



Singapore Philatelic Museum

The sale of the second part of the former Singapore Philatelic Museum was held by Baldwin's on 22 August. Among the highlights was a Straits Settlements registered airmail OHMS envelope of 17 October 1941, which was sent from Singapore to the British Embassy in Washington (lot 203). The cover was franked at \$61.65 by a 1937-41 15c (die II), 50c, \$1 and 12x\$5 values, and it was tied by multiple strikes of a 'SINGAPORE' CDS. It was endorsed 'By Clipper', with a violet 'CHIEF CENSOR/MALAYA' handstamp at the foot, and registration and airmail labels were at left. On the reverse, it was stamped at Honolulu (1 November) and Washington (6 November). This remarkable wartime franking exceeded its £200-£300 estimate to achieve £5,000.

SOLD FOR £5,000

Popular Falkland issue

The Warwick & Warwick auction on 7 August included an example of the highest value from the sought-after Centenary of British Administration set released by the Falkland Islands in 1933 (lot 168). This £1 black and carmine stamp, in mint condition, featured a portrait of King George V and had a hammer price of £700.



SOLD FOR £700

Canada airmail rarity

Among the airmail items in the Daniel F Kelleher sale on 20-22 August was a great



CIA invert

Daniel F Kelleher Auctions held one of their flagship sales, featuring US and possessions, British and worldwide stamps and postal history, on 20-22 August. A highlight was an example of one of the best-known US errors. This was the inverted 1979 \$1 brown Rush Lamp stamp – one of only 115 mint examples known (lot 966). This stamp originated from a part-sheet of 95 purchased at the McLean, VA, post office by a CIA employee for official agency mail. Once the error had been spotted, nine employees clubbed together to purchase a replacement sheet and kept the



error sheet. Each of the nine employees kept one stamp, selling the remaining stamps (including one damaged in the removal process). This very fine example of what is known as a 'CIA Invert' went under the hammer for \$10,500.

SOLD FOR £7,953



Overprint varieties

Another highlight from Baldwin's second sale of the former Singapore Philatelic Museum on 22 August was a multiple of the 1922 Straits Settlements \$1 black and red/blue with 'MALAYA-BORNEO EXHIBITION' overprint, which was described as of the highest rarity (lot 138). This lower-left corner block of eight, with plate number '8' and MCA watermark, was from setting one and showed the following constant varieties: oval last 'O' in 'BORNEO' (R9/3); raised stop after 'EXHIBITION' (R10/2); and no hyphen (R9/2). Several other minor varieties also featured on the block. Only 154 sheets of the \$1 were overprinted (both watermarks) of which 63 were sold. This mint block of eight exceeded its £4,000-£5,000 estimate to sell for £11,000.

SOLD FOR £11,000

rarity from Canada. This 1918 25c semi-official airmail was from the Aero Club of Canada but was missing the usual red flame (lot 146). In a very fine condition, this well-centred

example, described as quite likely the finest of only six possible examples extant, exceeded its \$3,000-\$4,000 estimate to reach \$13,500.

SOLD FOR £10,226