

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Original light fixtures from Casa Loma found in St. Catharines

Monday, August 18, 2008 – NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE – Leon Perel, antique expert to his surprise was shown seven original light fixtures made for Casa Loma. They were stored in a “self-storage unit” in St. Catharines.

“These light fixtures are just a wonderful treasure”, said Perel, owner of Forum Galleries, “The details in the fixtures are remarkable. One pair has a set of three dragons perched along the top rim and another is a pair of remarkable coach house lights. We are working with Casa Loma to establish their provenance, but we are confident that they are 100% genuine.”

These wrought iron light fixtures are believed to have been bought during the great Casa Loma auction in 1923. Sir Henry Pellatt was forced to auction off almost everything in his castle to cover property tax debts. This auction took place over five days and was the largest that Toronto had seen at the time. These fixtures will once again be sold at auction. The fixtures will be on display at Forum Galleries, online at www.forumgalleries.com and will be sold during the “Prestige Auction” in Niagara-on-the-Lake on Sunday September 7th.

About Casa Loma

Sir Henry Pellatt constructed Casa Loma between 1911 and 1914 and is still one of the largest homes in Toronto. Pellatt had built his fortune by founding the Toronto Electric Light Company and built the first Canadian hydro generating plant at Niagara Falls. Now owned by the City of Toronto, the “Castle on the Hill” is operated as one of the city’s most popular tourist attractions. For more information call (905) 923-1171 or visit www.casaloma.org.

About Forum Galleries

Forum Galleries is Niagara’s largest antique dealer. Established in 2001, Forum Galleries has been providing appraisal services, consignment and estate disposal for its many customers. With regular auctions, on-line sales and our retail location we help people realize the best value for their treasures. For more information please contact Leon Perel at (905) 468-2777 or via email, leon.perel@forumgalleries.com.