

SYMBOLS and ABBREVIATIONS

- ** Never Hinged with original gum
* Hinged with original gum
(*) Unused without gum as issued or having gum fully removed.
o.g. Original Gum (p.o.g.= part original gum)
⊙ Used (includes full range of postally used, cancel-to-order, precancels)

XF Extremely Fine applies to stamps with exceptional quality and margins well in excess of what would typically be found. This term is used rarely and is not applied for modern stamps. The term 'Superb' is occasionally used as an adjective in the text of a description.

VF A stamp in superior condition which is well-centered and without fault.

FVF Applied to stamps that are somewhat less well-centered than very fine, while taking into account what may be considered as typical margins of classic material. The term has also been applied to multiples with individual stamps with range of grade or for larger lots/collections.

F(in)e Stamps having perforations that do not cut into the design and without damaging faults. Items described as such may have slight detracting features such as short perforation tips or natural inclusion. Many better classic material naturally falls into this category and may be expected to command prices similar to those ascribed by catalogue values.

VG Term accepted as equivalent to 'average'. Typically with poor centering, heavy cancellation or faults such as minor thins, light creases, etc.

Faulty Applied to an item with tears, heavy crease(s), unsightly postmarks, serious thins or surface scuffs.

☒ Cover, which here embraces stampless folded letters (SFL), mailed envelopes, first day covers (FDC's) etc.

FDC First Day Cover

E Essay

P Proof

DP Die Proof

UL "Upper Left" and used in conjunction with corner of sheet, block or individual stamp. The abbreviations UR LR and LL are used similarly.

- c.d.s. "Circular date stamp" postmark
l.h. lightly hinged
v.l.h. very lightly hinged
h.r. hinge remnant
perf. "Perforation" tooth descriptor in the context of "short perms" or perforation measurement in the context of "perf 12.0 x 11.5"
Est. Our estimate of the final hammer price if there is average competition for the lot.

Notes on catalogue values and reference

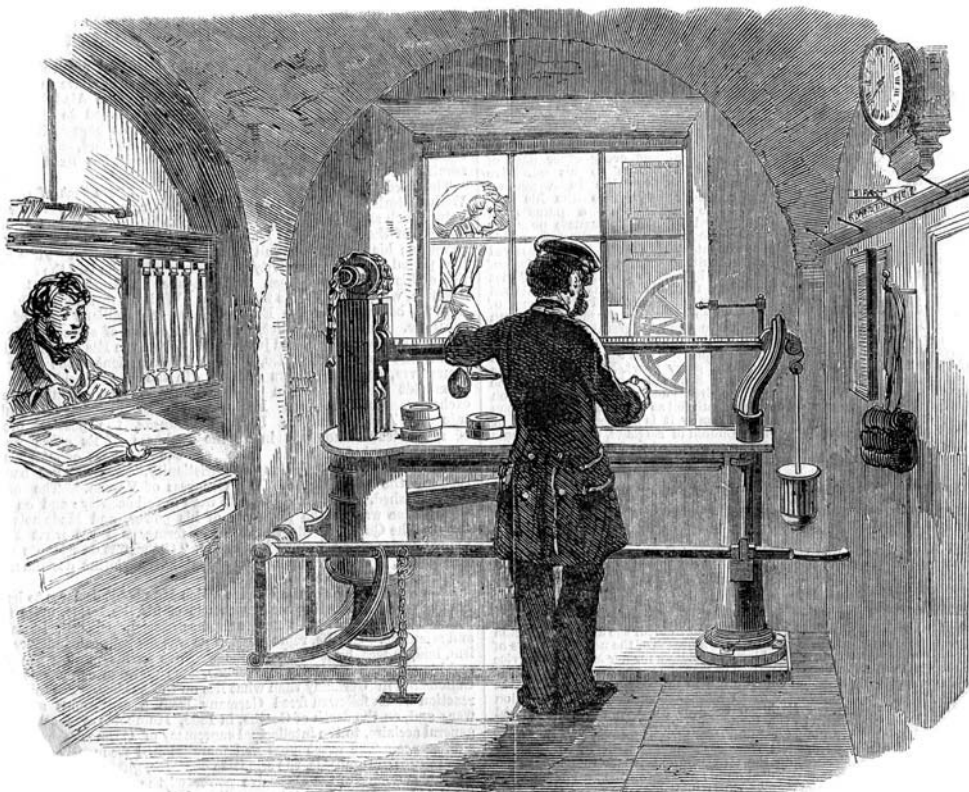
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When cataloguing collections we use the value for the grade specified. For Scott this grade is very fine. For Unitrade we use the grade specified at the start of the textual description. Thus a "fine" collection will have all stamps added at the fine price. We do not count obvious forgeries, reprints etc. and usually do not count faulty or ugly stamps. A lightly penciled X under a stamp means it was not counted in the catalogue value. We put a light pencil note beside more expensive stamps and put a total catalogue value at the bottom of each page to assist viewers.

