

## SPARKS AUCTIONS SALE 6

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Lots & Collections

## This Sale

Our sale #6 has over 1,600 lots with truly something of interest for every stamp collector. When a sale like this is prepared, it is difficult to remember all of the material that is being described and prepared during the auction process. We were pleasantly surprised by the coverage of material entrusted to us by over forty consignors. We are quite confident that you will be too.

The Canada and British North America section is highlighted by three world class rarities, the mint or unused 6d Consort on laid paper, 3c Large Queen on laid paper and Newfoundland 1sh orange. These stamps very rarely make an appearance on the auction block and we are privileged to offer them in this sale. Are you going to be the lucky collector who gets to cross off "Number 2" from your wantlist? Not to be outdone are the hundreds of more affordable lots including a high number of premium quality singles and blocks. Several attractive lots of proofs and essays are offered in this sale, including the lovely set of Jubilee proof blocks of 10, several die proofs from the 1920s and a fascinating selection of modern proofs and essays from the Estate of Jean-Pierre Beaudin (Lots 485 to 503). The modern errors come from multiple consignments with almost no overlap and include many items which we have never previously offered.

The British Commonwealth section starts with a glorious example of the 1sh green embossed from Great Britain, and continues with nice quality sets and singles. As for rarities, we can point to the Nandgaon 2a rose – a very rare stamp indeed despite the modest catalogue value, and the Malayan States overprint, which is headlined by lot 1014, the Sungei Ujong 2c brown with inverted "s". This last stamp, along with several others in the sale were found by our staff unidentified within the material consigned to us – it certainly pays to consign early! The foreign section has a nice group of United States, lovely mint Germany in high quality, almost all never hinged, but the highlight remains the trio of rarities from Iceland in premium quality. Postal history is not to be outdone, with a lovely selection of semi-official airmail flight covers, and a rare cover salvaged from the wreck of the St. Olaf.

The lots and collections once again fill our shelves. Of particular note are the worldwide classic collection with a catalogue value in excess of \$100,000 (lot 1727) and other items from the same consignment, such as the classic revenue stamps collection (Lot 1760). We urge viewers to spend some time on the larger lots and collections as some of the last minute consignments will certainly contain nice surprises.

We have already started to prepare our next sale, scheduled for fall 2010. If you have material that you would like to sell through our auction, do not hesitate to contact us and we can determine the optimal method to disperse your material.

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Saturday May 8th.....10:00 am to 5:30 pm  
Saturday May 15th .....10:00 am to 5:30 pm  
Monday May 17th ..... 10:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Tuesday May 18th..... 10:00 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(fine)** 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.
- NSSC** Newfoundland Specialized Stamp Catalogue
- AMNC** Airmails of Canada and Newfoundland Catalogue

