

## SPARKS AUCTIONS SALE 3

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**Shown Here: Lot 901 Newfoundland #15. Seldom is a One Shilling orange offered at auction. We offer two in this auction!**

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Lots & Collections

**Exceptional Items** There are exceptional items in every session. Please take time to study the catalogue thoroughly. We invite you to participate in our auction.

**Rarity** Each of our auctions has had an increasing number of stamps or philatelic items of great rarity. Last auction we offered a Newfoundland 1857 Two Penny; in this auction we can offer two of these rarities, also a unique pair of the Four Penny and two of the One Shilling Orange.

**Quality** Collectors not only have different interests but have different criteria for quality. It is a real pleasure to describe stamps of high quality. We are especially looking for future consignments of high quality material.

**Quantity** Last auction we started with an editorial including a paragraph about how bulky the sale was. We had to purchase 28 new full-sized bookshelves to hold auction lots. This auction is even bulkier. We will try to add enough extra shelves so that we do not need to add more bookshelves. There were great bargains in the Lots & Collections last auction and the same will be true in Auction #3.

**Bidding Increments** We have made changes to the bidding steps at the lower level of increments. This should speed up the auction. Increments are listed on the bid sheet and on our site.

**Descriptions** We attempt to have accurate and consistent descriptions for all lots from the great single rarities all the way down to the carton of "junk." This means many more hours needed to catalogue and describe collections and bulky lots. Descriptions are then audited and where necessary corrected. Sparks Auctions is interested in hiring collectors who would like to try their hand at auction descriptions on an "as-needed" basis. We invite your expression of interest.

**Opening Bids** Opening bids on StampAuctionNetwork will show as \$1 whether there are no bids or one bid. A second bid on the same lot will result in a posted starting bid one increment higher than the underbid. Our experience is that nowadays most lots show only one dollar as the opening bid until about 24 hours before the auction begins.

**Live Internet Bidding** We are the first – and still the only – Canadian auction house to use the live internet bidding capabilities of StampAuctionNetwork.com.

**Consignors** We thank our many consignors for their confidence in Sparks Auctions. We solicit consignments of any size for future auctions.

**Scanned Images** We scan images at 600 dpi and 250% of their original size. This means that the expanded scans for single stamps on our site will allow the viewer to zoom in at full screen size on most computer displays. Many scans which are not in the catalogue can be found on our website.

**Going Green** We expect that with greater use of the internet, our printed catalogue will become increasingly unnecessary, since the auction lots and prices realized can be seen on [www.sparks-auctions.com](http://www.sparks-auctions.com), and on [StampAuctionNetwork.com](http://StampAuctionNetwork.com). We can also record your interests and make sure you receive regular updates and special e-mail listings so that you are certain not to miss any important news. Please let us know if you no longer need the catalogue.

## VIEWING

**Saturday January 3rd, 2009..... 9:30 am to 5:30 pm**  
**Saturday January 10th ..... 9:30 am to 5:30 pm**  
**Monday January 12th ..... 9:30 am to 5:30 pm**  
**Tuesday January 13th ..... 9:30 am to 12:00 pm**  
**Wednesday January 14th ..... 9:30 am to 12:00 pm**

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## SYMBOLS and ABBREVIATIONS

- \*\*** Never Hinged with original gum (NH also used)
- \*** 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(ine)** 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** Very Good 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/P** Essay, Proof, 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.
- cds** "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 perfs" 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.