

1883-1901 Use of the General Keyplate

The first set was printed on Plate 1 from Die 1.

Master die for the General Keyplate



This proof was struck to test Die 1.

De La Rue file specimens

Handstamped "Cancelled"

CANCELLED



Samuel type D7.

Handstamped "Specimen"

SPECIMEN



Samuel type D11.



ex de la Rue archives
ex Latto

St Lucia

1883 1/2d Green

Single Crown CA watermark perf 14

Die proof on glazed card



Mounted on piece of De La Rue records.

The issued stamps



Detached triangle flaw



On plate 2 #3/3 RH pane.

The 1/2d was initially printed from plate 1 but the last 4 printings from May 1886 used Plate 2.

1883 1d Carmine-rose



Printed from Plate 1 only.

St Lucia

1883 1/2d dull green



Detached triangle flaw
This constant flaw on plate 2
appeared at #3/3 RH pane.

St Lucia

1883 2 1/2d Blue

Single Crown CA watermark perf 14

Detached triangle flaw



On plate 2 #3/3 RH pane.



Detached triangle flaw



1885 4d Brown

Imperf plate proof



The issued stamps

Detached triangle flaw



The flaw appears on #3/3 on the RH pane.



St Lucia

1886 6d Lilac

Single Crown CA watermark perf 14

Imperf plate proof



The issued stamps



ex Lockie



Printed from Plate 1 only.

Plate 1 was a single pane of 60. Plate numbers appear above #2 and #5 and below #56 and #59.

1885 1/- Orange-brown



Printed from Plate 1 only.

St Lucia

1886 1d dull mauve

Single Crown CA watermark perf 14

Imperf plate proofs



UPU specimen



Spot in "M"



#23.

The issued stamps



Printed from Plates 1 and 2.

Plate 2 printed in late 1886 contains two horizontal panes of 60 separated by a gutter. Plate numbers appear on each corner of the sheet, over #2LP and #5RP and below #56LP and #59RP.

Detached triangle flaw



No plate plug above #2, so from plate 2.

The constant detached triangle flaw appears on #3/3RP.



#1 shows constant break in UR frame.

St Lucia

1886 3d Dull mauve and green

Single Crown CA watermark perf 14

UPU Specimens



Samuel type D12.

Circulated in strips of 3.

Detached triangle flaw



1887 1/- Dull mauve and red



The detached triangle flaw



UPU Specimen



Samuel type D12.



Bulge on M (#47).

Detached triangle flaw



Doubling of St Lucia



Printed from Plate 2 only.

St Lucia

1887 6d Dull mauve and blue

UPU specimens



Samuel type D12.



Spot in "M"



#23.

The issued stamps



Printed from Plate 2 only.

Unlike Plate 1, there was no plate number on #59 of the left pane.

Detached triangle flaw



On plate 2 #3/3 RH pane.

The detached triangle flaw



*ex Charlton-Henry
ex Messenger*

St Lucia

1891-2 Provisionals

1/2d on 3d die 1

Heavy inking



Small A in HALF



Detached triangle flaw



From row 3/3.

Only 12 sheets printed from Plate 2.

ONE set to left



#4/6.

Small A in HALF



ex Charlton Henry

St Lucia

1891-2 Provisionals

1/2d on 3d Die 2



The 3d from Die 2 used plate 3.

The overprints are rarely seen with margins.

ONE set to left



Offset on reverse

#17-24.

ex Baillie

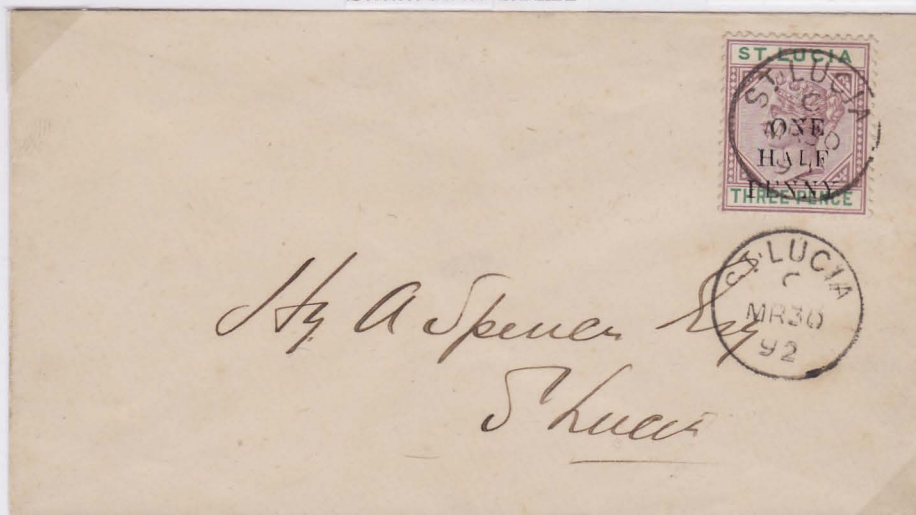


#15-22.

ex Lockie

Small A in HALF

30 March 1892



Local printed matter rate.

ex Brassler

St Lucia

1891-2 Provisionals

1/2d on bisected 6d

Thick bar with sloping serif



Both with 2 missing



ex Messenger



Bar set to left.

