

The district Postmasters were ordered to be immediately supplied with federal Stamps depicting either "Poste-locale" or "Orts-post" were issued on April 5th, 1850, however June usage is the earliest of all.

The Earliest Usage of Swiss Confederation



Type 7, tied by double ring c.d.s,
LAUSANNE to Lausanne
June 28th, 1850

The earliest usage of all the Swiss federal stamps

Federal post ordered the district postmasters to be supplied with federal stamps on April 5th, 1850. However the stamp catalogue in the world does not tell the same exact date for these four stamps, just because only a few examples exist during the first half a year from the issue date.

Two reasons exist for the fact.

1. Big post offices such as Zürich, Geneve did not sell these stamps, because they had Vaud 5 or Winterthur issues.
2. The postal prepayment in the interior of Switzerland must be effected by mean of postage stamps only from Oct. 1st, 1850, so most of the letters were sent unfranked or paid in cash.
3. The cross in the printing stones were framed around September or October, 1850.

Only 3 covers recorded used before Sep. 30th, 1850.

28.June 1850 = Poste Locale

16.July 1850 = Orts-Post

22.September 1850 = Poste Locale

Poste-locale was thought to be framed at the beginning, as all the early usages are framed and unframed cross can only be seen in 1851.

Unused Pair



(e)

Type 26/27

ex- Lichtenstein

Only One Recorded Combination Franking with Petschaft Cancellation



Type 20 franked with RAYON II BLO - 37

cancelled by blue-green petschaft cancellation (AW172) with a double ring cds in blue beside

Maria Lanz to Schwarzhäusern, via Aarwangen, 11 JUL 51

12 ½ Rappen correctly paid for double weight RAYON I C.O.D. letter,
5 for RAYON I letter, multiplied by two, and 2 ½ for C.O.D. fee

The SBK lists only ten frankings of the unframed Poste-locale and RAYON II. regardless of cancellations.

ex- Ivan Bally

Type 40

The printing plate was consist of 40, which were cut into 2 panes of 20 before delivery to post offices.



Type 3



Type 17

PP in Oval



Type 13/16 with right margin

PP in oval CRESSIER (Stw.Gr.12B/263) with manuscript diamond in blue

10 Rp. Rate, Registered Letter



A vertical strip of four, pos.12/36 with a PF at the pos.12 (see p.69)
cancelled by four crossed black manuscript lines

BRODHAUSE (AW1036) to Oberwyl, June 30th 1851

10 Rp. correctly paid for RAYON I registered letter, 5 for RAYON I letter and registered letter pay the double

Several registered marks such as + are known at margins of sheets

Registered Mark



Type 37/38 with a part of +
at the margin of type.37

Circled P.P. KÄSTCHEN
(AW275)



Type 3/12

quadruple black P.P. of the 8th postal district
Two horizontal pair, which were originally part of
the same block of four and were rejoined together



