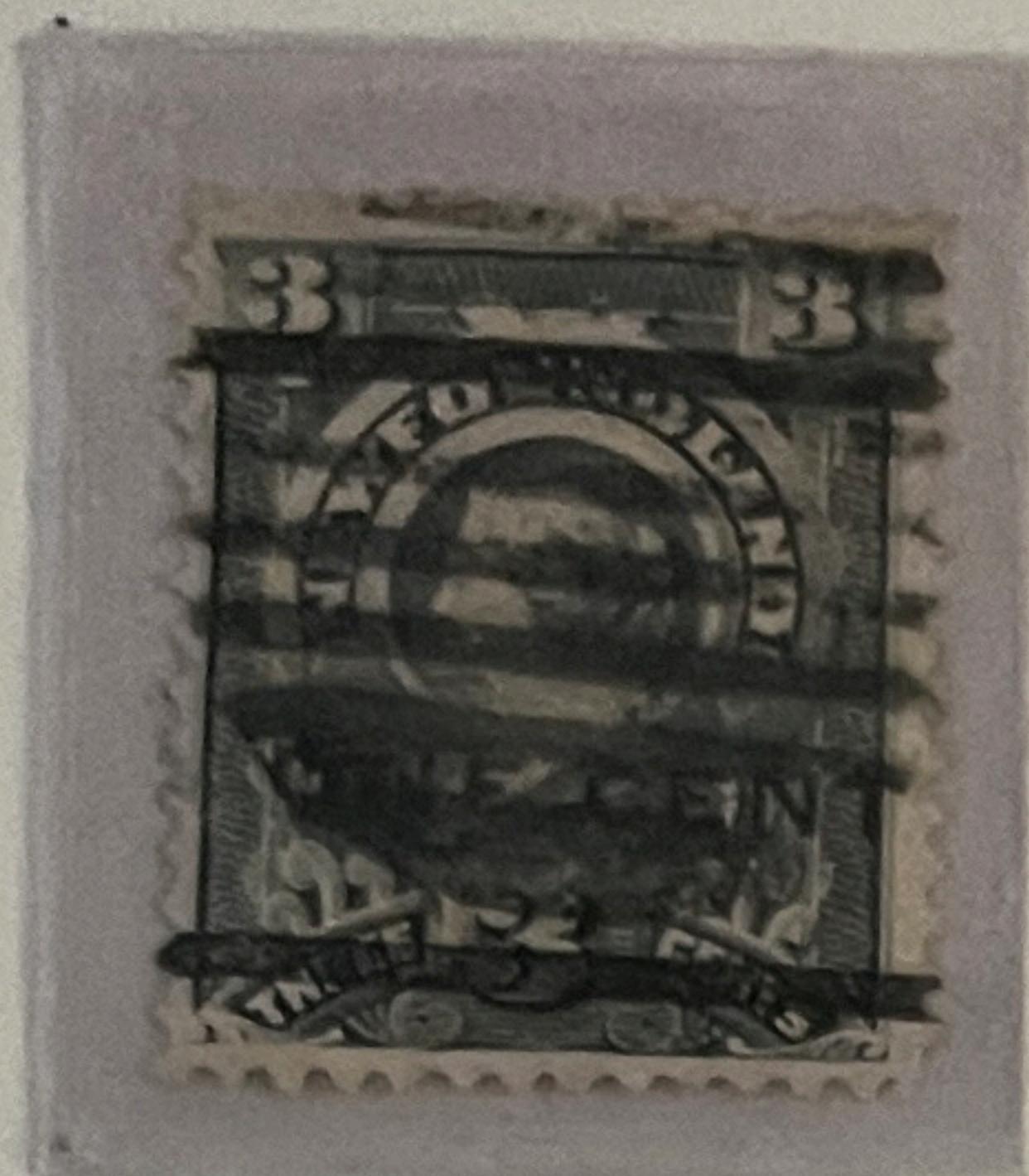


(reduced) reflected impatience of jeweler &
nals were no longer available in St. John's for
2nd – "new stamps" – but they did not arrive.

