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POSTAL HISTORY

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133	PS	B	**1889** 1d Postal Card with superb Ballarat duplex, to Melbourne with oval 'LIST ROOM/NO 1' d/s overstruck with large-part strike of the rubber 'NOT KNOWN BY/LETTER CARRIERS/MELBOURNE' handstamp (the only recorded example), redirected to Sydney, minor faults.	100

Ex Lot 134

Lot	Type	Grading	Description	Est $A
134	CPS		**1891** mini-display "1891: Victoria's UPU Year" with very early usage JA13/91 to GB at 2½d rate, Feb 3 to GB at 2½d rate + 6d late fee, Feb 10 usage of 2d "long sea route" Postal Card, Feb 10 to Germany paid 3d & taxed, Feb 16 very early use of reverted 6d rate to USA, July 21 at reverted 6d rate to Germany, Sep 7 to Italy at 2½d but taxed with Italian Postage Dues added, Sep 14 usage of 3d red/green Postal Card uprated to reverted 6d rate to Germany (& a rare commercial usage to GB in 1890 at the 3d "Via Italy" rate), & a few others, generally fine to very fine.	

It is a little known fact that the Australian Colonies introduced a universal 2½d letter rate on 1.1.1891 & asked other administrations to reciprocate. Britain objected to this pre-emptive action & by late-January Victoria (plus South Australia & Tasmania) had rescinded the new rate, except for mail to Britain. It's a complex story & postal articles that demonstrate the various actions are quite scarce. The 2½d letter rate to all countries was re-introduced on 1.10.1891, the day the Australian Colonies joined the *Universal Postal Union*. **(14)**   1,000

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 loosley 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 untiol 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.

Lot 242

Lot	Type	Grading	Description	Est $A
242	PS	C	**GOVERNOR-GENERAL:** 1902 usage of Queensland 1d Postal Card ("Gold Mine and Works Charters Towers") with unnecessary usage of the frank h/s in blue (*S&W* #P20) to London with Brisbane d/s of OC4/02 & message on the reverse headed "Government House", rather aged & with a repaired tear at the top. The only such item recorded but we have seen another similar card (in worse condition).	400

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 321

321 PS (A) A1 **DOWN TRAIN 1:** 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

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']   500^T

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-Ballarat train]   400^T

Lot	Type	Grading	Description	Est $A

TPOs: BALLARAT-ARARAT-STAWELL 1876-1895
In 1876, the TPO service was extended westwards from Ballarat, to Ararat and later to Stawell. This service was withdrawn in 1895.

| 337 | PS | A A1 | **UP TRAIN 7:** Type 1 (CDS) very fine strikes **1)** of OC7/84 on face of Postal Card from 'PIMPINIO' (ERD by 16 years!) to Hochkirch (faint b/s, ERD), carried via Horsham to Stawell & by train to Ararat only, then by train SW to Hamilton (21½mm transit on the face, LRD); and **2)** of SE26/93 b/s on Letter Card from 'ELMHURST' to Melbourne, carried to Ararat & by train to Melbourne via Ballarat. The latter is the latest recorded usage on cover. [The first is illustrated at page 45] **(2)** | 150^T |

TPOs: MELBOURNE-BALLARAT 1890-1917
At last, in 1890, the direct connection between Melbourne and Ballarat was commissioned. The Geelong-Ballarat Line remained in use but TPO services now went on the east/west route.

| 341 | PS | B A1 | **UP TRAIN 1:** Type 3 (CDS) very fine cancel of AU23/90 typically overstruck on BN '102' of 'MOUNT EGERTON' (poor cds on the face) on Postal Card to Melbourne (b/s), minor blemishes. Only six examples on cover recorded in the period after the direct Melbourne-Ballarat Line was opened. Mount Egerton is between Ballarat & Ballan] | 150^T |

