

## INTRODUCTION

The upward trend in prices during the immediate post-war period appears to be well maintained in the last year, with every prospect of hastening rises, due to the lessened available material, particularly in Mint Stamps, for it is simple to understand that "every mint stamp sold is one less that is available for sale."

This Tenth Edition of the Commonwealth Specialists' Catalogue carries many price alterations, and our customers are exhorted to bear in mind—

1. Inclusion of an item in this catalogue **does not** mean we hold stocks of that item.
2. Shades and Colours are listed in this book (particularly in the 1d. Georgian), with strict relation to each and every other stamp in that series, and, whilst opinions may vary, our Colour Chart and Guide is all covering, and strictly adhered to by us at all times.
3. Prices of practically all **scarce items** have been given conservatively low, and actual selling prices can only be given after we have purchased those items.
4. The publication of a Complete Handbook of Australian Stamps is promulgated, and at intervals during this year we hope the various sections will appear, to be incorporated into the complete book later. In addition, a Handbook by D. M. Neil, a well-known British philatelist, dealing with George V Issues, will be available almost concurrently with this Tenth Edition.
5. The handbooks will carry information of the many variations which are not in this Catalogue, particularly in the later issues.
6. All prices listed are subject to alteration without notice.

As in previous issues, the sections of this Catalogue are as follow:—

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In ordering, always give the prefix letter and number.

### Note Particularly.

The pricing of Imprints and Controls in almost every instance is now given in "Blocks of Four."

The system of listing is to give first the primary colour, and then all shades of that colour; then varieties, lettered a, b c, etc. The prices for the varieties are for the cheapest shades.

The extreme right column gives a description of the variety, and also a list of the varieties known. Major varieties include shades, retouches, re-entries, and more noticeable plate flaws, etc.

Minor varieties consist mainly of electro flaws and faults. As their philatelic interest is small, we do not list them.

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