Missing bar



ex Paynter

Bar set to left



Detached triangle flaw



From row 3/3.

Missing bar

22 Jan 1892



Printed matter to Dominica.

St Lucia

1891-2 Provisionals

1d on 4d brown

ONE Double

E and Y missing



*ex Lockie
ex Snowden*



Missing P in PENNY



Double overprint



Double overprint



ex Paynter

Detached triangle flaw



Pos. 3/3 RH pane.

St Lucia

1891-2 Provisionals

1/2d on 3d Die 2

Small A in HALF



#15 Broken N.



Small A in HALF



Small O on ONE



#22 Broken H. #15-22.

ex Forsyth

ONE set to left



F for E in ONE



Grossly offset overprint



Surcharge double



ex Jaffé



Surcharge double, with third overprint on reverse



ex Charlton Henry

St Lucia

1891-2 Provisionals

1d on 4d brown

Grossly offset overprint



Part double ONE



Detached triangle flaw



Grossly offset overprint



From row 3/3.

L for E in One.



Inverted overprint

9 Mar 1893



Local 1d letter rate.

ex Dale

St Lucia

1891 series printed from Die II

In 1890 after much use in the 9 colonies that used the general keyplate, a new die was engraved.



Plates 3 and 4 consisted of 2 panes of 60 separated by a gutter margin, usually guillotined.

Single Crown CA watermark



Deformed second E in Pence



Printed from Plate 3 except for the 1/2d that was also printed from Plate 4.

St Lucia

1891 5/- and 10/-

UPU specimens



Broken M in Specimen (#41)



The issued stamps



Both printed from Plate 3 only.



Cancel's faked?

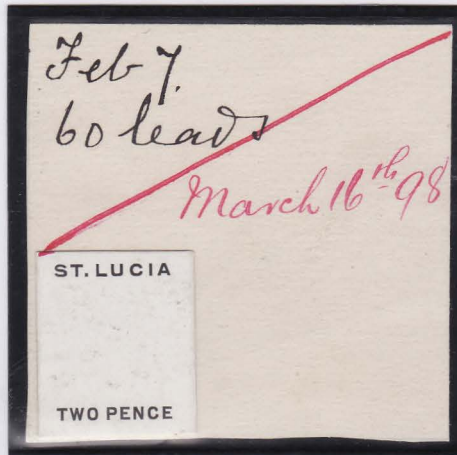


Cancel's faked?

St Lucia

1898 2d Ultramarine and orange

Die proof on dated piece ex De La Rue's striking book



De La Rue's records contained die proofs of only four of the duty tablets.

UPU specimens



Specimens were circulated in strips of 5 to UPU members from 1892 to 1907.

"Specimen" applied by rubber handstamp



Presentation copy.

The issued stamps



Printed from Plate 3 only.

St Lucia

400th Anniversary of Columbus' Discovery of St Lucia in 1502

One of the first commemoratives issued by a Br Colony, and unusual without King Edward's head, but he was a new boy in 1902. The Pitons on the South of the island were the theme.

Die proof of the vignette dated July 9 1902



Note the marginal guidelines.

ex De La Rue archives

Die proof of the vignette dated 12.6.1902

Die proof of the frame



A very "busy" design, note the flanking birds.



From engraver L. V. Phillips personal portfolio.

ex H G Reid

Imperf plate proof



Illustrated in the St Lucia Philatelist No. 4.

ex H G Reid

UPU Specimens

Hand-stamped "Ultramar"



Samuel type D12a.



Portuguese colony distribution.

The issued stamps



St Lucia

1902 Single Crown CA Watermark, perf 14

1/2d dull purple and green

Die proof for the duty plate on glazed card



The same duty plate of 60 units was retained for all the KE and GV values.

Colour trial (Issued colour)



*UPU Specimens
Hand-stamped "Ultramar"*



Samuel type D12. 5 sent to Portuguese colonies.

The issued stamps



St Lucia

1902 Single Crown CA Watermark, perf 14

1d dull purple and carmine

Die proof for the duty plate on glazed card



The same duty plate of 60 units was retained for all the KE and GV values.

