

Victoriana for sale

THE contents of a Victorian house in the Vale of Glamorgan went under the auctioneer's hammer today in one of the most important sales of its kind in the area for many years.

More than 800 lots will be cleared during the auction which continues tomorrow. The sale is expected to fetch at least £10,000.

It has taken auctioneer Mr. Gareth Baxter-Jones and his staff 10 days to collect the items and sort them out ready for the sale. Right: Mr. Baxter-Jones inspects a 18th-century salt-glazed teapot, one of the items which filled two floors of the Cardiff Sales Rooms in Kings Road, Canton. All the items came from

the same house in Llanblethian.

The house had been the home of the same family for many generations — some of the items date back as far as the 1700's.

Mr. Baxter-Jones said, "It's the most important here since before World War II. We have not had so much come from one house for years.

"It was staggering when we first saw everything in the house. When you walked through the front door it was like stepping back into the Victorian era," said Mr. Baxter-Jones.

"There were no modern services in the house. The lady who lived there was still using the oil lamps for lighting. It was only a four-bedroomed house, but they had obviously been quite a wealthy family at one time," he said.

