

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^T**TPOs: MELBOURNE-SALE 1878-1921****Lot 420**

420 C B A1- **UP TRAIN 16:** Type 2 ('TPO 16') very fine cancel of 23JE17 on KGV 1d red on cover to "Bulghail", endorsed "Try Swan Hill" with superb 'SWAN HILL' cds also tying the stamp, boxed 'INSUFFICIENTLY/ADDRESSED' handstamp, DLO b/s & "fickle finger" h/s both in red, creased & flap removed. Rated RRRRR: the latest of only 3 usages on cover recorded. Acquired at the *Prestige* auction of 26.11.2006 for \$483.

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