



**THE FIRST CHAPTER  
THE DECISION TO INTRODUCED STAMPS**

On March 15, 1868 the Governor of the Province, Don Antonio Carlos Pineda, sent a letter to the Colonial Office in London, asking for stamps to be produced for the colony. The letter was forwarded from the Colonial Office to the Customs Agents that visited De La Rue for a cost estimate. De La Rue was an expert already on April 14, 1868 calculating about the costs for producing plates. The offer ended at £ 275, a sum far above what the colony had intended.

Discussions between the Governor of Guatemala, the Colonial Office, the Customs Agents and De La Rue continued when more change alternatives were looked upon. The newly issued estimated amount of £ 100,000 seems to have been for the discussion.

**THE OVERPRINTED STAMPS OF BELGIUM - THE ORIGINAL IDEA OF 1867**



After further negotiations a new agreement was reached that the stamps were to be printed on small pieces of unwatermarked paper and that the stamps were to be superimposed first with the normal design, afterward the overprint to produce the plates and the stamps was attached to De La Rue on December 3, 1868. The original stamps were on February 3, 1869, included costs for the printing and estimated plates together with 100 stamps printed of each value for a total of £ 275 to £ 300.

**THE FIFTEENTH DIE**

The printer, the engraver of the Queen's head was found amongst the affairs of Francis Wynn the governor of William Wynn, Chief Engraver at the Royal Mint. William Wynn had been responsible for engraving the last dies for the 1867-1868 estimated issue of Great Britain.

The design for the engraving and detail of the engraving, with the Guatemalan features being probably engraved by William Wynn as the engraver of the die which was used as a master die for the printing of the stamps of the Province in 1869.

Wynn also did give the engraver in the end  
Ex: McTag, Bevington-Jones & Ledwith

**NO VALUE**

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**THE ISSUE OF 1869  
UNWATERMARKED PAPER**

REF: 1000000

The issue of 1869 consisted of a 15-cent stamp and a 25-cent stamp, both printed in sheets of 15 stamps (3 rows of 5 stamps) on unwatermarked and unperforated paper. There were four different arrangements of both values. The stamps remain to determine whether or not unwatermarked for the better reasons are from the first arrangement and the poor reasons are from the last arrangement.

**NUMBER OF SHEETS PRINTED**

Value	1st arrangement	2nd arrangement	3rd arrangement	4th arrangement
15c	100	100	100	100
25c	100	100	100	100
Total	400	400	400	400

**PLATE PROOF**

Printed on waste paper with a grid before embossing

**FOUR PENCE**

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Ex: De La Rue engraver & Ledwith

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**THE STAMPS**

Plates were produced for two values, a FOUR PENCE stamp to be printed in brown and a SIX PENCE stamp to be printed in blue. The plates were made up of 15 stamps arranged in three rows of five.

It is not known who was responsible for the design and engraving of the Guatemalan die at De La Rue, but it was most probably William Wynn, the Chief Engraver.

**PROGRESSIVE DIE PROOF - FOUR PENCE**

The progressive die proof will have an outer black border present, something that was removed from the die before it was used for making the electrotype plates. The die proof is fully embossed and lined with a carbon card. Both the printing and the embossing were probably carried out in one operation as the engraver is used.



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**DIE PROOFS**

The die proofs had the outer black border removed, and they were now prepared to be used for making the electrotype plates of 15 stamps. The die proofs are fully embossed and the printing and the embossing were probably carried out in one operation.

**WITH LARGE DOT IN THE HAIR**

**FOUR PENCE**



Ex: De La Rue engraver, Bevington & Tait

**SIX PENCE**



Ex: De La Rue engraver, "Johnson" & Ledwith

**SIX PENCE**



Ex: De La Rue engraver, Bevington & Tait

**THE DIE OF 1867  
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**MANUSCRIPT "CANCELLED" IN BLACK INK**

**FOUR PENCE**



Ex: "Johnson" & Ledwith

**OVERPRINTED "CANCELLED" TYPE D7**

In 1877 one sheet from the brown plates of the both the 4d and the 6d was printed, without embossing, on glazed paper for submission to the Inspector-General of the Guatemalan Customs. The sheets had a hand stamped overprint in black ink and red ink, size 17.5 x 13 mm.

