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## BAHAMAS, 1916.

I have examined the Special Delivery stamp issued by the Colonial Administration of the Bahamas Islands on May 1, 1916, for use at the four Canadian post offices of Ottawa, Toronto, Westmount-Montreal and Winnipeg, "Queen's Staircase" 5 pence orange and black, perforated 14, on medium white wove paper with watermark "Crown and CC" upright, overprinted in black in two lines by The Nassau Guardian, "SPECIAL / DELIVERY", and showing the variety *overprint inverted*, Scott Catalogue #E1b; Stanley Gibbons Catalogue #S1c, unused, a colour reproduction of which is below, magnified to 125% of true size, and am of the opinion that:

The stamp submitted is **genuine in all respects**, unused, with original gum. The stamp has fresh colour, and is entirely free from faults or repairs at the time of examination. It is generally assumed that only thirty examples of this variety were printed. A fine example of this scarce variety.

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The Committee is of the opinion that the

BAHAMAS: 1916 Special Delivery 5d black and orange, watermark Crown CC, Perf. 14, 1901-03 optd Type S1, variety overprint inverted (S4, S1c), unused, with large part original gum, is genuine.



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