

October Highlights

R. Maresch & Son's four session, 2747 lot October auction sale was an overwhelming success, with spirited bidding and very strong prices realized across the board. The strong dollar gave Canadians buying power they have not seen in years and they took full advantage of it, resulting in frenzied bidding throughout the entire auction. The auctioneers remarked 'This was the strongest auction floor we've seen in 25 years, it is very nice to see such wonderful material being repatriated by Canadian bidders once again. With the dollar showing no signs of weakening, this is a trend we expect to continue.' The Canada portion of the sale contained wonderful collections of varieties from the Pence and First Cents issue era right up to modern issues, as well as the most extensive and in-depth sections of Leafs and Numerals the firm has handled in many years. If a measure of the strength of the stamp market is the willingness of collectors to acquire such an in depth section of rarities at what can only be record or near-record prices in many cases, this sale certainly qualifies as a harbinger of higher prices to come. Prices realized quoted below do not include the 15% buyers premium.



In the Pence Issue section, Lot 328, a v.f. used 10d showing a strong re-entry (pos 90), realized \$1600



and Lot 338, a v.f. used 1/2d rose with a Quebec 1858 cds showing the Major Re-Entry (pos. 120) was hammered down for \$1750 (cat \$2000).



Lot 343, a vf used 7 1/2d green showing the Major Re-Entry (pos. 7), made \$6250 (cat \$6000)



and Lot 360, a well centered used perforated 6d, went for \$7000



Cents issues brought prices just as high, with Lot 471, a cover to France pre-paid to England, bringing \$4500 (est \$2500).

Lot 484(left), a cover with a 10c strip of 3 showing two varieties, realizing \$3500 (est \$1500) and Lot 492(below), a cover to China, going for \$4750 (est \$4000)





Large and Small Queens included Lot 577 (left), a 'round the world' cover, which realized \$2100 (est \$1250) and



Lot 657, a rare used 5¢ Small Queen with the "Feather in Hair" variety, which fetched \$2400 (cat \$1250).



Lot 663, a mint nh exceptionally well centered 6¢ yellow brown perf 11 1/2 x 12, sold for \$4250 (cat \$3000).



Lot 683 (left), a nh, vf 20¢ Widow Weed, attained \$2100, anc

Lot 685 (right), a nh, vf 50¢ Widow Weed top margin imprint pair, the right stamp being the Major Re-Entry, found a new owner at \$8500, almost double catalogue.



The Leaf and Numeral issues fared just as well, with Lot 880 (left), a cpl set of Leaf Small Die Proofs in Black, after spirited bidding, realizing \$6750 against a pre-sale estimate of \$2500 and

Lot 915(right), a 6¢ Leaf Die Proof, climbing to \$2500 (estimate \$750).





Lot 922 (left), a 10¢ Leaf Die Proof, was bid up to \$800 (estimate \$750)

and Lot 923(right), a vf 10¢ Leaf imperforate block of four, was purchased for \$2600 (estimate \$2400).



Lot 948(above), the 2¢ Numeral Tete-Bêche Imperforate booklet pane, very rare and one of the highlights of the sale, realized \$7750 (cat \$7500).



Lot 963, a 10¢ Numeral trial colour finished perforated and gummed proof in Red, made \$2500 (estimate \$500)



and Lot 968, a rare 15¢ Small Die Essay on card in pale greenish gray, finished at \$2400 (estimate \$750).



Lot 969, a rare 20¢ Trial Colour Proof on card in bright green, also fetched a very high price at \$2400 (estimate \$300).

Edwards and later issues were not exempted from high prices, as Lot 1014, a 50¢ Edward top margin pair with PO 72, left stamp showing the Retouched 5 of 50 at right, an extremely rare showpiece, realized \$4000 against an estimate of \$2500.





Lot 1099, a mint 50¢ Bluenose block of 4 with a "Man On The Mast" variety, sold for \$2000 (cat \$1875)

and Lot 1131, a mint 10¢ Mountie, bottom margin pair, lower stamp strongly showing The BROKEN LEG variety, found a new home at \$2000 (cat \$1875).



Lot 1155(left), a n.h., v.f. St Lawrence Seaway with INVERTED CENTRE, realized \$8750

and Lot 1279(right), a 2¢ Postage Due (J2) block of 8 showing Lathework D, an extremely rare showpiece, made \$8000.



Lot 1309, a n.h. v.f. \$1 Ferry OHMS, LL Plate No 1 block of four with MISSING PERIOD LR, was hammered down for \$6250 (cat \$5250)

and Lot 1388, a B.C. and Vancouver Is. 21/2d dull rose, perf 14, LEFT MARGIN BLOCK OF 12 with full marginal notation, a probably unique position multiple and gorgeous showpiece, realized \$5250.

These are only a few of the highlights of this extensive auction sale. A full list of lots with descriptions, photos and prices realized can be viewed on R. Maresch and Son's website at www.maresch.com.

