

KING GEORGE V KEY PLATES OF THE IMPERIUM POSTAGE AND REVENUE DESIGN



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Since its publication in 1997 this work has become the standard reference for collectors of the issues of this King George V Universal key plate style. It was awarded the prestigious Crawford Medal by the Royal Philatelic Society, London, for the most valuable and original contribution to the study and knowledge of philately published in book form during the relevant period. It was further awarded a Large Silver Gilt medal in the Literature section of the British National Stamp Exhibition in 1998.

This study encompasses the issues of all of the 17 colonies that employed this design. From a comprehensive examination of the De La Rue and Crown Agents archives it has been possible to produce a listing of every printing made of this key plate style. A wealth of additional information has been added to this basic framework that adds flesh to the bare bones of printing statistics.

A fascinating feature of this issue is the large range of different numbered key plates employed during its life and collectors will find here listed all value/plate number combinations that were used for each colony.

Of particular interest to the specialist is an in-depth study of the flaws that developed on the various key plates and the damage sustained to the marginal areas of the plates, and this section has been considerably enhanced. In certain cases these can provide significant evidence of printing dates.

A further important aspect of this work has been a review of the philatelic practises and procedures employed by De La Rue and the Crown Agents during the King George V period and this information may well be of great relevance to students of other issues within this period.

This second edition updates the original work and provides much new information. In addition the vast majority of the original black and white illustrations have now been provided in colour and a considerable number of further illustrations have been included.

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