



EXPLANATION: In this Table we list the 47 Royal Family Specimen Stamps by the Date they were placed in the American Bank Note Archives. We've also identified 12 different SPECIMEN Types and these are labeled by Roman Numerals. These SPECIMENS differ in size and typestyle. We see that some TYPES were used only once on the Newfoundland stamps while TYPE VIII was used 20 times. Remember the Amer. Bank Note Co. was printing the stamps of many other countries and the SPECIMEN overprints were applied for a period and then probably wore out. We have not been able to establish how the overprints were applied. The regularity of spacing, position, pressure and inking on most sheets seems to imply a mechanical process. However, there is the occasional variety (double overprint etc) which tends to support a manual process.

Specimen#	SpecimenDat	Type	Size	Quantity	Colour	Punch	Order Date	Quantity	Sheet Size	Comments
SP79	Oct 1897	I	15x4 mm	300	Blue	2 mm	Sept10/97	400,000	100	Full selvage all around sheet
SP81	Oct 1897	I	15x4 mm	100	Blue	2 mm	Sept10/97	400,000	100	Only one sheet in Archives.
SP80-1	April 1898	I	15x4 mm	200	Red	2 mm	Mar 25/98	1,000,000	2x100	Sheet guillotined into two panes.
SP82-1	April 1898	I	15x4 mm	98	Blue	2 mm	Mar 25/98	500,000	100	Two stamps missing from Archives.
SP83-1	May 1898	II	15x2x4 mm	100	Blue	2 mm	May 9/98	500,000	100	Bright Orange shade, white paper.
SP85-1	May 1898	II	15x2x4 mm	100	Red	2 mm	May 9/98	500,000	100	No Plate Numbers on Plate.
SP78-1	June 1898	II	15x2x4 mm	200	Red	2 mm	May 27/98	1,000,000	2x100	Sheet guillotined into two panes.
SP82-2	Oct 1899	III	17x2 mm	100	Red	2 mm	Oct 12/99	1,000,000	100	Full selvage all around sheet.
SP83-2	Oct 1899	III	17x2 mm	100	Red	2 mm	Oct 12/99	1,000,000	100	Pale, dull orange shade.
SP80-2	Feb 1900	IV	11x2 mm	200	Red	2 mm	Jan 23/00	1,000,000	2x100	SPECIMEN reads up on left side.
SP83-3	May 1901	IV	11x2 mm	100	Red	2 mm	Mar 30/01	1,000,000	100	SPECIMEN reads up on left side.
SP80-3	June 1901	IV	11x2 mm	200	Red	2 mm	June19/01	1,000,000	2x100	SPECIMEN less heavily inked.
SP82-3	June 1901	IV	11x2 mm	100	Blue	2 mm	June19/01	1,000,000	100	Pale shade, SPECIMEN underinked.
SP84-1	Sept 1901	IV	11x2 mm	200	Red	2 mm	Aug 31/01	500,000	100	SPECIMEN reads up on left side.
SP84-2	Sept 1901	IV	11x2 mm	100	Red	2 mm	Aug 31/01	--	100	SPECIMEN reads down on right side
SP83-4	May 1902	V	14x1x4 mm	100	Red	2 mm	Apr 29/02	1,000,000	100	SPECIMEN reads up at center left
SP85-2	May 1902	V	14x1x4 mm	100	Red	2 mm	Apr 29/02	200,000	100	SPECIMEN reads up at center left
SP80-4	Oct 1902	VI	11x1x4 mm	200	Red	2 mm	Oct 15/02	1,000,000	2x100	Smallest SPECIMEN of all.
SP82-4	Mar 1903	V	14x1x4 mm	100	Blue	2 mm	This orde	not listed	100	TYPE V-but letters appear worn.
SP83-5	Nov 1903	V	14x1x4 mm	100	Blue	2 mm	No Date	?? 50,000	100	TYPE V-but letters appear worn.
SP78-2	July 1904	VII	13x2 mm	200	Red	2 mm	July 1/04	200,000	200	Sheet size 200 subjects.
SP82-5	July 1904	VII	13x2 mm	100	Blue	2 mm	July18/04	1,000,000	100	SPECIMEN very clear.
SP80-5	Aug29 1905	VIII	14 x2 mm	200	Red	2 mm	Aug 22/05	1,000,000	200	P1 #2 Blue Green-sheet 200 stamps
SP83-6	Nov16 1905	IX	20x3x4 mm	300	Blue	2 mm	Nov 10/05	1,000,000	100	Thin paper-Red Orange Small size.
