BID SHEET

Public Auction #18 — September 29th, 30th and October 1st, 2015

SPARKS AUCTIONS

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Your name and full mailing address:(please print):

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Daytime telephone_____

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I authorize Sparks Auctions to purchase on my behalf the following lots at or under the limited stated. I agree to the terms of sale as printed in the catalogue.

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Signature

References:

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Stamp Firm Telephone

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Stamp Firm Telephone

A buyer's Premium of 15% will be added to the hammer price and becomes part of the total purchase price.

Lot Number	My Top Bid	Lot Number	My Top Bid	Lot Number	My Top Bid	Lot Number	My Top Bid

PLEASE LIST ADDITIONAL BIDS ON REVERSE OR COPY TO LIST ADDITIONAL BIDS

Check appropriate boxes:

☐ You may increase my bids by one increment to break a tie.

☐ You may increase my bids by _____% if competition warrants.

Please bid using these increments. **All bids are in Canadian dollars.**

$2 - $30	$2	$1600 - $3000	$100
$35 - $100	$5	$3200 - $7000	$200
$110 - $250	$10	$7500 - $15,000	$500
$275 - $750	$25	$16,000 - $30,000	$1,000
$800 - $1500	$50	$32,000 - $50,000	$2,000
		above $50,000	$5,000

See reverse for options such as limit bids, credit card payments* etc.

LIMIT BIDS If you wish to limit the total amount of your successful bids (not including the 15% buyer's premium) enter the amount here. $_____
Your bids will be executed until this figure is reached.

I would like to pay by VISA or MASTERCARD. ***Please note: Effective August 1, 2014, we will be charging a 2.5% convenience fee to process Visa & MasterCard payments**

CC # _____ Expiry _____/_____

Validation number on back_____ (this must be provided)

Name as shown on card: _____

Authorizing Signature_____

☐ Please check here if you have provided us with your email address and you would like us to enter your bids in the Stamp Auction Network system. You will receive email messages advising you of the status of your bids.

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TERMS & CONDITIONS
(Please read carefully)

1. The property described in this catalogue will be offered at public auction by Sparks Auctions Inc. (Sparks) on behalf of various consignors. By bidding on any lot, whether in person, or through an agent, via Stamp Auction Network, by mail, email, fax, telephone, website, or any other means, the bidder acknowledges and agrees to all of the following Terms and Conditions of Sale.

2. The highest bidder acknowledged by the auctioneer shall be the buyer. The term "hammer price" means the last bid acknowledged by the auctioneer. The purchase price payable by the buyer will be the sum of the hammer price and a commission equal to 15% of the hammer price ("buyer's premium"), together with any sales tax which may be due on the sale.

3. All bids are per lot as numbered in the catalogue. The auctioneer shall regulate the bidding and reserves the right to reject any bid believed by him not to be made in good faith; to withdraw any lot prior to sale; to divide a lot; or to group two or more lots and to act on behalf of the vendor. In the event of any dispute, the auctioneer's decision shall be final. Sparks will execute bidding instructions on behalf of clients, but will not be responsible for any errors in the execution of such bids.

4. Unless a bidder has established credit with Sparks prior to the sale, Sparks must receive payment in full before the lots will be delivered. Buyers not known to Sparks must make payment in full within five days from the date of sale. Accounts more than thirty days in arrears will be subject to a late payment charge of 2% per month. All expenses incurred in securing payment from delinquent accounts will be charged to the defaulter. A fee of $100.00 will be charged for any cheque returned for insufficient funds.

5. All sales are in CANADIAN FUNDS. Payment may be made by bank draft, bank transfer, cheque drawn on a Canadian or U.S. bank, Canadian or International postal money order, cash or credit card (VISA and MasterCard only). **Please note: Effective August 1, 2014, we will be charging a 2.5% convenience fee to process Visa & MasterCard payments.** Payment in U.S. funds is acceptable at the same rate which Sparks can purchase Canadian Funds at our bank (2.5% percent above the mid-market rate). Contact us if you require the exact amount owed in U.S. funds. Credit cards will be processed in Canadian Funds.

6. Buyers from Canada will be charged Federal GST or HST. Absentee bidders resident outside Canada are not liable for Canadian taxes if purchases are delivered outside of Canada. See shipping instructions.

7. Until paid for in full, all lots remain the property of Sparks on behalf of the seller.

8. The buyer assumes all risk for delivery of purchased lots and agrees to pay for prescribed shipping costs.

9. Because the descriptions and scans of the auction will be available in a printed catalogue, our website and on Stamp Auction Network, there is a chance of technical error. In that event the auctioneer's decision will be final. If discovered before the sale a notice will be posted on sparks-auctions.com. Opening bids will be available on the websites and will be updated. These are only provided as a service to bidders and Sparks does not guarantee their completeness or accuracy.

10. Any lot, the description of which is obviously incorrect, is returnable, but only if the lot is returned within 14 days of receipt. All disputed lots must be returned intact with the original packing material. The following lots may not be returned for any reason: Lots containing ten or more items; any lot described with "faults" or "defects" may not be returned because of any fault or defect. No illustrated lots may be returned because of centering, margins or other factors shown in the illustrations.

