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TPOs: MELBOURNE-GEELONG-BALLARAT 1865-1890

Look at a map of Victoria & you will struggle to understand why the first railway line to Ballarat went via Geelong! The fact is, there was no direct line between Melbourne & Ballarat until 1890! Until that date all mail for Ballarat went via "the scenic route".



Lot 309

309 D A A1+ **UP TRAIN 1:** Type 1 (Large Vertical Oval) superb strike of 'FE2265' on small piece. A highly significant item, being **the earliest recorded Victorian TPO marking**, from only two days after the service commenced on 20.2.1865. It is also one of only two recorded examples with MMDDYY configuration of the date slugs.

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Lot 310

310 S B A2 - Type 1 (Large Vertical Oval) very fine large-part strikes of 'AP2165' & '10JY65' both on *Laureates* 4d. The first is the later of only two recorded examples with MMDDYY configuration of the date slugs & **the earliest recorded TPO datestamp on an adhesive**: illustrated at page 38. The other is the earliest recorded date for the corrected date format.

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Lot 311

311 C A - Type 1 (Large Vertical Oval) very fine cancel of 14AU65 tying *Laureates* 4d to cover to Melbourne (very fine b/s), very fine 'MORE TO PAY'-in-oval h/s with "1/-" inserted but amended to "6d". *Ex Charles Lathrop Pack and Roy Holland*: acquired for £720. Another extremely important item, being **the earliest recorded TPO cover, the only recorded cover showing the 6d charge for late fee on TPO letters unpaid & taxed, and one of only three covers with the datestamp cancelling the stamp**. Rated RRRRR as a cancellation on cover. [Illustrated at page 4 where *Molnar & Waugh* state: "...mail that was handed directly to mail guards was subject to an additional late fee...the bulk of the uncancelled mail...came from designated free-standing post boxes...at the train stations. These required no late fee..." The late fee seems to have been reduced to 4d by January 1866 - see Lot **281160** - but it was some time before this nonsensical situation was resolved by the late fee being revoked. This cover indicates that the postage due was the deficient fee only, and not double the deficiency]

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Lot 312

- 312** C B A1+ - Type 1 (Large Vertical Oval) superb cancel of 22SE65 tying *Laureates* 1d pair to cover & another equally fine strike on the reverse, to the *Curator of Intestate Estates* in Melbourne (very fine b/s), light vertical filing fold at left. Rated RRRRR as a cancellation on cover: illustrated at page 38. [The letter replies to a request for an opinion of the value of an allotment at Maidstone, which the writer says, not especially helpfully, could be worth anywhere from 5/- to £3]

1,000^T

Lot 313

- 313** C A A1 - Type 1 (Large Vertical Oval) very fine b/s of '29JU72' on cover with very fine boxed 'PAID AT/MT WALLACE' handstamp & 'MT WALLACE' cds - the earlier by 26 years of only two recorded examples - on the face plus transit b/s of 'DURDIDWARRAH' (the earlier of only two recorded strikes), 'STEIGLITZ' (ERD; recorded 4 years only) & 'MEREDITH' plus Geelong arrival b/s. An extraordinary combination of rare postal markings. [*Goldmining*. Durdidwarrah PO renamed from Stony Creek (1) 26.4.1870; RO c.1908; closed 17.10.1919. Mount Wallace PO 1.9.1871; closed 30.10.1965]

600^T

Lot 314

- 314** C B A2 - 'TPO/ 1' obliterator superb cancel tying *Naish* 2d to cover with largely superb Type 3 'UP TRAIN/MG1/MR25/89/VICTORIA' cds b/s, Melbourne transit & Hawthorn arrival b/s, a little soiled. Most examples are on 1d Postal Cards.

