

Lot Type Grading Description

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1901-12 COMMONWEALTH PERIOD ISSUES**Lot 80**

80 F A B1 **1901-10 V/Crown KEVII One Pound** Perf 12½ + 4d & 2/- on linen-backed parcel piece, Perf 11 with 'REGISTERED/MELBOURNE' cds and Crown/A Perf 12½ punctured 'OS' with superb 'MARKET STREET/ 2 /MELBOURNE' cds, BW Cat \$900. Postally used examples are much scarcer than CTO stamps and, in our opinion, are grossly undercatalogued.

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POSTAL HISTORY**Ex Lot 140**

140 C B **1905 & 1908** complete black/white 'INLAND PARCEL POST' labels, the first with punctured 'OS' 3d 6d & 9d, the other with 9d, paying rates for parcels up to 6lb & 2lb respectively, minor defects. Very scarce. (2)

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OFFICIAL MAIL - FRANK STAMPS

We are pleased to present the most extensive collection ever formed of this interesting material. Max Watson is the first collector ever to assemble examples of every frank stamp recorded on cover. His collection incorporates Carl Stieg's extensive reference holdings & collection, key items from Hans Karman's and Guy Linfield's collections, plus several important recent discoveries. The collection is offered alphabetically by "department" (an expression that is used rather loosely as it includes many officials as distinct from departments or ministries). Unless stated otherwise, impressions are printed, in black. Die patterns & rarity ratings are from the definitive study "Franked! The Official Mail of Victoria 1864-1902" by Carl Stieg & Max Watson (2008). The book includes a census of all items recorded until that time: items offered here are shown as "S&W #---". Note that items from the 1860s are rare, and from the 1870s are scarce: this collection includes more than twice as many as were in the Karman and Linfield collections combined. It should be noted that handstruck franks are often incomplete or badly worn: the quality of such strikes here is generally above-average, with many being quite exceptional. Probably 95% of all franked items are envelopes: this collection includes many postcards, plus very elusive wrappers, parcel tags, address labels & even a lettercard.

179 PS Late usages of all-different group of postcards for various departments x7 & envelopes for Ministers of Health and Lands & Survey (two, one an enormous defective front only, festooned with 1d stamps) & Solicitor-General, all with 1d punctured 'OS' affixed as required to partly obscure the franks, generally fine to very fine. The franking system was terminated on 31.10.1902. After that date, franked items could be used only if full postage was paid & the frank was defaced (usually achieved by affixing the stamps over the impression. (11)

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