

8th SALE  
CATALOGUE

OF THE COLLECTIONS OF

Puerto Principe, Panama,  
Canal Zone and Coamo

OF

MR. WILLIAM THORNE

To Be Sold at Auction Without Reserve

AT

THE COLLECTORS CLUB

24 West 26th Street

New York City

Thursday  
February 14, 1907

AT 8 P. M.

WALTER S. SCOTT, Auctioneer

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## SPECIAL NOTICES.

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The parts of the celebrated collection of Mr. William Thorne which we offer in this sale are too well known to require extended mention here. Specialists of the stamps of Puerto Principe, Panama and Canal Zone will fully appreciate the rare opportunity offered to them by this sale.

Numbers and catalogue values correspond with Scott 1907. Frequent reference has been made however, to the books of Luff and Toppan as well as to Bartels' excellent Check List.

You can, with perfect safety, send bids based on the catalogue descriptions, and we shall be pleased to execute same for you; at the same time there are in New York a number of stamp experts who attend every auction sale, and who, for a small commission, will attend to all details of the sale, and we would advise collectors who are ultra-particular, to send their bids to one of these, with instructions as to condition, etc.

After the sale this catalogue may be had with the prices realized marked in ink, for 50c. Orders can be noted on the Bid List, which should be used for sending your bids.

### SPECIAL LITERATURE.

Luff : A Reference List of the Stamps of Panama	\$0.25
Toppan : The Stamps of the Canal Zone	.50
Bartels : Check List of Canal Zone Stamps	.15

# Catalogue.

Thursday, February 14th, 1907.

Cuba, Puerto Principe.

The collection of Puerto Principe stamps of Mr. Wm. Thorne which we offer in the following lots is undoubtedly the best collection of these stamps in America at the present time. Mr. Thorne's valuable collection of these stamps was materially increased by a great number of rare varieties acquired from the collection of Mr. J. M. Andreini when this was broken up.

A number of varieties in Mr. Thorne's collection are unique and of great value. In describing this collection we have avoided display type merely for the reason that practically every lot would justify our use of it, as every lot is worthy of special attention.

The condition of the stamps is as a rule very fine. A few stamps are not well centered, but we neglect to mention same unless the centering is very bad as, in the case of great rarities, sensible collectors know that centering cannot be insisted upon.

Frequent reference is made in the descriptions to the valuable book of Mr. J. M. Andreini, "Puerto Principe, An Interesting Issue of Stamps in Cuba," published for private circulation by the Blue Sky Press, Chicago, 1904.

First Printing December 19, 1898.

(Andreini: Puerto Principe p. 11.)

Lot No.	Cat. value
1 1 cent on 1m (176), unsevered strip of 5, unused, o. g.	\$62 50
2 1 cents on 1m (177), unused, o. g.	7 50
3 1 cents on 1m, pair, one the broken figure (177, 177a), used	15 00
4 1 cents on 1m, inverted surcharge (177b), used, on piece of entire.	
5 1 cents on 1m, broken 1, inverted surcharge (177d), used on piece of original, very rare. From Andreini Collection.	
6 1 cents on 1m double surcharge (177c), strip of 5, used on entire envelope. One of the unique items of the collections, and of the greatest rarity.	
7 2c on 2m strip of 5, including the rare type (178, 179), unused, o. g., very fine	17 50

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Lot. No.	Cat. value
6.75	8 2c on 2m strip of 5 containing 4 copies of 178 and one of 179. The surcharge has been shifted to the left making an interesting minor variety. Used on piece of cover. From Andreini Collection 13 00
4-	9 2c on 2m scarce type (179), together with marginal strip at left which is the ordinary type (178), used on piece of cover. From Andreini Collection.
25-	10 2c on 2m used together with diagonal half of the same stamp to make up 3c rate, on piece of original. Rare. From Rigby Collection.
56-	11 2c on 2m (178), and a diagonal half of the same stamp used as 3 cents on the entire cover. This cover was used on the railroad between Nuevitas and Puerto Principe, and the inside of the envelope has been utilized to bear certificates to that effect by Mr. Parras, well known in connection with the Puerto Principe stamps, and the two letter carriers who handled same. This is one of the scarcest items in the Puerto Principe issues. Secured from Andreini Sale, Part III. for 101 00
10.50	12 2c on 2m inverted surcharge (178a), used on piece of cover 25 00
10-	13 2c on 2m inverted surcharge (178), with marginal strip attached which has also received surcharge, rare. Used on piece of cover. From Andreini Collection.
36-	14 2c on 2m scarce type, inverted surcharge (179a), used rare 50 00
27-	15 2c on 2m inverted surcharge, both types (178a, 179a) in a pair. Used on piece of original. From Mandel Collection 75 00
86-	16 3c on 2m orange brown (179A), used on piece of original. A great rarity from the Andreini Collection.
2.40	17 3c on 3m (180), unused, o. g., small thin spot 6 50
7.75	18 3c on 3m scarce type (181), unused o. g. 15 00
8.50	19 3c on 3m both types (180, 181), in a pair unused, o. g. Rare in this shape 21 50
10.75	20 3c on 3m strip of 3 also a pair, forming together the entire strip of 5 (180, 181), used. From the Andreini Collection 21 50
80-	21 3c on 3m inverted surcharge, both types (180a, 181a) in a pair. Used on piece of original. Very fine, very rare.
56-	22 5c on 1m (182), unused, o. g. Very rare. From the Olney Collection. This stamp is priced used \$25 and is very rare in unused condition.
35-	23 5c on 1m both types (182, 183) in a pair, used on piece of original. Very fine, a great rarity.