**FOUR PENCE**



Ex: De La Rue engraver & Bevington

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**WITH SMALL DOT IN THE HAIR**

**FOUR PENCE**



Ex: De La Rue engraver, Bevington & Tait

**SIX PENCE**



Ex: De La Rue engraver, Bevington & Tait

**WITH VERTICAL DOT IN THE HAIR**

This die proof is mounted on a piece of white card with the manuscript notation "No 2 / 15 Leads". It was probably struck on November 3, 1868, in preparation for the new plate of 15 stamps for the new 25 PENCE value that was determined on December 31, 1868.

**FOUR PENCE**

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**SIX PENCE**



Ex: De La Rue engraver & Bevington

**OVERPRINTED "CANCELLED" TYPE D8**

Hand stamped overprint in black, size 17.5 x 13 mm. These are believed to have been originally attached to an overprint to De La Rue report of June 1877, illustrating printing methods.

**FOUR PENCE**

**SIX PENCE**



Ex: De La Rue engraver, Bevington-Jones, "Johnson" & Ledwith

**THE ISSUES OF 1890**  
WATERMARKED 12

1<sup>ST</sup> PRINTING  
LIME PAPER  
L4

The issues of 1890 were printed in sheets of 12 stamps (3 rows of 4 stamps) on paper watermarked Crown 12. There were two different printings for the 12c with the watermark in obverse position and the 12c with the watermark in reverse position. The obverse position watermark has the Crown to the right of the 12c, while with the reverse watermark the Crown is to the left of the 12c. Changes from single printings are performed in for a single line perforation. It is normally not possible to determine if stamps are over an issue for the 12c or the 12c printing, and for this reason they are shown together with the stamps of the second printing.

VALUES OF SHEETS PRINTED

Value	1 <sup>st</sup> printing perforated on 1890, June 4	2 <sup>nd</sup> printing perforated on 1890, October 25
12c	1,000,000	1,000,000
6c	1,000,000	1,000,000
3c	1,000,000	1,000,000
1c	1,000,000	1,000,000

PERFORATIONS "CONTROLLED" WITH THE HELP OF



**THE ISSUE OF 1890**  
WATERMARKED 12, REDDISH

1<sup>ST</sup> PRINTING  
LIME PAPER  
L4

**ONE PENNY**  
Commitment date: 1890, June 4

Quantity printed: 4,000



The 4c rate to rest of the world (outside U.K. and the Empire) was introduced on February 1, 1890. The anniversary mark "17" indicates the date to 0.17.5. In London.

Dr. Deane

**ONE PENNY**  
Commitment date: 1890, June 4

Quantity printed: 4,000



**THE ISSUE OF 1890**  
WATERMARKED 12, REDDISH

1<sup>ST</sup> PRINTING  
LIME PAPER  
L4

**HALF PENNY**  
Commitment date: 1890, June 4

Quantity printed: 2,000



**ONE PENNY**  
Commitment date: 1890, June 4

Quantity printed: 900

INVERTED WATERMARK



**TWO PENCE**  
Commitment date: 1890, June 4

Quantity printed: 3,000

THE LARGEST SURVIVING MULTIPLE



**THE ISSUE OF 1890**  
WATERMARKED 12, REDDISH

1<sup>ST</sup> PRINTING  
LIME PAPER  
L4

**ONE PENNY**  
Commitment date: 1890, June 4

Quantity printed: 4,000

THE ONLY RECORDED SHEET



**ONE SHILLING**  
Commitment date: 1890, June 4

Quantity printed: 1,000



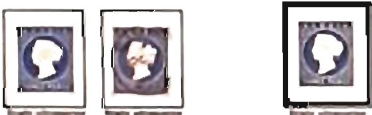
**THE ISSUE OF 1890**  
WATERMARKED 12, REDDISH

1<sup>ST</sup> PRINTING  
LIME PAPER  
L4

**THREE PENCE**  
Commitment date: 1890, June 4

Quantity printed: 975

INVERTED WATERMARK



**FOUR PENCE**  
Commitment date: 1890, June 4

Quantity printed: 4,000



The 4c rate to rest of the world (outside U.K. and the Empire) was introduced on February 1, 1890.