SP78-3	Dec 1905	VIII	14 x2 mm	200	Red	2 mm	Dec 2/05	200,000	200	SPECIMEN has fine thin letters.
SP82-6	Dec11 1905	X	23x4x4 mm	100	Red	2 mm	Dec 2/05	1,000,000	100	Largest SPECIMEN of all.
SP85-3	Jun19 1906	VIII	14 x2 mm	100	Red	2 mm	Jun 13/06	250,000	100	SPECIMEN has fine thin letters.
SP80-6	July6 1906	VIII	14 x2 mm	200	Red	2 mm	Jun 27/06	1,000,000	200	SPECIMEN less clear.
SP78-4	Sept 1906	VIII	14 x2 mm	200	Red	2 mm	Aug 23/06	250,000	200	Overinked-"P" of SPECIMEN filled.
SP80-7	Sept 1906	VIII	14 x2 mm	200	Red	2 mm	Aug 23/06	1,000,000	200	Overinked also.
SP82-7	Sept5 1906	VIII	14 x2 mm	100	Blue	2 mm	Aug 26/06	1,000,000	100	SPECIMEN underinked-Pale Blue.
SP82-8	Mar20 1907	VIII	14 x2 mm	200	Red	4 mm	Feb 18/07	2,000,000	100	Large Punch Hole-Clear SPECIMEN.
SP85-4	Apr24 1907	VIII	14 x2 mm	100	Red	2 mm	Apr 15/07	250,000	100	Small Punch Hole-Clear SPECIMEN.
SP80-8	Oct11 1908	VIII	14 x2 mm	200	Red	4 mm	Oct 2/07	1,000,000	200	Large Punch Hole-Clear SPECIMEN.
SP82-9	Jan 1908	VIII	14 x2 mm	300	Red	4 mm	Jan 18/08	2,000,000	100	Stamps lost-Shipwreckof SS SYLVIA
SP85-5	Mar20 1908	VIII	14 x2 mm	300	Red	4 mm	Jan 18/08	500,000	100	Stamps lost in Shipwreck.
SP80-9	May 1908	VIII	14 x2 mm	200	Red	4 mm	May 1/08	500,000	200	SPECIMEN has fine thin letters.
SP85-6	Jul23 1908	VIII	14 x2 mm	200	Red	2 mm	Jun 20/08	500,000	100	Creamy gum.
SP85-6a	Jul23 1908	VIII	14 x2 mm	100	Red	2 mm	Jun 20/08	of above	100	Flat white gum.
SP86-1	Jul24 1908	VIII	14 x2 mm	200	Red	2 mm	Jun 30/08	2,000,000	200	To replace shipwrecked stamps.
SP80-10	None	VIII	14 x2 mm	200	Red	2 mm	Nov 24/08	1,000,000	200	Control#F1767 on Sheet.
SP86-2	Mar15 1909	XI	20 x4 mm	200	Red	2 mm	Mar 6 /08	2,000,000	200	Control#F1908 on Sheet.
SP78-5	Oct 1909	VIII	14 x2 mm	400	Red	2 mm	Oct 23/08	100,000	200	P1#2 Two panes of 100 with gutter
SP80-11	Oct 1909	VIII	14 x2 mm	400	Red	2 mm	Oct 23/08	1,000,000	200	P1#3 Two panes of 100.
SP86-3	Jan31 1910	VIII	14 x2 mm	400	Red	2 mm	Jan 21/08	2,000,000	200	Control#F2366-Carmine shade.
SP87-7	May16 1918	XII	14x2x4 mm	200	Blue	2 mm	Unknown	Unknown	2x100	P1#4 WAR PRINTING Left Pane Red 0
SP83-8	May16 1918	XII	14x2x4 mm	200	Blue	2 mm	Unknown	Unknown	2x100	as above (less Red) Orange shade.

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1897 ROYAL FAMILY ISSUE, COMPLETE SPECIMENS

In 1990, the American Bank Note Co. archives were opened and sold to dealers/collectors. Many of the items sold were seen by those outside the A.B.N.C. for the first time. The following stamps represent ALL specimen issues of this set over twenty years - and not just first printing specimens sent to the United postal Union. Quantities of these items range from 100-400. In some instances, careful study is needed to distinguish specimens from the various printings. Descriptors are primarily those provided by Edward Wener, of INDIGO, who purchased the complete inventory of these unique issues. Descriptions follow.

SCOTT #86 is included, although SCOTT shows it as distinct from the Royal Family issues (for design purposes); however both LOWE and BOGGS place it within the set, since it was apparently issued to protect the post office from illicit use of SCOTT 82, the 2¢ value, lost at sea, but washed ashore.



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