TPOs: MELBOURNE-SANDHURST/BENDIGO 1865-1927

| 353 | CPS | A- A1 | **UP TRAIN 3:** Type 2 (Duplex) very fine strike of MR1/81 tying *Laureates* 6d to cover to Scotland, Melbourne & British 'EDINR & CARLISLE SORTING TENDER/ + ' transit backstamps; and superb strike of AU2/95 on 1d Postal Card Bendigo-Collingwood. [It appears the duplex was withdrawn in the second half of 1890, then returned to service in 1895: rated RRR on cover in the second period of use] **(2)** | 300^T |

Lot 360

| 360 | PS | B A1- | **DOWN TRAIN 3:** Type 3 (Small Octagon) largely very fine cancel of MR5/88 on 1d Postal Card with message headed "Baynton", to Melbourne with Castlemaine transit b/s, small defects. Baynton is 20km NE of Kyneton & thus **south** of Castlemaine, meaning this card was first missorted onto an Up train. Rated RR on cover but this is the only instance of it being used as a canceller on cover. | 200^T |

Lot 361

| 361 | PS | A A1+ | - Type 4 ('TPO 3/VICTORIA' with No Arcs) superb *per favor* strike of 10JA13 on KGV Fullface 1d Letter Card ("MT LOFTY RANGES/SOUTH AUSTRALIA" - horse & cart - in claret), unsealed. Gorgeous, if philatelic. [Illustrated at page 11: the pencil address didn't belong & has been removed] | 200^T |

TPOs: MELBOURNE-SANDHURST/BENDIGO 1865-1927 (continued)

Lot	Type	Grading	Description	Est $A

Lot 367

| **367** | PS | B A1 | **UP TRAIN 4:** Type 3 (CDS with 'GM4' Error) very fine cancel of JA8/83 on 1d Postal Card with message headed "Evening News Office", to Melbourne (arrival b/s), two small filled spikeholes well clear of the cds. Rated RRRRR as the only recorded example cancelling a stamp on cover. | 250^T |

TPOs: MELBOURNE-WODONGA 1873-1932

| 383 | PS | A A1+ | **UP TRAIN 5:** Type 2 (Duplex) superb cancel of MY28/85 on 1d Postal Card, Geelong transit and part 'GERMANTOWN' arrival b/s. Rated RR: the ERD on cover. [The message is headed "Kensington" which is part of North Melbourne, requiring TPO processing in the last mile of the route. The origin may have been "Kevington", near Jamieson, which could have allowed for carriage west to Seymour. Then again, the origin may have been "Kensington Hill" - 12km ESE of Geelong, on the Bellarine Peninsula - which was renamed Leopold Hill 1.7.1884, but then it shoulldn't have gone anywhere near TPO 5! What fun! During World War I, Germantown was renamed Grovedale on 1.3.1916] | |
| | | | **NB:** In the Handbook, the TPO 5 Up Train markings are incorrectly numbered. | 150^T |

Lot 384

| **384** | PS | A- A1 | - Type 2 (Duplex) very fine cancel of MR27/89 on 3d red/green Postal Card with message in Swedish, to Sweden but not uprated or taxed until arrival with manuscript "80" in blue & superb 'T'-in-inverted-triangle, largely very fine Swedish 'PXKP No 2 A...U' TPO cds, faint bends. Illustrated at page 66. [An excellent example of a relatively common postmark in uncommon circumstances: these cards paid the rate to the UK only via Italy. Additional postage was required to European destinations. Pre-1891 commercial usages are very scarce] | 250^T |

Lot 385

| **385** | PS | B B1- | **DOWN TRAIN 5:** Type 1 (22½mm Octagon) light but discernible cancel of JN24/80 - and a clearer b/s - on 1d Postal Card with message headed "Nagambie", horizontal crease at base. Rated RRRR: seven covers recorded but most have backstamps only. | 200^T |

TPOs: MELBOURNE-WODONGA 1873-1932 (continued)

