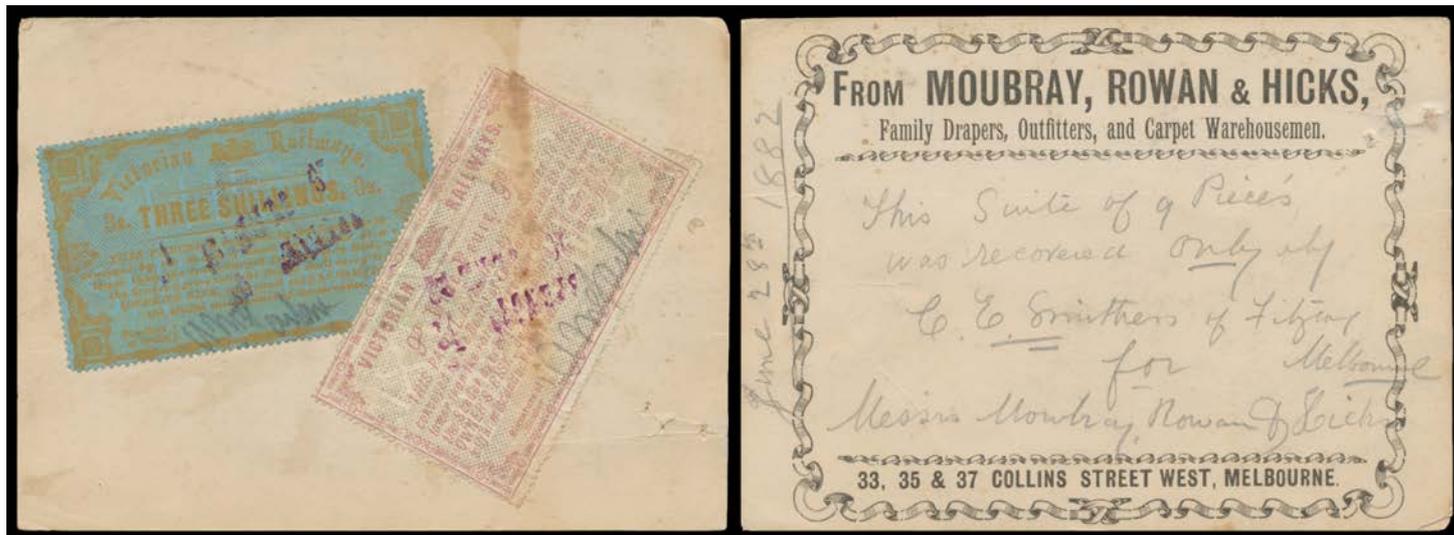


Lot Type Grading Description

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**RAILWAY STAMPS**

We are pleased to present the fine collection of these fascinating issues formed by Amitabh Chand from America. Amitabh bought most of this material from various Prestige auctions. Where only a date of acquisition is given, the references are to Prestige sales of those dates.



Lot 92

**92** C B 1879 Large Format with Security Underprint Wmk V/Crown 9d mauve/lilac (stained) & 3/- yellow/blue (superb) affixed to the reverse of 1882 card parcel tag for Moubray Rowan & Hicks (152x112mm), indistinct cancels probably of Spencer Street RS, minor blemishes. A marvellous item. *Ex Les Molnar*: acquired on 29.6.2012 for \$748.

800<sup>T</sup>

Ex Lot 103

**103** \*O 1917-41 "Wings" mostly rouletted selection to 5/- x3 (one defective, the others with Underprint), with scarcer values including ½d blue/white, 8d bistre/white x2, 9d mauve/white x2, 10d pink/white, '10d' in Red on 10d green, & 1/- red/yellow x2, various shades & cancels & some with Security Underprint, only the ½d, one 6d & 5/- x2 are perforated, mostly from large stations but many small stations noted, a few faults but generally fine to very fine with a few mint stamps including 4d pair & 7d block of 4, also 16 values to 5/- with bogus 'Specimen' handstamp in violet, A good study lot. [Includes most of Ray Kelly's selection of 24 stamps: acquired on 1.12.2007 for \$747] (112)

850<sup>T</sup>**POSTAL HISTORY**

Ex Lot 111

**111** CPS Advertising covers & Postal Stationery Envelopes with imprints including for Horwood Bros Albion Foundry (Castlemaine) (1870), London & Lancashire...Insurance Cos (1873), Phillips Hotel Ballarat x2 different and China Traders' Insurance Co; embossed flaps for Fergie & Harston Stationers (1860), Bank of Victoria (1879), Alfred Hospital (1882), Koroit Hotel (1902) & Goldsborough Mort Stock Agents (1911); illustrated covers for "Milo" Bacon, "Robin" Starch, Joubert & Joubert (2 different) "Flo-Eesi" Inks and Homells Granulated Wheat; illustrated PPC for 'ORIENT/LINE/TO AUSTRALIA'; others with various imprints or handstamped cachets; also 1907 illustrated envelope "Bendigo" in a style we haven't seen before; condition variable. (62)

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Lot Type Grading Description

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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".



