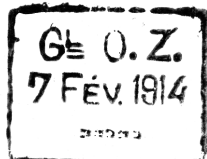


Haiti's 1914 GL O.Z. Overprints on the 1906 - 1913 Series



Type 1



Type 2

Aim: This 5-frame traditional exhibit comprehensively focuses on 21 stamps of the same issue printed 1906-1913 which had GL O.Z. overprints applied in 1914. Excluded are stamps with a GL O.Z. overprint and a surcharge, the 1910 Antoine T. Simon issue, and the 1912 Leconte issue.

Organization/Scope: Stamps are exhibited according to value, year printed, with unused, used, varieties, forgeries and covers. All stamps, off and on cover, are identified as having a type 1 or type 2 overprint.

Multiples of the same value and type, as well as single unused and used stamps illustrate how the same overprint can vary in appearance. Covers document the earliest known uses of thirteen stamps on cover, early uses of other values, different rates, and different combinations of different stamps with and without the GL O.Z. overprint paying the same rate.

Introduction: The initials GL O.Z. in the overprint are those of General Oreste Zamor who marched into the National Assembly with his troops and had himself declared president in February 1914. Soon afterwards approximately 2,000,000 stamps were overprinted. The rationale, other than gratifying his ego, is not known.

Two similar but different hand-carved hand-stamps were used which are designated type 1 and type 2. They are easily differentiated by the position of the first "1" of "1914" vis-a-vis the point above and by having a short or long base on the "L." Overprints sometimes vary because they were applied by hand, rather than letterpress. The number of each stamp overprinted was recorded but it is not known specifically how many had a type 1 or type 2 overprint applied. The number of stamps with a type 1 or 2 overprint for some stamps at times varies considerably and reflects scarcity.

Not all stamps were overprinted in 1914. A large number of stamps without the GL O.Z. overprint had 1c, 2c, 3c and 5c surcharges applied in 1917- 1920.

Oreste Zamor's tenure was brief as on October 20, 1914, after only 8 months 10 days, he was deposed by revolution. The stamps with the GL O.Z. overprints

continued to be used until 1920 when a new series, the Allegory of Agriculture & Commerce, was released in April 1920.

GL O.Z. overprinted stamps without a surcharge and were used until late 1920. Covers with 1 piastre claret are not known to exist. Covers with the 50c red, 50c orange yellow, and 1 piastre red are either the only known example or very rare. In 1914 these were high value stamps and seldom used.

Highlights:

- *Largest known multiples:* 1c green with inverted overprints (block of 12, 3x4); 50c red with inverted overprints (block of 12, 4x3); 50c orange yellow (block of 25, 5x5); 1P claret (block of 25, 5x5); 1 Piastre with inverted overprints (block of 4, 2x2); and a used block of 4 of the 2c de g lemon;
- *25 rare - very rare overprint varieties not cataloged by Montès (1954);*
- *The earliest known uses of 13 stamps of the series on cover;*
- *a wide variety of covers* exhibiting different points of origin, destinations, rates, uses, combinations of stamps, etc.;
- *Two of two known Dutch negative cancels on cover.*
- *Very rare postage due cover;*
- *Rare - very rare internal or domestic covers;*
- *Very rare covers addressed abroad with frankings of 1c and 2c de piastre; and,*
- *50c red and the 1 piastre red on cover, both very rare.*

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Rarity scale: Items of special significance are highlighted with a red frame. Stamps are designated *only known example*; *very rare* (5 or fewer examples known or estimated to exist; or *rare* (10-6) known or estimated to exist).