

L8a: 1935 (May 1) Original Issue (first perforation) with "Single" watermark (W.7)



Perf	Paper	Colour	UHM	LHM	FU
13-14 x 13 1/2	Fine VM	Ultramarine	\$150	60.00	50.00

L8a	Variety	Mint	Used
(Z)	Double print (one albino).	*	*
(Y)	Watermark inverted (W.7c)		\$2,000
(X)	Letter watermark	\$275	\$100
[4]	Plate No. 1	\$1,500	

8b: 1935 (May 1) Original Issue (second perforation), watermark W.7



Perf	Paper	Colour	UHM	LHM	FU
13 1/2 * 14	Fine VM	Ultramarine	\$220	\$120	60.00

L8b	Variety	Mint	Used
(Z)	Letter watermark	\$250	\$125
[4]	Plate No 1		\$1,800

L8a and L8b are the only 5d Swordfish stamps with vertical mesh paper. The official records describe the paper as "rag paper", a description used only for one other value (the 9d, L11a).

Note Stamps L8b can be distinguished from L8a by their having a clear perforation "13 1/2" for the whole length of the top and bottom of each stamp. For description of the perforation of L8a see note below L5a