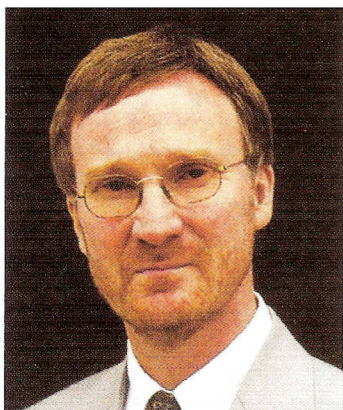


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ICELAND 1924, 10 KR./1 KR. PROVISIONAL WITH DOUBLE OVERPRINT, FACIT CATALOGUE NO. 123V.

Recently a major accumulation from an old estate was offered at auction. Among this material was an exceptionally great number of the scarce stamps with the "Kr. 10" black overprint.

Quite refined forged overprints on the scarce values have been known to exist for many years, so the quantity had to be checked. They were at first sight quite trustworthy, but all the stamps had two facts in common: The zero in the overprint had a crack at top right, and they were all issued with certificates from late Mr. Svend Grønlund in his older days (dated between 1975-1976) he kept on expertizing until his death at a very high age, and it seems to me that somebody has persuaded him to issue certificates for this forged material. - I mention this fact to ease the identification of the fakes, - it is absolutely not my intention to hurt the reputation of Mr. Grønlund. He is as a matter of fact commonly regarded a trustworthy expert of the older generation of philatelists, but it is also well known that at the end of his career he was abused by dubious persons.

Among the material was a sensational copy of a stamp that I had never seen before, the double overprint on the 1 Kr. Frederik VIII. This stamp was unknown to all the specialist collectors with whom I have been in touch. Unfortunately this stamp also shows the crack in the zero, so there was an evident connection between the double overprint and the "normal" stamps with single overprint.

The stamp has obviously been adopted in the Facit catalogue years ago on basis of the Grønlund certificate. I have informed both the Danish as well as the Swedish society of Iceland collectors about my opinion on this stamp and they both agree that the stamp is a forgery. The editorial committee of the Facit catalogue has also been informed, and the stamp will be withdrawn from the next issue of the catalogue.

Now it is up to the collectors to have their Provisionals checked for this new discovered fake. The significant characteristics of the cliché used for this particular forgery should make it easy.