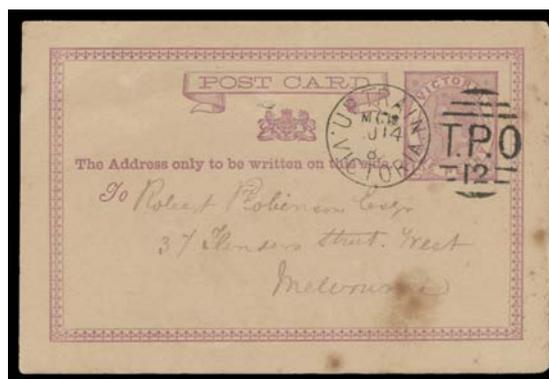| Lot	Type	Grading	Description	Est $A

Lot 387

| 387 | PS | A- A1 | - Type 3 (23½mm Octagon) very fine cancellation of OC26/99 on 1d Postal Card with message headed "Cairnfield/Strath Creek", minor blemishes. Rated RRRRR, being the only recorded example on cover. [Illustrated at page 68] | 300ᵀ |

Lot 394

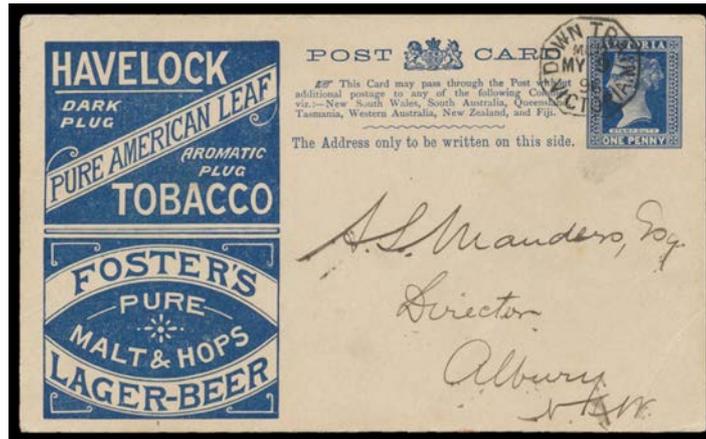| 394 | PS | B B1 | **DOWN TRAIN 6:** Type 1 (22mm Small Octagon) two light but obvious cancels of FE21/81 on 1d Postal Card with message headed "Wangaratta", to Melbourne with light 'WODONGA' transit & Melbourne arrival b/s, two small closed spikeholes & minor blemishes. Rated RR+: only two examples as cancels on cover recorded. [Wangaratta is 69km SW of Wodonga. Placed on Down train to Wodonga where placed on Up train to Melbourne. On this line, this was standard procedure, not a case of missent mail] | 200ᵀ |

Lot 397

| 397 | PS | B A1 | **UP TRAIN 12:** Type 1 (Duplex) largely superb cancel of AU14/82 on 1d Postal Card with message headed "Benalla", to Melbourne, two small closed spikeholes & a bit soiled. Rated RRRRR: the earlier of only two covers recorded. Illustrated at page 66. | 400ᵀ |

TPOs: MELBOURNE-WODONGA 1873-1932 (continued)

Lot	Type	Grading	Description	Est $A

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] | 200^T |

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^T |

TPOs: MELBOURNE-SALE 1878-1921

Lot 412

| 412 | PS | B A1 | **DOWN TRAIN 8:** Type 1 (23mm Octagon) very fine cancel of MR3/79 & another similar strike below on 1d Postal Card, message headed "Warragul" & 'ROSEDALE' arrival cds on the face, minor blemishes. Rated RRR: the earliest of 11 usages on cover recorded. Illustrated at page 76. [This is **the earliest recorded cover,** and the only pre-1894 cover **from the North Gippsland Line**] | 250^T |

Lot 418

| 418 | PS | A- A2 | **DOWN TRAIN 15:** Type 2 ('TPO 15') largely superb large-part cancel of 15JE11 on 1d Coronation Postal Card with message headed "Warragul", to Moe. Rated RRRRR: the earlier of only 2 usages on cover recorded. Illustrated at page 79. | 250^T |

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TPOs: MELBOURNE-PORT FAIRY

Lot 424

| 424 | PS | A A1- | **UP TRAIN 18:** 'TPO/ 18 ' obliterator 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^T |

| 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^T |