

ARGYLL ETKIN LIMITED

- ◆ Realisations of £415,218
- ◆ Strong market for Postal History and fine stamps

Argyll Etkin's May Auction enjoyed considerable success with a record number of bidders following on from the superb London 2010 Festival of Stamps where lots were on view at the Argyll Etkin Stand.

David Wessely's outstanding collection of Bechuanaland was well supported with many notable realisations.

SG23c variety, the 1888 2d on 2d lilac, with variety curved foot to 2, a unique stamp sold for £14,040.



In Great Britain, the rare plate 225 1d Red in an unusual unmounted block of 6 reached £9,360, while Mulready caricatures saw a comprehensive offering of Fores envelopes sell at £2340 and a complete set of the Spooner series knocked down at £3510.



A fine range of Cornish Ship Letters saw an 1842 letter from Aden with a fine India "F" handstamp from the Falmouth Packet Letter office reach £3627. Just three examples of this handstamp have been recorded.

A collection of 1934 MacRobertson Air Race covers flown from England to Australia saw a cover flown to Bushire where pilot Geoffrey Shaw had to retire due to a crash landing, reach £1,520.



Fine Rhodesia pioneer mail featured a cover from Jack Brown at Fort Tuli in 1891 selling for £5,500. A Rhodesia 1d Double Head with TPO DOWN/S Rhodesia single ring skeleton only recorded on one day, March 2nd 1912 – realised £1520.

Fine Empire stamps included St. Helena's 1934 Centenary issue in unmounted imprint blocks of four sold for £4,800.



Finally an important India Royal Visits and Durbar collection sold for £8,775.

In summary, a successful sale with good evidence of demand from collectors worldwide.

Argyll Etkin's next sale is underway and consignments are invited by 20th July 2010.

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