Type 14



Type 22

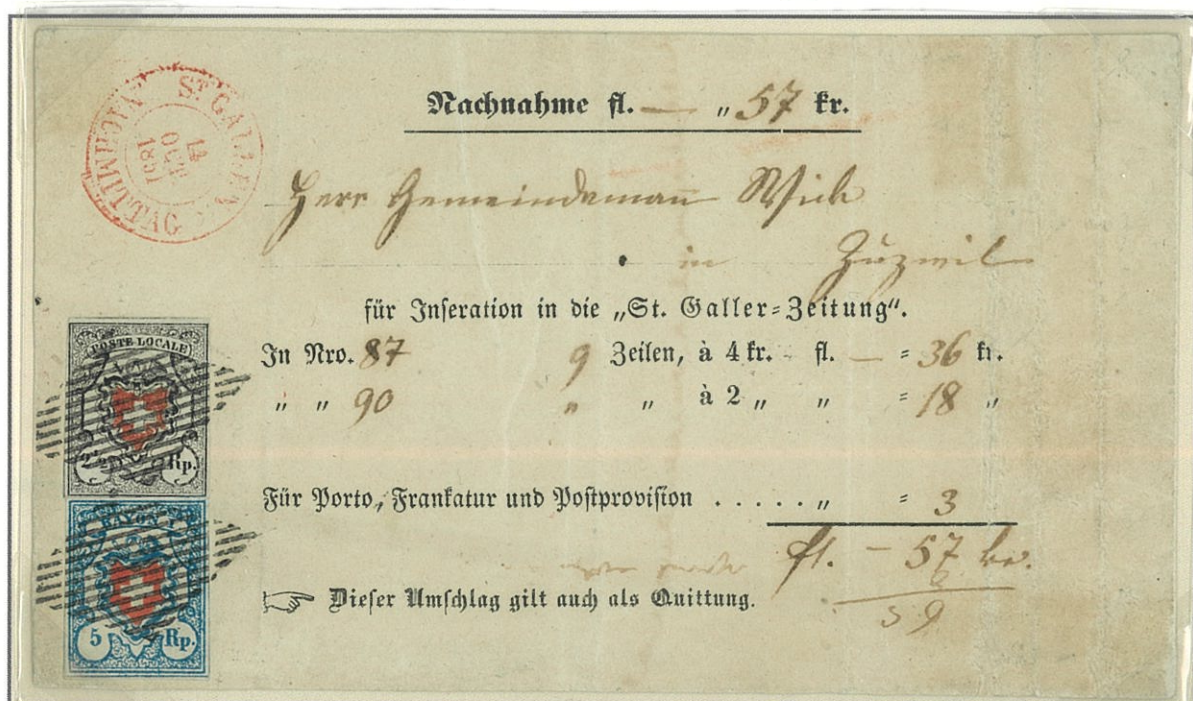


Type 25



Type 26

7 1/2 Rp. Rate, C.O.D. Wrapper



Type 30 franked with a B3LO-15 of RAYON I light blue, tied by black griled diamond

St.GALLEN to Zürich, 14 OCT 1851 NACHMITTAG

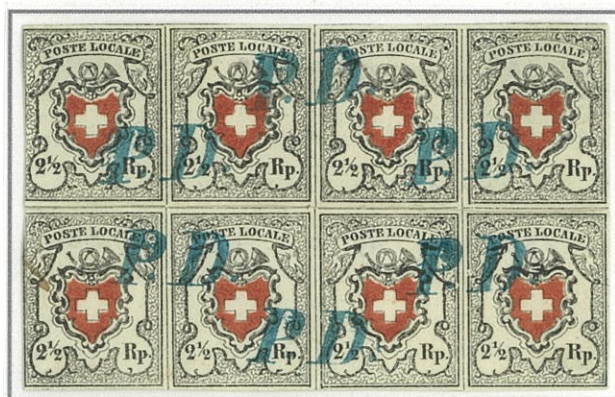
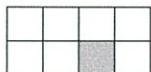
7 1/2 Rp. correctly paid for C.O.D. RAYON I printed matter, 7 1/2 = 2 1/2 + 5

The largest multiple of this stamp is a block of eight and only two are known.

The Largest Multiple Only Two Recorded



Type 15: right upper loop and border lines defective respectively



Type 16: left bounded near the upper loop border line,



Type 5/16 with pf on 15 and 16
sextuple blue P.D. (No 48/gr.13A)

Two horizontal stripes of four, which were originally part of the same block of eight and were rejoined together

ex- Lichtenstein

5 Rp. Rate, RAYON I Letter



Double franking, pos.11+12, tied by black gridded obliteration
STERLINGEN (AW1827) to Frauenfeld via Taegerweilen, 11 NOV 1851
5 Rappen correctly paid for RAYON I letter

Plate Flaw



Right down hair line
between the first "L" of the
"LOCALE" and the post
horn at the pos.12

Printed matter rate was unchanged during 1850.1.1 and 1851.1.31, though letter rates was changed three times in Geneve

7 ½ Cts. Rate, Printed Matter of the Third Weight Step Used in Ceneve

Printed Matter Rate
for RAYON I (-48km)

Weight	Cts.
-2 Loth	2 ½
2-4 Loth	5
4-8 Loth	7 ½
8-32 Loth	10



Type 30 franked with RAYON I type 37

tyed by black Geneve grilled

GENEVA to Coligny, Geneve, (1851)

7 ½ Cts. correctly paid for RAYON I printed matter of the weight between 4 and 8 Loth.

The content is 16 folded map, which were shown here (63%)

This stamp was used to prepay 5 Rp. C.O.D. fee by a double franking.

7 ½ Rp. Rate, C.O.D. Printed Matter



A horizontal strip of three, type 28/30 tied by black "P.P.", 8th postal area to Diessenhofen.

