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This scarce block of 6 of the FOUR CENTS shows a perforation error caused by the inadvertent folding of the sheet during the perforating process. The crease of this fold can clearly be seen. An unusual error!

The inaccuracy of the perforations perhaps demonstrates the difficulties in obtaining well centered examples of this series of adhesives.



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A scarce corner marginal block of 8, showing four different types (B, C, D and E).



Perf 10

Another block this time of four showing types B and C.

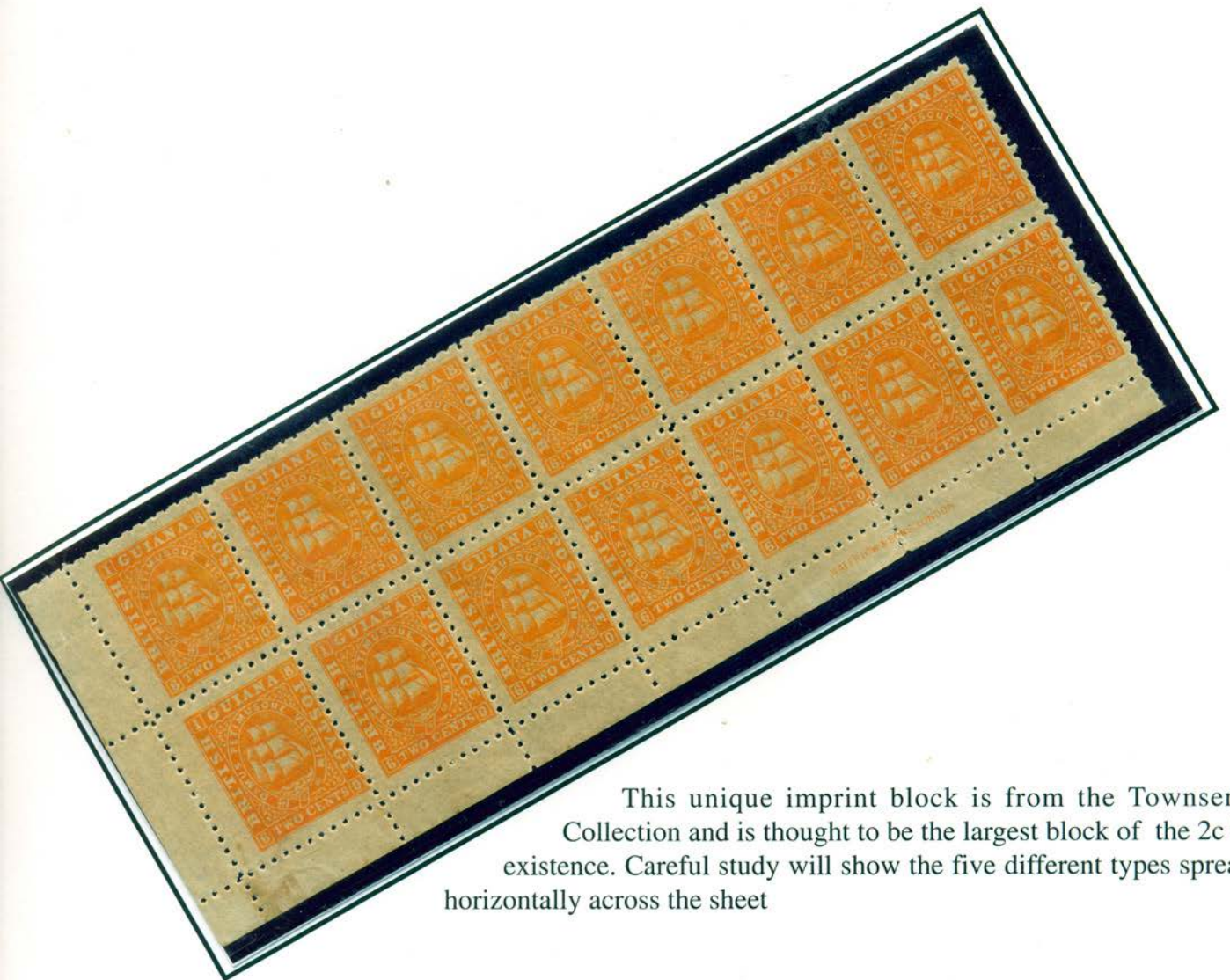


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TWO CENTS

FOURTH SETTING



This unique imprint block is from the Townsend Collection and is thought to be the largest block of the 2c in existence. Careful study will show the five different types spread horizontally across the sheet

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Overseas postal rates to the USA were subject to a complicated table involving weight differences of $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. The 1875 BG Directory gives the normal letter rate to the USA as 10 cents. However, the blue crayon marks on this cover may well indicate registration. N.B. There were no registration marks in British Guiana prior to 1877.

The double-circle 'DEMERRARA/NO 7 70' c.d.s. is unusual in that it is smaller than a similar one listed in *The Postage Stamps and Postal History of British Guiana* by Townsend & Howe (RPS 1970).

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This 1872 cover, addressed to a religious order in France, is rated at 16 cents. Townsend & Howe states:—“The letter rate from Demerara to France at that time was 7d, or 14 cents per $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. To this was added, for mail to a foreign country, 2 cents for British Guiana inland postage, making a total of 16 cents per $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.”

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This block of twelve of the 2 cents from the bottom of the sheet shows the relative positions of the Plate Number '1' and the Current Number '1'.



A marginal block of four of the 6 cents.

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Interim UPU period 12 cents rate: 1877 cover to London with 2 x 6 cents brown with 'A03' obliterator.



1879 cover to London with 8 cents rose tied with a 'cork' cancellation and American type Georgetown cds dated 'NOV 5 1879'.

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Ten days before British Guiana joined the UPU, the ship letter rate of six cents (3d) still applied, divided equally between the two Post Offices.

This letter 'Per Direct Steamer "Nilla" via Dartmouth', is backstamped 'LONDON AP 16 77'. It also shows a crayon '1½' accountancy mark in red; this is the latest recorded such mark in any form by some two years. It was some 27 days in transit.



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French Mail steamers of Ligne C, from Martinique to Cayenne, called at Georgetown in each direction. After British Guiana joined the UPU in 1877 British mail could be carried on this service. The UPU letter rate was eight cents per half ounce.



This envelope from Georgetown to London endorsed 'By French Mail via St. Nazaire' bears 2 x 4 cents adhesives paying the 1/2oz rate and is cancelled dated 5 October 1879. The 'LIGNE C/PAQ. FR. No 1' mark was applied in red on either the **VENEZUELA** or the **SALVADOR**.

It sailed from Fort de France, Martinique on 9 October in **VILLE DE BORDEAUX** as the mark in black of 'LIGNE A/PAQ. FR. No 3' dated 10 October 1879 details. It arrived in St. Nazaire on 22 October but there are no French marks as London mail was carried in a sealed bag.

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1887 cover to Colchester, England with 12 cents pale violet paying the 8 cents postage plus 4 cents registration fee.