11. All lots are sold as genuine. If a prospective purchaser wishes to obtain other expert opinion from a mutually acceptable authority, an extension may be granted on a lot prior to the commencement of the auction provided that the following conditions are met; (1) the purchase price of the lot must be paid in full, (2) the item must be submitted to the mutually acceptable expertizing committee with a properly executed application form within 14 days of the sale, (3) a copy of the application form must be given to Sparks, (4) unless prior arrangements are made, extensions are granted for a period of up to 100 days; (5) if in the opinion of the authority the lot is not genuine or was grossly misdescribed, the purchaser shall receive a full reimbursement of the purchase price plus costs of certification up to $100, and (6) lots back stamped or marked are not returnable. It is the purchaser's responsibility not to let this happen.

SHIPPING INFORMATION

Unless specific other arrangements are made between the buyer and Sparks Auctions, lots will be shipped in the following manner:

Within Canada:
a) Single or multiple lots that fit into one or more regular EXPRESS POST envelopes will be shipped by that method with signature required. These lots will be charged postage only but not a handling, packaging, or insurance fee.
b) Cartons and larger lots will normally be shipped by parcel post or FedEx with signature required. If bulky lots have a value in excess of $1000 they will be shipped by EXPRESS POST with signature required. This category of lots will usually be charged an additional handling or packaging fee.

To the USA:
a) Single or multiple lots will be sent by Fed-Ex with signature required and no extra handling, packaging, or insurance fees.
b) Cartons and larger lots will be shipped by UPS ground or FedEx Ground with signature required. This category of lots will usually be charged an additional handling or packaging fee.

Overseas:
a) Single or multiple lots will be sent by Registered or Xpress Mail with signature required and no extra handling, packaging or insurance fees.
b) Carton and larger lots will be shipped by pre-arrangement only. We reserve the right to not ship to areas of the world not served by Fed-Ex.

AGENTS
We can recommend the following 3 agents, all of whom attend the sale.

John Beddows	Doug Lingard	Peter Rennie
705-495-3134	613-737-4864	450-218-1616
jlw@onlink.net	lingardd@istar.ca	peter.e.rennie@videotron.ca

Consignments

If you are planning to consign material, it is to your advantage to do so early. This gives our lotting team sufficient time to properly lot, describe and catalogue your property. Our deadlines for accepting consignments may change based on volume of consignments received.

For more information contact please contact us at

consign@sparks-auctions.com
613-567-3336

Notes on catalogue values and reference

Catalogue values are listed for most lots offered. These are the best available guides to the retail price of a single stamp or set provided that the item(s) are the same quality as the standard described in the introduction to each catalogue. Exceptional quality will often sell above the catalogue value; inferior quality will sell for less; faulty stamps in a lot can result in a sale price of a small percentage of the catalogue price.

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.

2015 or 2016 Scott Catalogue Volumes 1 through 6
2015 Scott Classic and US Specialized
2015 Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps
2015 Stanley Gibbons 1840-1970 (SG) values in £
2007 or later Michel Catalogues of the World (Mi) values in €
2009 The Canadian Revenue Stamp Catalogue
by E.S.J. Van Dam

Other Specialized catalogues as noted in descriptions.

The U.S. Specialized and the Scott Classic are referred to as Scott interchangeably with the standard 6 volumes.

About Bidding

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		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.

