



● WRU lapel badges, for auction.

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A COLLECTION of Welsh rugby badges, button holes and favours dating from 1886 to 1911 collected by one of the first national team selectors for the Wales Football Union will be auctioned tomorrow.

They are expected to excite the interest of collectors of rugby memorabilia and the Welsh Rugby Union when they come under the auctioneer's hammer at Lucas and Madley West Gate auction galleries at Riverside, Cardiff.

They were collected by Mr Alexander Duncan, the third son of Alderman David Duncan, JP, founder of the *South Wales Echo* in 1884, and are being sold by his grand-daughter Mrs Jean Corbett.

Her father, Mr Douglas Duncan, who lived at Clinton Road, Penarth, had preserved his father's collections of medals, pictures and the

Sale to savour for rugby fanatics

rugby memorabilia. But even Mrs Corbett did not realise how important her grandfather, who lived at Beach Road, Penarth, was in rugby circles.

A long serving official of Cardiff Rugby Football Club, he worked closely with Richard Mullock in the formation of the Welsh Football Union, later the Welsh Rugby Union, and was one of the first national team selectors, in 1882, with Mullock, of Newport, Ray Knill of Swansea and T A Rees of Llan-dover.

From 1882 he also became one of the newly formed WFU's auditors. When the match commit-



● Christine Hall, office manager at Phillips auction rooms, with a 1930 teddy and 1937 Mickey Mouse.

tee of the WFU was increased to six members, he continued to serve with distinction.

At another auction in Cardiff tomorrow, this time at Phillips in Wales, Westgate Street, items range from high class bird cages, quality maps, pictures and toys to

samplers, furniture and ceramics.

Among the dolls and teddies section of this collectors' sale are some endearing characters. A velvet bodied Mickey Mouse dating from 1937, obviously well loved since his tail and one eye are missing, is expected to sell for £25 to £35.