7 ½ Rp. correctly paid for C.O.D. RAYON I printed matter,
2 ½ for RAYON I Printed Matter, and 5 for C.O.D. fee to charge 57 Kr.

It was also used to prepay a fraction of 7 ½ Rp. such as RAYON I letter of the second weight step

7 ½ Rp. Rate, Double Weight Letter



Type 2 franked with a RAYON I pale blue B3RU - 8 tied by blue griled with a blue cds beside
BERN to Langnau, 27 NOV 1851 NACHM

7 ½ Rappen correctly paid for RAYON I letter of the weight between ½ and 1 Loth between 1849.10.1 and 1851.12.31

15 Rp. Rate, C.O.D. Letter from French-Speaking Area Only A Few Known



Type 11, 18 franked with RAYON II A1U - 39 tied by circled PP (AW313) in red with a double ring cds in red beside
BOUDRY to St. Aubin, 11 DEC 1850

15 Rp. correctly paid for triple weight RAYON I C.O.D. letter, 10 for RAYON I of the third weight step, and 5 for C.O.D. fee

It was not common for Poste-locale stamps to be used on a C.O.D. letter from **French-Speaking Area**.

It was also used to prepay a fraction of 7 ½ Rp. such as RAYON I printed matter of the third weight step or letter of the second weight step

12 ½ Rp. Rate, C.O.D. Wrapper of the Third Weight Step



Type 24 franked with RAYON II BLO - 35, tied by black P.D. with a double ring cds beside
BERN to Biel, 10 APR 51

12 ½ Rp. = 7 ½ + 5, 7 ½ for RAYON I printed matter of the third weight step, and 5 for COD letter

12 ½ Rp. Rate, C.O.D. Letter of the Second Weight Step



Type 8 franked with RAYON II BRU - 3, tied by framed PP (AW273)

KIRCHBERG to the Municipal clerk in Öschenbach near Rohrbach, via Hutwyl and Rohrbach, 6 AUG 51

12 ½ Rp. = 7 ½ + 5, 7 ½ for RAYON I letter of the second weight step, and 5 for COD letter

Oct. 1st, 1850

The postal prepayment in the interior of Switzerland must be effected by means of postage stamps from Oct. 1st, 1850, when a new denomination stamp of 5 Rp. was issued with another denomination stamp of 10 Rp.

These stamps were tri-color lithographic printed on white paper. So tri-color stone plates of two panes of 40 copies were made to print stamps, and three stone sets : Stone A1, A2 & A3 were made to produce this RAYON I dark blue stamps. Stone A3 was not used to produce the framed cross.

Essay



5 Rp. only in black and blue
no red coat of arms in the center and several blue parts are not filled

- Shade Varieties of Blue Stone -



A1-38
dunkelblau



A2-33 marbled impression
graulblau



A1-18
graulblau

- Cancellation Varieties -



A1-40
dunkelblau
handstamp PP



A1-15/16
dunkelblau
circled P.P. in blue (AW.315)
AARAU



A1-15
graulblau
YVERDON grill (AW37)

Blue shade varied a lot among three colors as keeping the same ink shade was difficult then.

- Stone A1 -



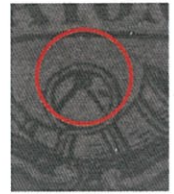
A1-37 marbled impression
tiefdunkelblau



A1-25
grauublau



A1-29 with PF
dunkelblau



Black dots in the
circle of the posthorn
(300%)



A1-13/22
dunkelblau

pen crossed
manuscripts

15 Rp. Rate, Registered C.O.D. RAYON I Letter



A vertical strip of three A1 - 3/19 grauviolettblau
tied by large PP from the postal district Lucerne (AW211)
GrWANGEN to Knutwyl, (26. 10. 1850)

15 Rp. = 5+5+5, 5 for RAYON I, 5 for registration fee and 5 for C.O.D. fee to charge 6 Kr.=15 Rp.

It was a tri-colored stamp : black, blue and red. Double print was sometimes found, but multiples are uncommon.

