

Varieties of Prince Edward Island Stamps.

THIS Province has the reputation of issuing the worst looking series of stamps in design and execution of any of the British North American Provinces. On examining them closely there are a number of varieties in the stamps of which I propose to give a short list of the most conspicuous. In the

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| 1 penny, printed in sheets of 30, 6 rows of 5 stamps each. | <p><i>2nd Row, 5th Stamp :</i>
White line above N in Island, broken, filled with solid color for about one-eighth inch.</p> <p><i>2nd Row, 2nd Stamp :</i>
Full stop above L in Island.</p> <p><i>6th Row, 5th Stamp :</i>
No cross-bar to A in Island.</p> |
| 3 pence, printed in sheets of 30, 6 rows of 5 stamps in each. | <p><i>1st Row, 2nd Stamp :</i>
White circle and colored dot in centre, before P in Prince.</p> <p><i>2nd Row, 5th Stamp :</i>
Full stop between E and D in Edward.</p> <p><i>3rd Row, 2nd Stamp :</i>
I in Island with white dash at top making it look like inverted L.</p> <p><i>Same Stamp :</i>
Full stop at the top bar of the last E in three pence.</p> <p><i>4th Row, 4th Stamp :</i>
Full stop after Edward, it being in a line with top of D.</p> <p><i>5th Row, 3rd Stamp :</i>
Full stop between P and O in Postage.</p> |
| 9 pence, printed in sheets of 30, 6 rows of 5 stamps in each. | <p><i>2nd Row, 4th Stamp :</i>
Two full stops, one above the other after Stg.</p> <p><i>2nd Row, 5th Stamp :</i>
Full stop before S in Stg., apparently put there instead of after Stg., which has none.</p> |
| 2 pence, printed in sheets of 100, 10 rows of 10 stamps in each. | <p><i>3rd Row, 10th Stamp :</i>
Part of T in two off, making it look like inverted I. Full stop before T. in two.</p> |

In the older printing of the one penny a peculiarity exists which some of our readers may have in a complete form. That is an outerline all around the stamp. I have four specimens with this line in the golden yellow and yellow brown shades, perforated 12. Specimen No. 1 was the last stamp in the row and has the marginal part of the sheet attached to it. The line is the full length of the right hand side of the stamp, the perforation going directly through it. No. 2 has the line on left hand side and bottom the full length and width of stamp, with traces of it showing on perforation at