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Lots & Collections

This Sale

This sale offers, especially in the Canada section, an exceptionally strong showing. The first issues of the province of Canada have nice quality and are comprehensive. The pence issues on laid paper are represented with singles and a pair of the three pence and six pence as well as a rare Die Proof of the twelve pence. We can offer a six pence with original gum printed on wove paper, a rarity from the General Gill collection. The other pence values are offered as single lots, usually in fine or better quality, as well as in lots in the average quality more usually found in many collections.

There are a number of interesting and selected lots in the Large and Small Queen sections. We note in particular a never hinged ten cent value from the Montreal printings. Many advanced collectors have had this on their want lists for years.

The offering of 1897 Jubilees and other Victorian issues continues the Sparks Auctions trend of offering more quantity and quality with every auction. Edwards, Québéc, especially Admirals and later issues through George VI will help collectors fill in gaps in their collections.

Queen Elizabeth era stamps start in spectacular fashion with a block of the Inverted Seaway. The later varieties and errors are very very strong indeed. The lots of back of the book stamps will excite many with the opportunity to buy 5-hole OHMS perfins, and rare revenues including overprint varieties.

British North America offers rarities such as the \$1 British Columbia, PEI #2, Newfoundland classics and ending with the spectacular block of the inverted overprint on the Halifax airmail.

British Commonwealth is headlined by the full pane of the Great Britain 1883 6d on 6d overprint. Interesting and scarce items and a few nice collections are found throughout this section.

The worldwide section offers 50 lots of USA as well as many lovely items, complete sets and unusual varieties not often found.

Postal History offers many lots as well as selected individual items such as a ten penny Cartier with a circular dated postmark and the very scarce Officially Sealed on blue paper.

Lots and collections again fill our 32 bookcases. This auction the number which are in the higher price ranges is increased; while we still offer budget-priced cartons of fun. Viewing will allow interested buyers to see the full value.

In our editorial to Auction 3 we made comments on eleven subjects (Rarity, Descriptions, Scanned Images, etc). We could repeat these if space permitted but include them on the website with updated minor revisions.

After our last sale we appreciated a number of unsolicited messages of congratulations and support from collectors, bidders, and consignors.

Our Next Sale

Already, in the one and a half weeks since we finished describing this sale, four new consignments have arrived. A collection of Large Queens from Australia, a suitcase from an estate, a strong collection of Switzerland including postal history, and miscellaneous items including a previously unknown major Canadian error give us a good start on Auction 5.

We solicit your consignment for our next sale. All material which is in our hands by August 31 will be included for a sale we hope to be able to schedule for late October.

VIEWING

Saturday June 6th, 2009.....10:00 am to 5:30 pm
Saturday June 13th.....10:00 am to 5:30 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.