Double Print Only Several Known Multiples



A1-38/40 with red plate double printed
dunkelblau

Pos.38 also has a plate flaw (SBK 15II.1.06)

Enlarged view of red parts (200%)



Pos.38



Pos.39



Pos.40

Mixed Franking of Stone A1 and A2



Type A1-30, A1-23, A1-8 franked with A2O-15 dunkelblau
cancelled by black handstamp PP of the 4th postal district with a double ring cds beside
WYL to Hendschikon, 30 MAJ 51

20 Rp. correctly paid for RAYON II letter of the weight between 1 ½ and 2 Loth

This denomination stamp was issued for RAYON I letter rate, and was also used to prepay higher rates by multiple franking

- Stone A2 -



Inner edge of
the arm broken
(400%)



A2U-19 with PF
dunkelblau



A2U-27/28
dunkelblau



A2U-21
graublau

- Stone A3 -



A3O-29
dunkelblau



A3O-34
preußischblau



Black dot under "N"
of "RAYON"
(400%)

15 Rp. Rate, RAYON III Letter



A3O-14 dunkelblau franked with a RAYON II A2LO - 24
tied by double framed FRANCO (AW440) with a double ring CDS in red beside
BASEL to Lauperswyl, via Langnau and Burgdorf, 13 FEVR. 5 NACH-MITTAG
15 Rp. correctly paid for RAYON III rate after 1849.10.1

According to Honegger's research, a strip of three is the largest known franking of framed cross.



Framed cross A1-5 dunkelblau franked with RAYON II A2LO - 21
tied by black PP with double ring c.d.s in red beside
ZÜRICH to Basel, 7 JAN 51 NACHMITAG, RAYON III letter

The Largest Multiple Franking of Framed RAYON I



A horizontal strip of three framed cross A1-29/31 dunkelblau cancelled by black PP with a double ring CDS beside
KÄSTCHEN to Turb, via Grosshöchstetten and Langnau, 22 NOV 1850
15 Rp. correctly paid for RAYON I COD letter, 5 for RAYON I letter, and 10 for COD fee

As the federal post was served in all Switzerland, thus various kinds of cancellations were used to cancel the stamps.

Double Ring Datestamp in Blue

Single franking of framed cross A1-22, cancelled by P.P. in black and double ring cds in blue

TAEGERWEILEN to Mährweil
19 FEVR. 1851

RAYOIN I letter.



Black Handstamp P.P.



Single franking of framed cross A20-17 cancelled by black Zürich handstamp "P.P." with a double ring cds beside

ANDELFINGEN to Regensburg via
Zürich, 12 JULI (51)

Blue Circled P.P.

Double franking of framed cross A20-14&25 tied by circled P.P. in blue with a blue datestamp beside

CHAUX DE FONDS to Neuchatel,
26 DEC 1850

RAYON II letter



4 Kr. Charged Forwarded Letter



A horizontal pair of framed cross, A1-7/8 graublau tied by circled P.P. with a single line cancellation in purple (AW3207) beside COURRENDLIN to Bern via Moutier, 11 JAN 51, RAYON II letter

It was then forwarded to Corban Jura, and red manuscript "4" was written and 4 Kr., equal to 10 Rp. was charged to the recipient.



Crossed FRANCO on A RAYON I Letter

Single franking of framed cross A2U-32 graublau cancelled by blue handstamp FRANCO twice with a double ring cds in blue beside

MAYENFELD to Wangen, 20 MAI 1851
5 Rp. correctly paid for RAYON I letter.

Single Line Obliteration

Framed cross A1-14, cancelled by P.P. with a single line obliteration

MOGELSBURG to Kappel, via Wattwyl, 24 JANV 1851.



Bisected Usage of RAYON I



A horizontal pair of A1-38 and a vertically-halved 39 graublau
 tied by circled P.P. in red with a double ring cds in red beside
 COUVET to La Chaux-de-Fonds 9 JANV 1851

7.5 Rp. correctly paid for a RAYON I letter of the weight between $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 Loth.

ex- Burrus

Revoked "Too Little Payment" Mark



A1-6 dunkelblau franked with a A1-4 cancelled by blue handstamp PD
 BERN to Interlaken 17 JUL 51

When this letter was posted, the postal clerk only asked 5 Rappen, however he found the fee was short after the sender went back, and thus "2" was written in red beside framed handstamp "ZU WENIG FRANKING" (= too little payment) in blue. Then the sender happened to come to the post office again before its transfer, and another 5 Rappen was prepaid, followed by red revoke on both of the manuscript "2" and the mark of "ZU WENIG FRANKING"

ex- Silvain Wyler