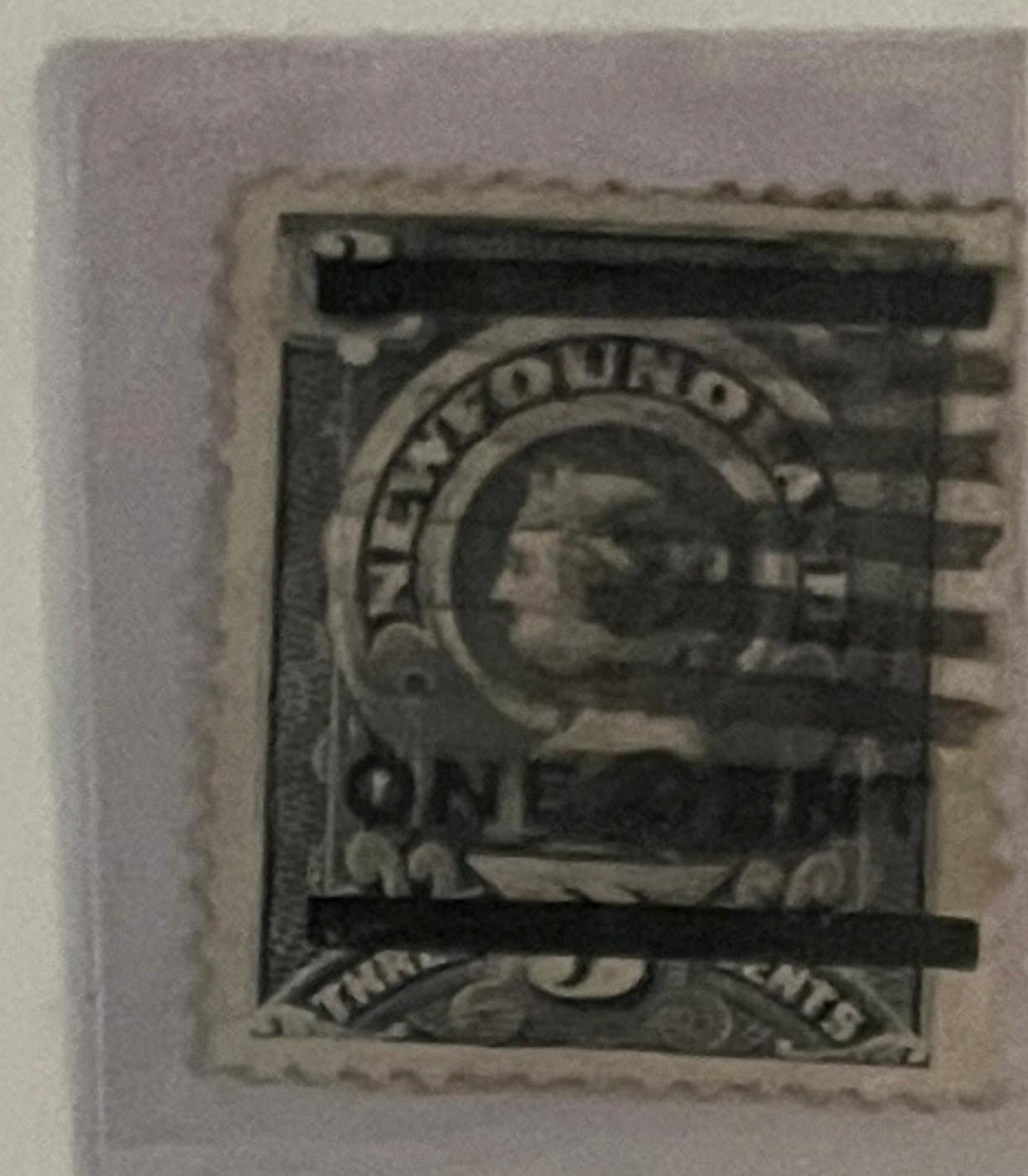
In this period, a left margin strip of three Type I's was
mailed from Greenspond to Halifax, Nova Scotia.

FORGERIES!!!

Many forgeries exist, especially of the rare Type III. The measurements are telling- the distance between the bars and **ONE CENT** and the lower bar.