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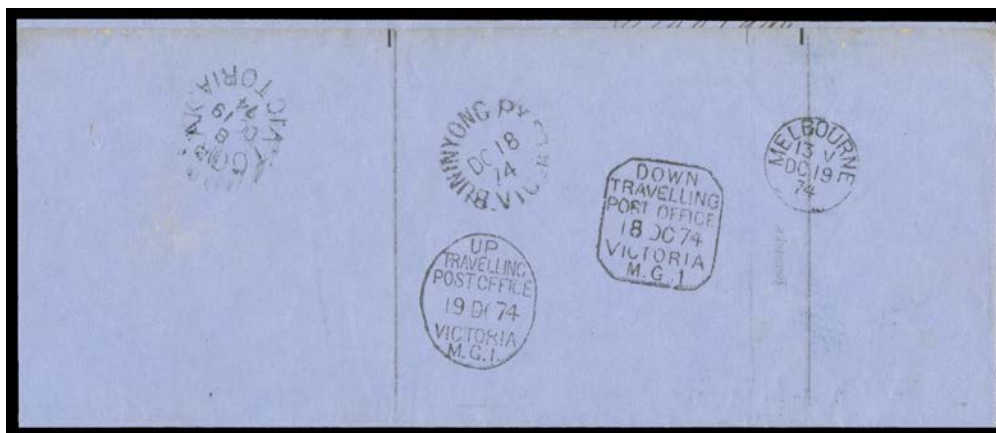
Lot 315

- 315 S A- A3+ - Type 2 (Duplex) 'TPO/ 1 ' right-hand portion of the duplex superb cancel on *Bell* 2d. Rated RRRR: only 9 partial strikes on stamps - and no covers - are recorded.

100^T

Lot 316

- 316 C (A-) A1+ **DOWN TRAIN 1:** Type 1 (Large Octagon) superb b/s of 24JY67 on outer with *Laureates* 2d & 4d tied by two superb strikes of the 'TPO/ 1 ' obliterator. *Ex Roy Holland:* acquired for £252 (one of many bargains in that sale). The earliest recorded examples of both markings. The octagon is rated RRRR (8 covers recorded). The obliterator is rated RRRRR - only three recorded - on **Down Train** covers.

750^T

Lot 317

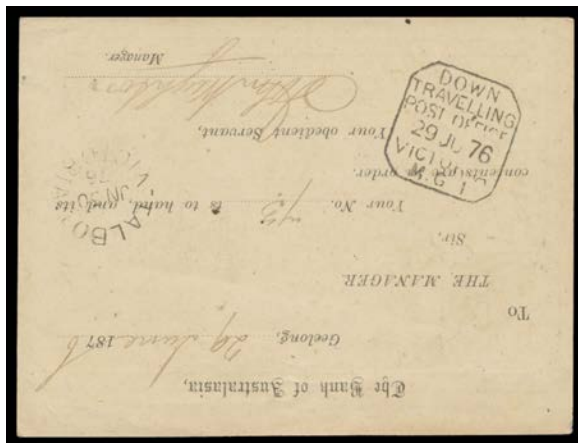
- 317 CL A- A1+ - Type 1 (Large Octagon) superb strike of 18DC74 alongside almost as fine a strike of the large oval of the next day on reverse of "turned" *Justice of the Peace* lettersheet to Lal Lal with 'BUNINYONG RY STN' transit (only two other examples recorded), redirected to "Leighwood/Toorak" with 23mm 'TOORAK' arrival b/s (recorded four years only), small piece missing from the face. A remarkable item, being **the only recorded cover with both the first type 'UP' & 'DOWN' datestamps**. [NB: what appear in the illustration to be vertical folds are actually lines printed on the other side of the form]

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Lot 318

318 PS A+ A1+ - Type 1 (Large Octagon) superb strike of 29JU76 on reverse of 1d Postal Card from Geelong to 'TALBOT' (21½mm b/s; only the second recorded example). Superb! *Ex Roy Holland*: acquired for £132 (another bargain).

500^T

Lot 319

319 C B A1- - Type 2 (Duplex) largely very fine strike of MR13/72 - 'TPO/ 1 ' a bit indistinct against the blue stamp - tying *Laureates* 6d to cover with imprint of *Terminus Hotel (Geelong)* to Ballarat (b/s), part-flap removed & a little aged. Rated RRRRR on cover: the only recorded strike on cover. *Ex Roy Holland*: acquired for £312. [This & the next lot are further examples of the late fee having been reduced to 4d]

600^T

Lot 320

320 C (B) A1 - Type 3 (Small Octagon) largely superb b/s of NO11/78 on cover with *Laureates* 6d tied by very fine strike of the 'TPO/ 1 ' obliterator (rated RRRRR on Down covers), oval 'LITTLE RIVER' superb strike on the face & superb strikes on face & reverse of the rare 'POSTED OUT/OF COURSE' handstamp, light 'EDGECOMBE' arrival cds (ERD by 28 years!) on the face, professionally repaired upper-left corner (clear of the h/s). Only four TPO covers have been recorded with an Out of Course handstamp.