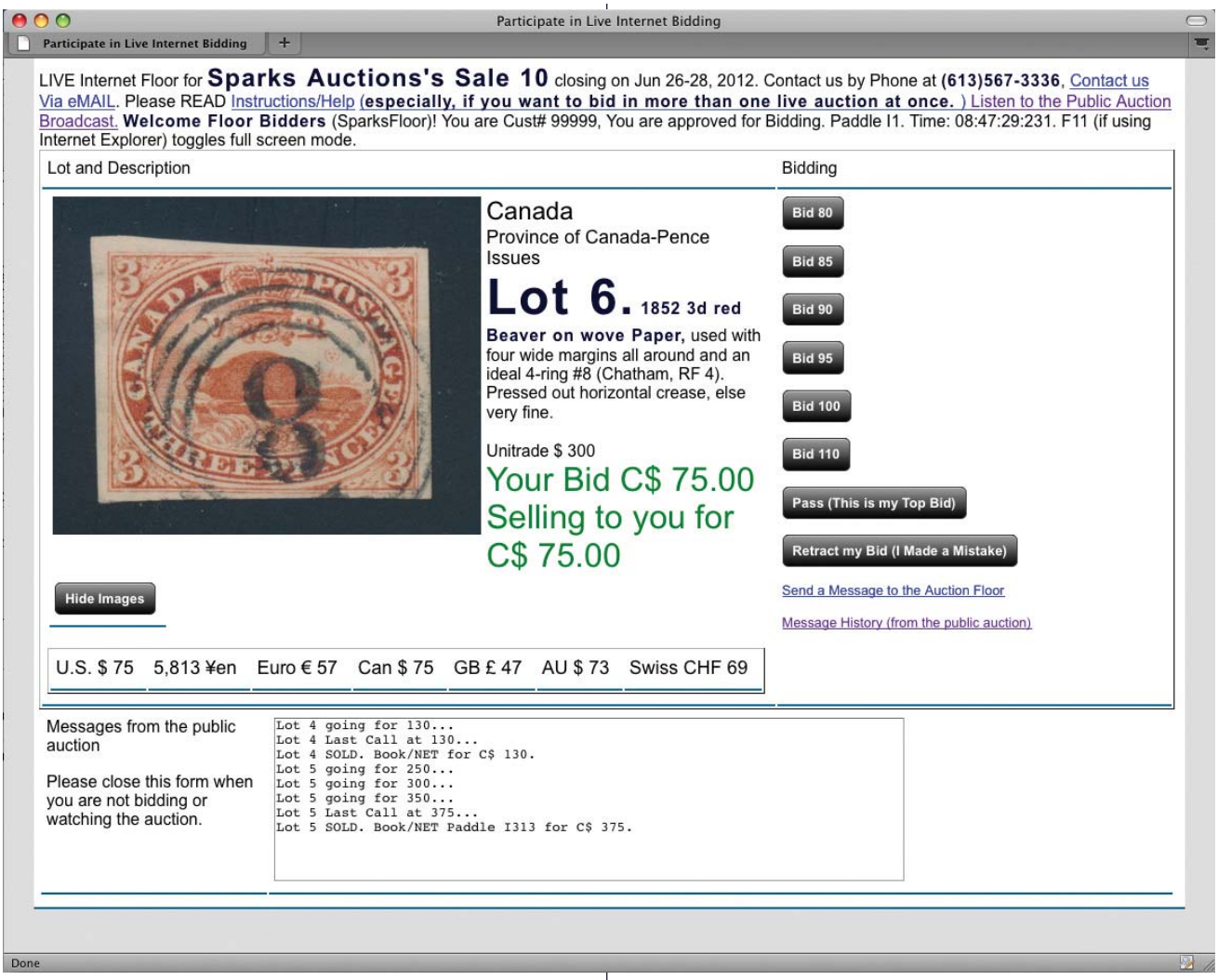
4) If you give your bids to Stamp Auction Network, or to Sparks Auctions you will only pay one increment over the second highest bid. Your top (maximum) bid will be used only if another bid is one increment below yours, or exactly the same as your bid but was received after yours. In the event of tie 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.

6) OPENING BIDS will be available approximately one week before the auction. (With one week to go most of these will be well below the final price). New opening bids will be updated at least daily. If you see that an opening bid is higher than you wish to bid for a lot you would like to buy, this feature allows you to focus on other lots of interest to you. Sparks will not be held responsible in the event of errors in the opening bids provided before the sale.

7) You have the option of limiting your purchases to a specified dollar figure (e.g. $325), or to an approximate figure. This feature allows you to bid with the confidence that you will not be financially embarrassed if you are very successful in the auction. It also allows you to use a strategy of bidding just above the opening bid for many lots with the expectation of winning only a minority of these.

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.



How To Bid

Advance Bidding We accept bids in the time-honoured tradition: you can mail us a printed bidsheet (available for download from our site), or fax it to us at 613-567-2972, or call us at 613-567-3336 with your bidding information. E-mail bids also work well; simply provide the lot number and your maximum bid in Canadian dollars.

For the most satisfying and realistic experience akin to being on the auction floor, you should become familiar with Live Internet Bidding.

Live Internet Bidding

Live bidding on the internet allows bidders anywhere in the world to participate in the auction. Sparks Auctions is pleased to make the auction available through Stamp Auction Network, and we will do everything we can for our customers to make the process simple, trustworthy and fun.

Connect to Stamp Auction Network at: stampauctionnetwork.com

Register once and create a user name, which will allow you to choose auction firms to bid with, including Sparks Auctions. We will approve you to bid as soon as possible during normal business hours. If your application was made more than one month ago, please re-submit.

The Approval Process

We will not extend credit terms to any buyer who has not made arrangements in advance of the auction. Payment must be made before lots are shipped, preferably by credit card, but we also accept cheques, money orders, etc. We need to confirm your account before you will be able to place bids with us. For fastest bidder confirmation, please reference Ian Kimmerly, Sparks Auctions, or other North American auction houses when you create your account. Other details that will help us quickly approve you for bidding include:

* Credit Card number (Visa or MC, with expiry date and CVC code)
* Philatelic references (including eBay reputations, BidStart etc.)
* Associations (APS, RPSC, BPA, etc.)
* Your own professional website (stamp-related or otherwise)
* A valid e-mail address (we will not approve you if your e-mail bounces)
* Call us at 613-567-3336

A complete bidder registration with many of these details included will result in a speedy approval. We want your bids, but we do not want "problem buyers!" NB: We do not normally check references from banks, AMEX, individuals (non-philatelic), etc.

The On-Line Auction

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

Keep track of lots you are interested in, and 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, and, if you wish, further confirmation by e-mail if you are outbid.

Comprehensive internet bidding instructions can be found at:
sparks-auctions.com/how-to-bid-with-us/