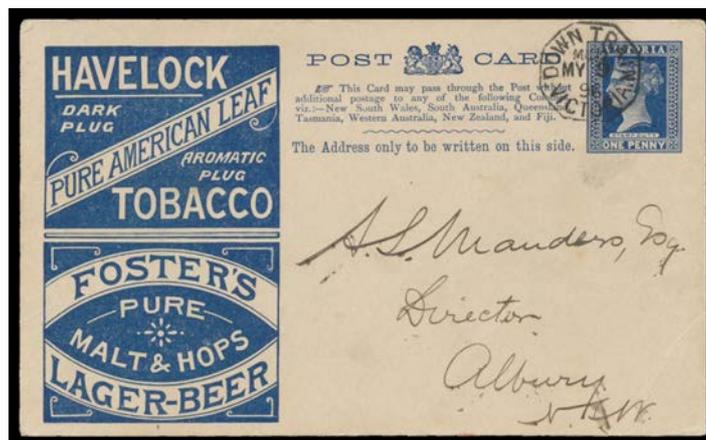
Lot 324

**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<sup>T</sup>

Lot 328

**328** C A A1 - Type 2 (Duplex) three cancels - 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 RRRRRR on cover - five recorded - but unusually not separately rated as a canceller on-cover. [Illustrated at page 44]

600<sup>T</sup>**TPOs: MELBOURNE-WODONGA 1873-1932**

Lot 399

**399** PS A- A1 **DOWN TRAIN 12:** Type 2 (Duplex) very fine cancel of MY9/96 on 1d Postal Card with *Havelock/Foster's* advertising, to Albury (NSW) with message headed "Euroa". Rated RRR: the latest of 11 covers recorded. Another very appealing usage. Illustrated at page 69. [TPO 12 services were discontinued in 1898]

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**TPOs: MELBOURNE-WODONGA 1873-1932 (continued)**

Lot Type Grading Description

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**Lot 405**

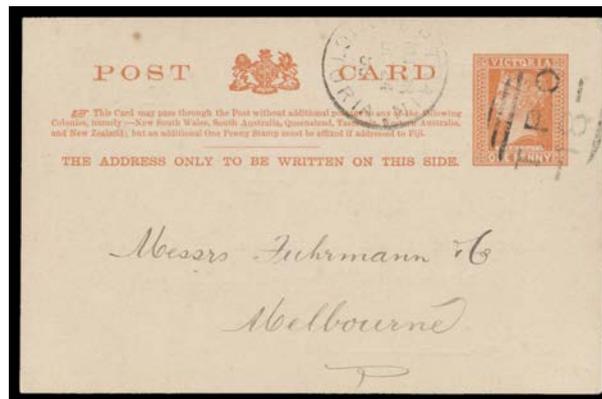
**405** PS A- A1 **DOWN TRAIN 13:** Type 1 (22mm Octagon) two very fine cancels of MY29/95 on uprated 1d orange Stamped To Order Envelope with *Burrell Watkinson & Co (Melbourne)* imprint in blue at U/L. Rated RRRR: the latest of only five covers recorded. *Ex Max Watson.*

300

**TPOs: SEYMOUR-NUMURKAH**

A branch line from Seymour - on the main line to Wodonga & on from there via Albury to Sydney - to Shepparton opened in January 1880 but it was only in 1888, by which time the line had been extended to Numurkah, that TPO services commenced.

**409** PS A A1+ **DOWN TRAIN 17:** Type 1 (Octagon) superb cancel on 1d Postal Card with printed advice for *Roller Flour Mills*, to the baker at Yarram with 'YARRAM YARRAM' duplex b/s. Rated RRRR: seven usages on cover recorded. Illustrated at page 84.

200<sup>T</sup>**TPOs: MELBOURNE-PORT FAIRY****Lot 424**

**424** PS A A1- **UP TRAIN 18:** 'TPO/ 18 ' oblierator largely very fine cancel & light 'UP TRAIN/MG 18' cds of OC24/90 alongside on 1d Postal Card with printed advice for *Dennys Lascelles Wool Auction* at Geelong, to Melbourne. Rated RRRRR, being the only example recorded on cover. Illustrated at page 86.