FORGERIES



Between bars: 17.3mm
ONE CENT/bar: 4mm

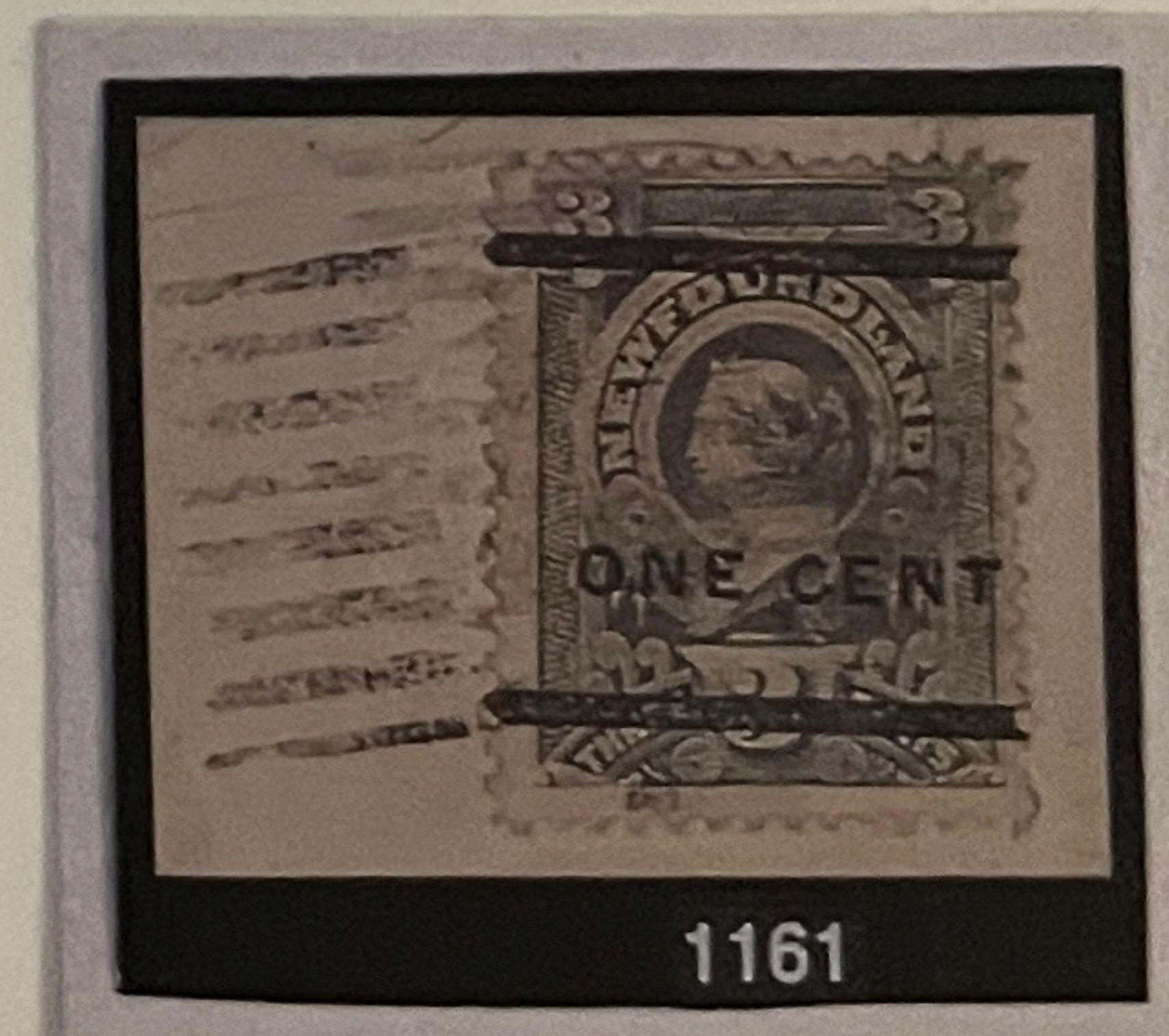
Between bars: 17.7mm
ONE CENT/bar: 2.3mm
Bars do *not* cross stamp



17.5mm



Genuine Type III
Enlarged 2.5 X 1



Many forgeries show up in major auctions. One at the left measures 15mm between bars, and 1mm between **ONE CENT** and lower bar. One at the right is 4mm between **ONE CENT** and lower bar, and may be one of the 1898 forgeries.