

VALUE OF A COVER

The value of a cover depends on many factors least of all the value of the Postage Stamp, there are of course always exceptions, for example the New Zealand Bisects, and extremely rare postage stamps like the Post Office Mauritius first Issues, the Hawaiian Missionaries, etc.

COVERS WITH RARE STAMPS

As well as those mentioned above, include, the Swedish Skilling, Bermuda Perot Stamps, the Swiss Canton covers; Zurich (Rayon), Geneva (Double Geneva) and the Basle (Dove)

First Flights; Newfoundland 1919, Australia 1920.

USA Post Master Provisional, Local Posts, Siege of Paris Balloon Post, and Boules Moulin, Bisects, etc.

RARE COVERS

New Zealand Covers, Pre-1874.

1d value 1855 London Print, no covers have been recorded with a single 1d value, the few covers recorded have either two single 1d value or a pair making up the Two penny Local Colonial rate).

The 1d value was specifically issued to pay the concession rate enjoyed by British Servicemen, Army and Navy.

One Shilling value both the London Printing and John Richardson Colonial Printing, used at Otago, bisected to pay the sixpence overseas rate to the UK.

One Shilling Chalon London Print

Covers addressed to countries other than GB, Australia, USA, Canada, France, Germany, Italy and Switzerland, although all the above are scarce desirable, the really rare destinations would include South America, the West Indies and other foreign countries.

All Soldier and Seamen Concession Rate Letters, are relatively rare.

All the experimental separations on cover are extremely rare.

Later dated rare covers, Includes the 1d Claret Christchurch Exhibition

Great Britain Covers

1d value 1840 Black and 2d Blue used on the first day of issue

(Note that there were 68,158,000 1d Black stamps issued)

Mulreadies 1d and 2d used on the first day of issue

Coloured Maltese Cross cancellations (not red & black)

One of the factors that give an article value is “Supply and Demand”.

In some cases there is only one copy known, however if there is no one interested in purchasing it, it has little or no monetary value.

“**Supply and Demand**” in a way dictates value.

Covers with rare stamps will always be in demand as “Investments”.

Covers with a Historical Connection will also be eagerly sought after, especially if related to significant explorations such as Charles Darwin’s HMS *Beagle*, or where some disaster has taken place, for example the Expeditions to both the Arctic and Antarctic.

Covers connected to Royalty, are also eagerly sought after by both collectors and non-collectors.

Generally but not always, **CONDITION** is one of the main keys to added value.