

# Twelve Penny Black

1851 stamp of Queen Victoria issued by Canada

**Twelve Penny Black** is a rare [Canada stamp](#). It was issued in 1851. The 12-[pence](#) stamp showed the [portrait](#) of [Queen Victoria](#).

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In 1851, the Province of Canada<sup>[a]</sup> issued the stamps of Queen Victoria. For the stamp [image](#), the Queen's portrait by Alfred Edward Chalon (1780–1860) was used. This [design](#) is called the *Chalon head*. The stamps were printed in [New York](#).<sup>[1]</sup>

In fine and unused [condition](#), these stamps are very priced. In February 2006, a Twelve Penny Black was sold £116,000.<sup>[2]</sup>

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- a. <sup>↑</sup> Today this is [approximately Ontario](#) and [Quebec](#).

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