

Auctions of the Gersch, Walker and Pearson Collections - Interesting information

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Over the past year, material received from the Gersch and Walker Estates and from Charlie Pearson has been privately auctioned to the benefit of the Club. The following is a summary of interesting facts taken from the results of those four auctions to help those desiring to bid in future Club or special auctions.

UNITED STATES

Many of the auction lots (326 total) were individual lots of B, B+ and A rated perfins. Of these lots 46 were not tabulated as they contained perfins that had some specified defect (hole[s] missing, split, double punch etc.), did not receive a bid or were returned. Of the remaining 280 lots - 9 were A rates, 29 were B+ rates and 242 were B rates. This in itself gives you an idea that A rated and even B+ rated perfins are not common!

The average winning bids were:

- A rated perfins (9; est. \$25) \$33.55.
- B+ perfins (29; est. \$16) \$17.02
- B perfins (242; est. \$8) \$8.48.

Acceptable minimum bid was 50% of the "est.". Lots averaged just shy of 5 bids per lot and two lots received 9 bids each!

The following B rated perfins brought 3 or more bids of at least \$9.00. This may indicate that these are "tough" B rates and may be closer to B+: C268, C304, G48, G165A, L80A, M11, M66, M71, M87, M134 (5bids), M170, M187A, M272.5, N113-AB-13 (5 bids), O95, P8, P173, R65, S41 (5 bids), S90, S195-62, T45, U33, V12 (6bids!), Num #5, Des 35 (6 bids!)

UNITED KINGDOM

- Three lots of Queen Victoria mixtures were offered averaging 525 stamps per lot. These brought a range of 37.7 to 66.7 cents per stamp - at average of 50.9 cents per stamp!
- A lot of 21 HiCat value QV perfins (\$1300.00 catalog) brought 10% of catalog or \$6.24 cents each.

- Two lots of Penny Reds averaged \$2.85 per perfin and a lot of two pence blues \$2.75 each.
- Two lots of King Edward VII averaging 303 stamps sold for 27.4 cents per stamp.
- A British collection of 1838 perfins sold at \$425.00 or 23.1 cents per perfin.
- Four lots of miscellaneous British perfins totaling 9214 perfins brought 9.2 cents per stamp.
- British covers did not do as well as expected with 133 covers fetching 89.8 cents per cover.

WORLD COLLECTIONS

In order of value bid per perfin, the following are the country lots that were auctioned. Where two numbers appear, the first is the number of different patterns and the second the total number of perfins in the lot.

Country	Pat/Stamp	Ave\$
Japan	66/192	1.990
Netherlands POKOs	25/44	1.295
India	202	0.891
Netherlands POKOs	23/47	0.872
Switzerland	104/224	0.781
Switzerland POKOs	24/58	0.724
Spain	169	0.651
France	887/1005	0.632
Switzerland	102/198	0.606
Denmark	212	0.363
Spain	92	0.337
Netherlands	223/1566	0.329
United States	1843	0.179

The following are large country mixtures, not collections:

Country	Pat/Stamp	Ave\$
Japan	149	1.047
Japan	123	0.894
India	229	0.655
Germany	404	0.314
France	325	0.222
Hungary	69	0.219
Country	Pat/Stamp	Ave\$
Spain	658	0.205

• Canada	273	0.150
• France	2300	0.135
• Germany	472	0.114
• Italy	326	0.107
• Denmark	3378	0.073
• Australia	816	0.021

And finally, there were several notable individual perfins that obtained good results as expected:

- Canada - F3 "B" rated perfins (2 copies) sold at \$47.00 each.

- Italy - a 50 cent. perfin with advertising tab sold for \$21.00.
- Switzerland – Design 123 (pair of glasses) brought \$22.00.
- France - Design 10 (Circle) went for \$15.50
- France - Design 15 (Cow) two went for \$17.00 and \$21.00 respectively.
- France - Design 17 (Rooster) went for \$25.00.

Thanks to all of the bidders and the providers of the material. The Club received over \$3800.00 from these four auctions!!!
