

Lockdales' Auction #261 Report: Paper Collectables: 23-24 April 2024

Total prices realised: £146,212 (inc. prem.)

A very strong and well-attended Paper Collectables sale, with many unexpected results. 928 lots were offered, with a success rate of 92%. Overall prices realised significantly higher than top estimate.

Autographs stood out, including John Lennon and Yoko Ono at £2600 (est. £800). The Geneva Bible made £3200, and a first edition of Summer Lightning by P.G. Wodehouse went for £1300. A couple of small military portraits from the Northwest Indian War c.1785 achieved £1050 and £1350 against estimates of just £120 each. In the Sporting section some scarce football programmes were sold, and other items of memorabilia including an album of Tottenham Hotspur postcards and ephemera that fetched £1000 (top est. £300).

The Stamp sections were an absolute frenzy, with just two unsolds across a stretch of over 200 lots. £2100 was paid for a GB-KGVI collection, £1350 for Commonwealth Atlantic Territories, £4000 for the very specialist lifetime Ceylon, and £1300 for Chinese material. Individual stamps included £900 for a £5 orange, and £600 for a Ceylon 5c on 8c orange-yellow.

Day 2 began with the concluding part of the Woven Silks Collection. Here we saw some extraordinary results such as £480 for two 'Flames': Liege Palais des Princes & Lille La Bourse; £1050 for a 'Hands Across the Sea' Titanic; £400 for one of RMS Carpathia; £650 for three souvenirs of the Greater Cork Expo 1903; and many more. We noted healthy sales in the further Postcards also, and the Cigarette & Trade Cards brought results up to £650 for a set of Smith Boer War 1901.

Our next Paper Collectables Sale is scheduled for 25-26 June, with consignment currently until 24 May (may be revised earlier).



Lots 46 & 47: Late 18thC Indian Army portraits. Top Est's. £120 each. Hammer £1050 & £1350.



Lot 509: RMS Titanic, Hands Across the Sea. Est. £60-£80. Hammer £1050.