The unknown point of origin, makes this a curious cover. If posted at Little River (between Melbourne & Geelong), the stamp would have been cancelled there. Down trains radiated **from** Melbourne & Edgcombe is north of the city, NNE of Kyneton which is on the Bendigo Line. It seems, therefore, that the letter was probably collected from a station between Melbourne & Little River & processed as a 'Down' article, off-loaded at Little River & returned to Melbourne on the 'Up' service the same day, then re-sorted onto the Bendigo train but, surprisingly, not backstamped in transit. Isn't postal history fun!?

600^T

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Lot 321

321	PS	(A) A1	- Type 3 (Small Octagon) very fine strike of 'OC8/08' (the year slug '80' inverted) unusually on the face of 1d Postal Card Melbourne-Geelong but with superb 'MISSENT TO/WILLIAMSTOWN' h/s, Geelong arrival b/s of the same date, closed pinholes at U/R otherwise superb. Williamstown is on the branch line running south from the railway junction at Footscray. Absence of a second Melbourne marking indicates after processing at the Williamstown PO the card was returned only as far as Footscray RS to be put on the next Down train to Geelong, where the TPO marking was applied. A terrific item for the collector of missent or redirected mail.	250 ^T
322	CL	B A1	- Type 3 (Small Octagon) largely superb b/s of MY23/83 on <i>Justice of the Peace</i> lettersheet to Little River, "turned" & processed with superb BN '175' & fine oval 'LITTLE RIVER' d/s plus superb Type 3 'UP TRAIN/MG1' b/s of MY28/83, minor defects. The only recorded cover with Type 3 Down & Type 3 Up markings.	250 ^T
323	CL	B A1	- Type 3 (Small Octagon) very fine b/s of SE18/84 on "turned" <i>Justice of the Peace</i> lettersheet to 'BRANXHOLME' (arrival b/s), reinforced along a separating fold. Rated RRR on cover. [Branxholme is 25km SW of Hamilton. This cover would therefore have continued on the train from Ballarat to Ararat, then been sent on the train to Hamilton]	100 ^T



Lot 324

324	C	A- B1-	UP TRAIN 2: Type 1 (Large Vertical Oval) light b/s of MR970 on cover with illustrated imprint for 'PHOENIX FOUNDRY/[phoenix]/BALLARAT' at U/L & DLR 2d tied by very fine 'BALLAARAT' duplex, to "Pioneer Crushing Works/Long Gully", superb 'SANDHURST' transit & very fine 'LONG-GULLY' arrival b/s (ERD). Rated RRRR on cover - four recorded - & no strikes on stamps or piece recorded.	600 ^T
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Lot 325

325	C	A- A1	- Type 1 (Large Vertical Oval) very fine b/s of DC2070 on plain cover from the same correspondence with the same markings, opened-out for display. <i>Ex Roy Holland</i> : acquired for £384.	600 ^T
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Lot 326

- 326** C C A1- - Type 1 (Large Vertical Oval) light but very fine b/s of DC2670 (LRD, affected by a small stain) on plain cover from the same correspondence with the same markings, soiled & part of the flap missing. *Ex Roy Holland*: acquired for £384.

400^T

Lot 327

- 327** S A A2 - 'TPO/2' obliterator very fine large-part cancel on *Laureates* 2d. Rated RRRR on stamp; no covers recorded.

