



OHMS cover from India

A 1948 OMHS cover from India was one of the highlights in the Baldwin's sale of 9 August. Sent to Porto Novo in Madras, the cover bore a 1a carmine and 3½a Gandhi overprinted 'SERVICE', which were tied by a CDS (lot 307). At the lower left of the cover, there was a 'C. Rajagopalachari' handstamp, referencing Chakravarti



Rajagopalachari, who was the last Governor-General of India, and the only Indian to hold the post before its abolition in 1950. Along the bottom, there were ink notations regarding provenance. On the reverse, there was a wax seal and the handstamp of the 'Assistant Secy. Office of the Private Secy. to the Governor General, India'. From an estimate of £1,500–£1,800, this cover reached £14,000.

SOLD FOR £14,000



Scarce postal fiscal

In the T&T auction on 29 July, one of the highlights was a very scarce New Zealand 1931 35s orange-yellow postal fiscal stamp (lot 662). This superb example of this stamp, which was additionally in an unmounted condition, sold for £3,100.

SOLD FOR £3,100



Signed strip of three

The Brian Reeve auction on 24–25 July included a vertical strip of three of the 1s6d British Paintings stamp of 10 July 1967 reproducing *Coming Out of School* by LS Lowry, with each stamp signed by the artist (lot 148). This stamp was one of a three-part set, with the other two stamps depicting *Master Lambton* by Sir Thomas Lawrence and *Mare and Foals in a Landscape* by George Stubbs. This fine strip went under the hammer for £200.

SOLD FOR £200



US varieties

In the auction of US Stamps at Robert A Seigel on 23–25 July, one of the highlights was an extremely rare multiple of the 1890 2c carmine containing both varieties of the cap over '2' error. (lot 825). The left vertical pair of this block of four showed the 'cap over left 2', while the right vertical pair featured the 'cap over both 2s'. It is believed these varieties were caused by a breakdown of the metal of the transfer roll. There is only one plate (plate 246) of the dozens used that contains a combination of both varieties. From an estimate of \$2,000–\$3,000, this fine block, with original gum, achieved a price of \$6,250.

SOLD FOR £4,734