Approved colour trial on piece of De La Rue's Appendix A of 23 May 1902



UPU Specimen



Samuel type D12.

Hand-stamped "Ultramar"



5 sent to Portuguese colonies.

The issued stamps



Pos. 1/3 to 2/4.



As there were two plate numbers, the absence of the Spaven flaw proves this to be right pane.

St Lucia

1902 Single Crown CA Watermark, perf 14

The 2d value that was tested but never adopted for the King Edward keyplate



Despite paying De La Rue to engrave a die and approving a colour trial, no 2d was issued.

The cost of the Edward head keyplate was shared between Grenada and a dozen other British colonies. De La Rue charged each colony with the (relatively modest) cost of their duty plates.

Approved 2d colour trial on piece of De La Rue's Appendix A of 23 May 1902



This colour was adopted for the Grenada 2d.

Unique trial ex the De La Rue archives.

Unapproved colour trials on pieces of De La Rue's Appendix B of 23 May 1902



Neither of these trials was adopted though the colour of the left trial was used for the issued 3d albeit with value tablet unhatched.

ex De La Rue archives

St Lucia

1902-10 King Edward definitives

2 1/2d dull purple and ultramarine

Watermark Crown CA, perf 14

Colour trial

UPU Specimens



Samuel type D12.



In the colour of the issued 2 1/2d.

Hand-stamped "Ultramar"



5 sent to Portuguese colonies.



1904 Watermark Multiple Crown CA, perf 14

1907 2 1/2d blue

De La Rue file specimen



Samuel type D9.

ex De La Rue archives

Colour changed to blue, the UPU approved colour.

UPU Specimen



Samuel type D12.



St Lucia

1902 3d Dull purple and yellow Watermark Crown CA, perf 14

The approved Colour trial for 3d



This colour trial was originally mounted on De La Rue's Appendix A dated 23 May 1902

UPU Specimen



Samuel type D12.

The issued stamps



Hand-stamped "Ultramar"



5 sent to Portuguese colonies.



St Lucia

1902 Single Crown CA Watermark, perf 14

1/- green and black

Approved 1/- colour trial on piece of De La Rue's Appendix A of 23 May 1902



ex De La Rue archives

UPU Specimen



Samuel type D12.

Hand-stamped "Ultramar"

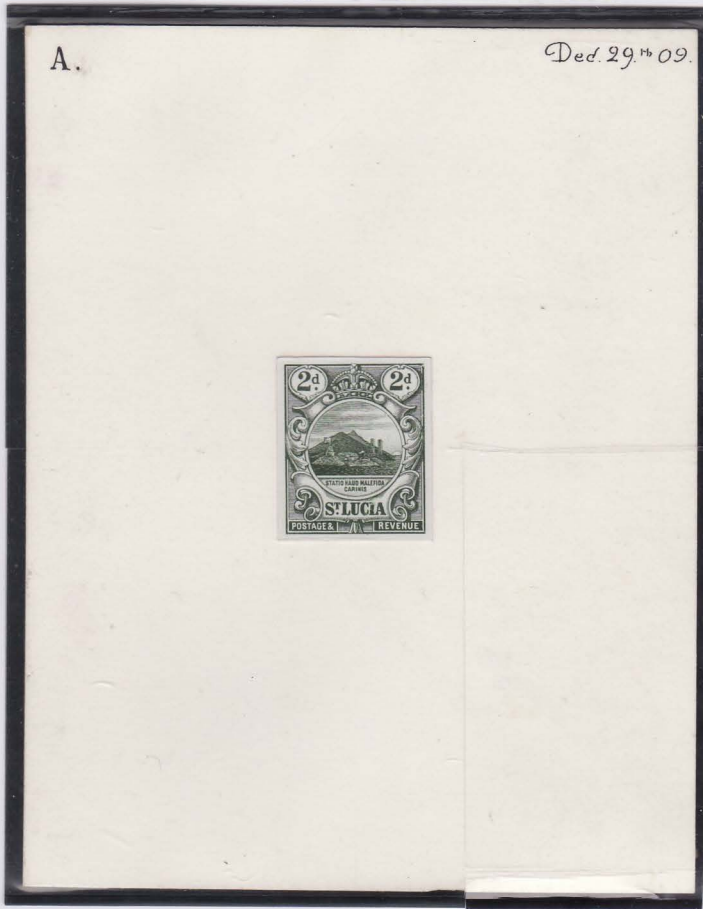


Portuguese colony distribution.



1905 Multiple Crown CA Watermark





In early December 1909 De La Rue was commissioned to produce essays for unicolour stamps. These were the first two of 12 essays the firm submitted between 1909 and 1913.