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Lot 328

- 328** C A A1 - Type 2 (Duplex) three cancellers - one very fine - of SE12/73 tying *DLR* 2d strip of 3 to cover with embossed 'LESTERS HOTEL/THEATRE ROYAL/BALLARAT' crest on the flap, Melbourne arrival b/s. Rated RRRRR on cover - five recorded - but unusually not separately rated as a canceller on-cover. [Illustrated at page 44]

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Lot 329

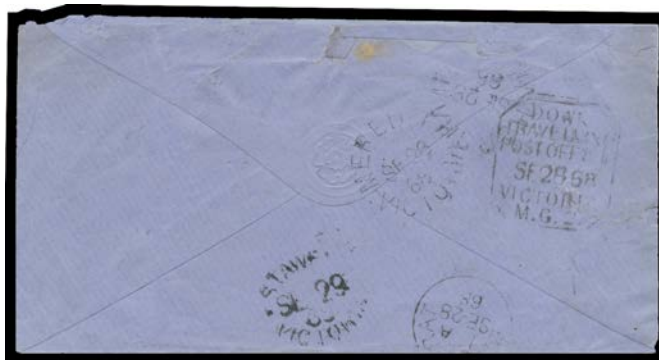
- 329** C (B) A1 **DOWN TRAIN 2:** Type 1 (Large Octagon) very fine b/s of AU2968 on cover from 'STEIGLITZ' to "Horsham/Wimmera" with *Laureates* 2d, oval 'STAWELL' transit & poor 'HORSHAM' arrival b/s, small repaired faults & opened-out. Rated RRRR on cover - only 5 recorded - & only one example on a stamp. *Ex Roy Holland*: acquired for £384. [Illustrated at page 47]

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| 330 | C | (B) A2 | - Type 1 (Large Octagon) largely very fine b/s of SE2868 on cover from the same correspondence, minor faults including a repaired spikehole that affects the TPO d/s. | 500 ^T |
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| 331 | C | B A2 | - Type 2 (Duplex) largely very fine b/s of MR30/76 on cover from Melbourne to "Ascot/Nr Ballarat", 'CRESWICK' transit & light 24mm 'ASCOT' arrival b/s (the only recorded example), repaired flap tears. Rated RRRR on cover: four recorded. | 300 ^T |
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| 332 | C | A- A1+ | - Type 3 (Small Octagon) superb b/s of JA18/89 on mourning cover from Ireland with GB 6d Jubilee tied by superb Dublin duplex, Melbourne arrival b/s, forwarded to Queenscliff & serviced on the train between Melbourne & Geelong, light 'QUEENSCLIFF' arrival backstamp. Rated R on cover but most examples are on mail between Melbourne-Geelong-Ballararat or Geelong-Ballararat, whereas this is from the much shorter Melbourne-Geelong sector. [With the original letter] | 150 ^T |
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| 333 | CL | A A1 | UP TRAIN 7: Type 1 (CDS) largely superb b/s on large-part OHMS lettersheet from Melbourne to "Weatherboard" with largely fine strike of the rare boxed rubber 'BURRUMBEET' railway datestamp & two light but obvious strikes of 'WEATHERBOARD HILL' cds (the only recorded examples), redirected to "Warrion/near Colac" & processed on the TPO back from Ballarat to Geelong (b/s), 'BEEAC' transit & faint 'WARRION' arrival b/s (the earlier by 21 years! of only two recorded examples). Weatherboard Hill PO 9.3.1868; closed 17.6.1895. Warrion PO 24.8.1875. Ex George Bowman: acquired at the Prestige auction of 14.8.2004 for \$661. | 500 ^T |
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Lot 334

334 PS A A1 **DOWN TRAIN 10:** Type 1 (Small Octagon) three fine to very fine strikes of OC26/80 on 1d Postal Card to Ballarat with no indication of the point of origin. Rated RRRR: the earliest of seven recorded covers. Illustrated at page 10. [TPO 10 has always been regarded as the most desirable of the general series. No Up markings are recorded & most examples offered as 'MG10' are actually 'MG12' or 'MG16']

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Lot 335

335 PS A A1- - Type 1 (Small Octagon) two light but very fine strikes of DE24/83 (Christmas Eve) on 1d Postal Card from "Barwon Park" to Ballarat. Illustrated at page 48. [Barwon Park is a major rural property near Winchelsea, indicating carriage first to Geelong or, because there is no Geelong transit, perhaps more likely to Leigh Road, to be placed on the Geelong-Ballararat train]

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