300<sup>T</sup>

**425** PA A A1 **DOWN TRAIN 18:** Octagon very fine cancel of AU4/96 on 1d Postal Card with illustrated advice for *Bleasby & Co Ironmongers (Melbourne)*, to Stawell with Ballarat transit & Stawell arrival b/s. Rated RRR on cover. [It appears this item travelled on the original Melbourne-Geelong-Ballarat Line. The sender's business was close to the North Melbourne RS, at which both the Geelong & Ballarat trains stopped. The card would appear to have been missent on the Geelong service but not returned to Melbourne because the Geelong-Ballarat connection was still in use]

150<sup>T</sup>

Lot Type Grading Description

Est \$A

**TPOs: MELBOURNE-PORT ALBERT**

The South Gippsland Line to Port Albert was completed by January 1892. Molnar & Waugh state at page 147 "formal TPO services did not commence...until 1898", using the re-allocated Numbers 2 and 7. However, as early as mid-1894, at least de facto TPO 20 & 21 services were operating, using manuscript postal markings. Molnar states TPOs 20 & 21 were shelved because of fiscal belt-tightening during the catastrophic economic depression of the mid-1890s.

434	PS	A A2	<b>DOWN TRAIN 2:</b> Type 1 (Duplex) largely very fine strike of 12FE06 on 1d pink Stamped-To-Order Envelope on pink stock for TJ Noske Grain Merchant (Horsham), to the baker at Yarram with arrival duplex b/s. Pretty. Illustrated at page 90.
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100<sup>T</sup>**TPOs: ENGLISH MAIL TRAVELLING POST OFFICE**

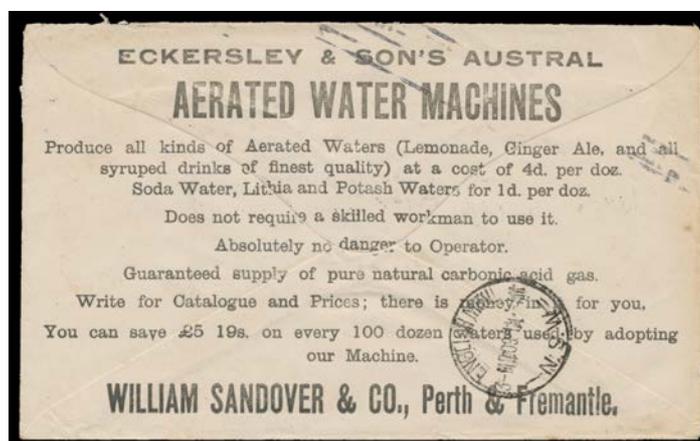
This service, by rail Melbourne-Ballarat-Horsham-Serviceton then per South Australian Railways to Adelaide, commenced operations on 19.1.1887. Until the direct Melbourne-Ballarat Line was commissioned in 1890, the English Mail "express" trains still ran via Geelong. The long-held belief that the new service allowed late mails to "beat" the mail boat out of Melbourne to Adelaide is repeated by Molnar & Waugh. However, as Colin Tabcart demonstrates in "ANZUK Mails 1881-1900", it's only partly correct. The Orient Line continued to operate between London & Melbourne. However, for P&O, which carried the vast majority of the English mails, the through rail service resulted in Adelaide becoming the terminus for mails between Australia & England. Les Molnar also states that the English Mail TPO service was terminated in 1917 because of World War I, and that later mails went trans-Pacific via the United States & then trans-Atlantic. This is incorrect. The Trans-Australian Railway was opened in October 1917, resulting in Fremantle (WA) becoming the terminus of the Australia-England ocean mails, which remained the preferred route to Europe, England and even the Americas.



Lot 456

456	C	A- A1-	<b>MACHINE BACKSTAMPS:</b> Type 3 ('EM TPO - VIC' & four horizontal lines) light but very fine strike of OC24 - 1910 on reverse of beautiful P&O advertising PPC of SS "Morea", GB 1d tied by boxed 'PAQUEBOT' h/s with 'PORT-TAUFIQ' (Egypt) cds alongside, message headed "Nearing Suez" (so the ship was in the Suez Canal). Rated RRRRR: the earlier of only two recorded examples - six days apart - <b>making this another great rarity of mechanical postmarks of the world.</b>
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*Bill Purves'* and *Molnar & Waugh's* illustrations of this postmark are wildly misleading. To create their caricatures, *Purves* used a typewriter!; *Molnar & Waugh* used a computer. Both attempts were abject failures. *Molnar & Waugh* state "It has two very close horizontal lines at top and at bottom and another...at the mid-point". We can only assume they described it from collective memory, and before Les actually acquired this card. In fact, there are four equi-distant horizontal lines, that we hope will be obvious from our illustration.

500<sup>T</sup>

Lot 460

460	C	A A1-	<b>ASSOCIATED INTERSTATE MARKINGS:</b> 'ENGLISH MAIL/3MR09/NSW' largely very fine b/s on <i>William Sandover &amp; Co</i> cover with all-over advertising on the reverse & WA 1d pair with 'WS/Co' perfins (one unit torn before being affixed), Perth machine cancel applied at an angle so the stamps cancelled with 'SHIP ROOM/PERTH/WESTERN AUSTRALIA' cds. A terrific item for collectors of commercial perfins or advertising. Acquired at the <i>Prestige</i> auction of 7.12.2012 for \$552.
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