Dr. Deane

**THE ISSUE OF 1890**  
WATERMARKED 12, REDDISH

1<sup>ST</sup> PRINTING  
LIME PAPER  
L4

**ONE SHILLING**  
Commitment date: 1890, June 4

Quantity printed: 1,000

THE LARGEST SURVIVING MULTIPLE



THE ONLY RECORDED COVER (FRONT ONLY)



The 4c rate to rest of the world (outside U.K. and the Empire) was introduced on February 1, 1890.

Dr. Deane & Deane

THE ISSUE OF 1861  
WATERMARKED O.C. EPHEMERY

COMB PERFORATION 14

The issue of 1861 was printed in sheets of 10 stamps (2 rows of 5) arranged in paper watermarked Crown O.C. with the watermark in upright position. The design was perforated 14 in a wavy comb perforation in a. for the comb with the perforation.

NUMBER OF SHEETS ISSUED

Value	Quantity
1/2 p	100,000
1 p	100,000
2 p	100,000
3 p	100,000
4 p	100,000
5 p	100,000

UNDESIGNED WATERMARK PAPER (A)



Ex. 1000

HALF PENNY

Commemorative date: 1861, May 30

Quantity printed: 50,000



Exemplar of the issue from Great Britain & the Colonies, printed on 22nd May 1861. The single rate of 4d per 10 in. is in force outside the U.K. and the British Empire was introduced on February 1, 1862.

THE ISSUE OF 1861  
WATERMARKED O.C. EPHEMERY

COMB PERFORATION 14

THREE PENCE

Commemorative date: 1861, May 30

Quantity printed: 10,700



UNDESIGNED WATERMARK



Ex. 1000

THE ISSUE OF 1861  
WATERMARKED O.C. EPHEMERY

COMB PERFORATION 14

ONE PENCE

Commemorative date: 1861, May 30

Quantity printed: 1,000



Ex. 1000



Ex. 1000

THE ISSUE OF 1861  
WATERMARKED O.C. EPHEMERY

COMB PERFORATION 14

HALF PENNY

Commemorative date: 1861, May 30

Quantity printed: 50,000



Ex. 1000

ONE PENNY

Commemorative date: 1861, May 30

Quantity printed: 50,120



Ex. 1000

Ex. 1000

Ex. 1000

Ex. 1000

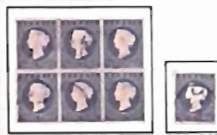
THE ISSUE OF 1861  
WATERMARKED O.C. EPHEMERY

COMB PERFORATION 14

THREE PENCE

Commemorative date: 1861, May 30

Quantity printed: 10,700



Ex. 1000

Ex. 1000

FOUR PENCE

Commemorative date: 1861, May 30

Quantity printed: 10,000



Ex. 1000

Ex. 1000



Ex. 1000

Ex. 1000

THE ISSUE OF 1861  
WATERMARKED O.C. EPHEMERY

COMB PERFORATION 14

ONE PENCE

Commemorative date: 1861, May 30

Quantity printed: 1,000



Ex. 1000

Ex. 1000

ONE SHEET

Commemorative date: 1861, May 30

Quantity printed: 1,000

THE ONLY RECORDED FULL SHEET



Ex. 1000

THE ISSUE OF 1861  
WATERMARKED O.C. EPHEMERY

COMB PERFORATION 14

TWO PENCE

Commemorative date: 1861, May 30

Quantity printed: 37,320



Ex. 1000



Exemplar of the issue from Great Britain & the Colonies, printed on 22nd May 1861. The single rate of 4d per 10 in. is in force outside the U.K. and the Empire was effective from February 1, 1862.

Ex. 1000

THE ISSUE OF 1861  
WATERMARKED O.C. EPHEMERY

COMB PERFORATION 14

FOUR PENCE

Commemorative date: 1861, May 30

Quantity printed: 10,000



Exemplar of the issue from Great Britain & the Colonies, printed on 22nd May 1861. The single rate of 4d per 10 in. is in force outside the U.K. and the Empire was effective from February 1, 1862 and December 28, 1870.

