

Online Auction #193 Report: The Paper Sale, 3rd February 2021

602 lots offered with over 92% success rate. Combined top estimate of all lots £67,563 - total hammer £80,464 - £97,844 including premium!

Starting with the Stamp sections we saw prices in most cases exceeding estimates by a long margin. Sorting through stamp collections is an ideal lockdown pastime, and material such as this is hard to find. Some definite “sleeper” lots were to be found, including lot 50 – a group of mid-19thC entires and covers, estimated at £50 to £60, the hammer went down at £3000. Several Chinese collections sold for over ten times top estimate. There were only three unsolds in this entire first third of the sale.

The postcards saw good results for comic and Essex R/P cards. Among the Cigarette & Trade Cards many rare sets were sold including Taddy ‘Natives of the World’ for £1000. A section of Sporting Programmes included a lot of Nottingham Forest programmes selling for £440 (est. £40 top).

The Books, Documents & Ephemera section contained many interesting pieces. A small group of “Giles” signed Christmas cards and letters made £290 (est. £30-£40). The original Louis XIV signed manuscripts made £650 each (est. £200-£300). A group of WWII aerial photographs estimated at £80-£85 went for £400.

Forthcoming auctions include The Fine Sale 17-18 February. The Banknote Sale 27 February. Coins, Medals & Militaria 27-28 March. Consignment for the March Coins & Medals is open until 12th February. We encourage all sellers to make use of the very high demand for collectables.



Lot 470: Taddy, Natives of the World, complete set sold for £1000 hammer.