The following catalogues have been used. If there is a variance, this will be mentioned in the text of the description. The term "owner's catalogue value" indicates a variety of approaches and may include older versions of catalogues. We will have inspected and reviewed the result but not re-catalogued; hence we do not vouch for the exact total of catalogue value.

2008 Scott Catalogue Volumes 1 through 5
2007 Scott Volume 6, US Specialized, and the **Classic**
2007 Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps
2007 Stanley Gibbons
2007 Michel

Other Specialized catalogues are usually the current edition.



The weighing machine at the General Post Office.



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(All bids are in Canadian dollars.)

\$1 - \$20	\$1	\$1600 - \$3000	\$100
\$22 - \$40	\$2	\$3200 - \$7000	\$200
\$45 - \$150	\$5	\$7500 - \$15,000	\$500
\$160 - \$300	\$10	\$16,000 - \$30,000	\$1,000
\$325 - \$750	\$25	\$32,000 - \$50,000	\$2,000
\$800 - \$1500	\$50	above \$50,000	\$5,000

1) Please bid using the increments above. All bids not conforming to these increments will be lowered to the appropriate amount.

2) You have the option to break ties or increase your bids if needed by checking the appropriate box on the bid sheet.

3) If you are bidding through the internet, after you have entered your bids you will receive a computer generated email describing each lot you bid on and telling you where you stand in terms of other bidders without divulging the high bid. You then have the option of updating your bids. If you bid by mail or fax you have the option of asking to receive this email by checking the appropriate box and including your email address.

4) If you give your bids to Stamp Auction Network, or to Sparks Auctions you will only pay your top (maximum) bid if another bid is one increment below yours, or exactly the same as your bid but was received after yours. In the event of tie bids, the earliest bid received by us will be successful. We do not accept "buy" bids.

5) The auctioneer may permit telephone bidding during the auction. This must be arranged well in advance of the auction starting time. Sparks reserves the right to refuse telephone bidding at any given time. Sparks will not be held responsible in the event that a telephone bidder cannot be contacted. Applicable telephone expenses will be charged to telephone bidders.

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8) With currencies fluctuating as widely as they do it is no longer practical to offer bidding in both Canadian and U.S. dollars. However you can specify the limit of your total purchases in US funds and it will be converted to the appropriate amount on the day of the sale.

9) We have a section of "floor lots" which are impractical to ship. However in keeping with our policy of offering the best service anywhere we have arranged for Ottawa-area collectors to provide the shipping of any "floor lot". Arrangements have to be made well in advance and there will be a charge for labour, materials, and postage. These charges will have to be agreed to in advance and must be paid by credit card. The collector who will ship the lot will then bid for you on the "floor lots" of your choice.

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Register once and create a user name, which will allow you to choose auction firms to bid with, including Sparks Auctions. There is also a practice auction (Droege Computing) you can use to see what the screens look like and how the system performs.

Once you have been registered and approved by us, you can:

Place Bids on-line at any time before the auction begins. This is similar to any other form of advance bidding (ie., sending us a bidsheet by mail, fax, etc.), but you will receive acknowledgement of your bids once they are submitted.

Bid Live by watching action on-screen and clicking the button with the amount of your next bid (the next six increments over the current bid are shown).

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