THE DOMAINS OF CANADA COVER



Exemplar of the issue from Great Britain & the Colonies, printed on 22nd May 1861. The single rate of 4d per 10 in. is in force outside the U.K. and the Empire was effective from February 1, 1862 and December 28, 1870.

Ex. 1000

THE ISSUE OF 1861  
WATERMARKED O.C. EPHEMERY

COMB PERFORATION 14

ONE SHEET

Commemorative date: 1861, May 30

Quantity printed: 1,000



Ex. 1000

THE LARGEST RECORDED USED SHEET



Ex. 1000

UNDESIGNED WATERMARK



Ex. 1000

UNDESIGNED WATERMARK



Ex. 1000

THE ISSUE OF 1874

WATERBURY, CT, U.S.P.M.

IMPERFORATE

The issue of 1874 consisted of a PINK PAPER and a RED PAPER, both printed in sheets of 12 stamps (3 rows of 4) arranged in rectangular perforations. There was only one design of both sides, but there are still different shades when these printing.

SHADES OF COLORS PRINTED

Color	Composition
Red	75% Vermilion, 25% Lead
Pink	75% Vermilion, 25% Lead

PINK PAPER  
Composition date: 1874, January 23  
Quantity printed: 5,100

ONLY TWO SHAPES BELONGING, THE ONLY ONE IN PAIR GROUP



Ex. Decker & Decker

THE ISSUE OF 1874

WATERBURY, CT, U.S.P.M.

IMPERFORATE

PINK PAPER  
Composition date: 1874, January 23  
Quantity printed: 5,100

THE HISTORICAL COVER



The 1st use was introduced on February 1, 1874.  
Ex. Decker & Decker

IMPERFORATE WATERMARK



Ex. Decker & Decker

THE ISSUE OF 1874

WATERBURY, CT, U.S.P.M.

IMPERFORATE

RED PAPER  
Composition date: 1874, January 23  
Quantity printed: 5,100

THE ONLY SHAPES BELONGING



Ex. Decker & Decker

THE ISSUE OF 1874

WATERBURY, CT, U.S.P.M.

IMPERFORATE

PINK PAPER  
Composition date: 1874, January 23  
Quantity printed: 5,100

ONLY TWO SHAPES BELONGING, THE ONLY ONE IN PAIR GROUP



Ex. Decker & Decker

THE ISSUE OF 1874

WATERBURY, CT, U.S.P.M.

IMPERFORATE

RED PAPER  
Composition date: 1874, January 23  
Quantity printed: 5,100

IMPERFORATE WATERMARK



Ex. Decker & Decker

THE ONLY SHAPES BELONGING GROUP



The 1st use was introduced on February 1, 1874. The 2nd use was introduced on January 1, 1875.  
Ex. Decker & Decker

THE ISSUE OF 1874

WATERBURY, CT, U.S.P.M.

IMPERFORATE

RED PAPER  
Composition date: 1874, January 23  
Quantity printed: 5,100



Ex. Decker & Decker

THE ISSUE OF 1874

WATERBURY, CT, U.S.P.M.

IMPERFORATE

PINK PAPER  
Composition date: 1874, January 23  
Quantity printed: 5,100



Ex. Whipple & Decker, Jones & Decker

Ex. Decker & Decker

Ex. Decker & Decker



Ex. Whipple & Decker, Jones

Ex. Decker & Decker

Ex. Decker

THE ISSUE OF 1874

WATERBURY, CT, U.S.P.M.

IMPERFORATE

RED PAPER  
Composition date: 1874, January 23  
Quantity printed: 5,100

MANUSCRIPT "SPECIMEN" IN MAGENTA INK



Ex. Whipple & Decker, Jones & Decker

THE OLDEST KNOWN MAIL COVER



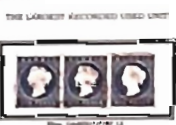
The 1st use for direct mail in France was effective on January 11, 1880.  
Ex. Decker

THE ISSUE OF 1874

WATERBURY, CT, U.S.P.M.

IMPERFORATE

RED PAPER  
Composition date: 1874, January 23  
Quantity printed: 5,100



Ex. Decker

INVERTED WATERMARK



Ex. Decker

Ex. Decker

Ex. Decker

INVERTED (REVERSED) WATERMARK



Ex. Decker