Lot No.	Cat. value
24 5c on 1m inverted surcharge (182a), used on piece of original. A great rarity from the Andreini Collection.	101-
25 5c on 2m (184), used on piece of original, a scarce stamp.	36-
26 5c on 3m (186), used on piece of original, very rare.	21-
27 5c on 3m inverted surcharge (186a), very fine used copy on piece of original. From Andreini Collection.	101-
28 5c on 3m rare type (187), used on piece of cover. One of the great rarities from the Andreini Collection.	61-
29 5c on 5m complete strip of 5, containing 4 copies of 188 and one of 189. Unused, o. g., not well centered but rare in a strip.	61-
30 5c on 5m two stamps (188), with marginal strip between, which has received surcharge of the scarce type (189), used on piece of cover, very rare. From Andreini Collection.	14-
31 5c on 5m inverted surcharge (188a), used on piece of cover. The catalogue price \$30, only three times that of the ordinary variety, is incorrect. If priced at all should be \$60.	19-
32 5c on 5m scarce type, inverted surcharge (189a), very fine copy, used on piece of original. From Andreini Collection.	55-

## Second Printing December 24, 1898.

(Andreini : Puerto Principe, p. 39.)

33 5c on $\frac{1}{2}$ m blue-green, pair showing both types (190, 191), unused, o. g., very fine, rare in this shape. From Olney Collection.	57-
34 5c on $\frac{1}{2}$ m (190), pair with marginal strip between, which has also received surcharge, used on piece of cover. From Andreini Collection.	9.25-
35 5c on $\frac{1}{2}$ m blue green, inverted surcharge (190a), unused, o. g., slight thin spot, but of no importance in the case of such a rare stamp. From Olney Collection.	26-
36 5c on $\frac{1}{2}$ m, pair, one without surcharge (190b), used on piece of cover.	19-
37 5c on $\frac{1}{2}$ m blue-green (190). A pair of the $\frac{1}{2}$ m blue-green with the marginal strip between, has been surcharged in such a way that the left stamp and the marginal strip have received surcharges, the right stamp being without surcharge. A very scarce combination, from Andreini Collection.	12-

	Lot No.		Cat. value
4-	38	5c on $\frac{1}{2}$ m scarce type (191) with marginal strip at the left which has received surcharge of ordinary type (190), used on piece of cover. From Andreini Collection.	
66-	39	5c on $\frac{1}{2}$ m pair, both types, inverted surcharge (190a, 191a), used on piece of cover. Very rare.	
141-	40	5c on 5m orange brown, pair, used on piece of cover. These stamps are in the types of 188 and 189, but in the impression and ink of the second issue, printed on Dec. 24, 1898. (See Andreini "Puerto Principe," p. 39), and to which belong Scott's numbers 190 to 195. This is the pair alluded to on page 56 of Mr. Andreini's "Puerto Principe." "I shall only mention that of Mr. Thorne which contains a pair of 5c on 5m orange-brown, not belonging to the first issue—a very rare variety." This pair has received in addition a very faint double surcharge. The very strong offset on the back shows the double surcharge very distinctly. This item is beyond a question the rarest piece in Mr. Thorne's collection, and of a similiar nature to the rare 5c on 5m that we discovered in the collection of Mr. Eugene Wilson. (6th Sale, No. 672).	
6.25	41	5c on $\frac{1}{2}$ m blue-green, surcharge 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm (192), fine used copy	15 00
11-	42	5c on $\frac{1}{2}$ m blue-green, pair with marginal strip between. The two stamps are number 192. The strip bears the scarce type (193), used on piece of cover. From Andreini Collection.	
17.50	43	5c on $\frac{1}{2}$ m blue-green, pair, both types (192, 193), used on piece of cover. From Andreini Collection	40 00
126-	44	5c on $\frac{1}{2}$ m double surcharge, one diagonal (192a), used on piece of cover. A great rarity and believed to be unique. From Andreini Collection.	
25-	45	5c on $\frac{1}{2}$ m blue-green, scarce type (193), used	25 00
7-	46	5c on marginal strip, type of 192 not catalogued. Used on piece of cover, very rare. From Andreini Collection.	
25.50	47	3c on 1m (194), unused, o. g., rare. From Rigby Collection	40 00
13.75	48	3c on 1m (194), very fine used copy on piece of original	30 00
15.50	49	3c on 1m (194), pair used on piece of original	60 00

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- 50 3c on 1m orange-brown, double surcharge (194a), used. Very rare. Accompanied by photograph and certificate of A. P. A. Expert Committee. 130 -
- 51 3c on 1m rare type (195), used on piece of original. A very rare stamp, the catalogue price \$30 is incorrect and undoubtedly is intended as the price for the ordinary variety (194). 29.50

### Third Printing December 27, 1898.

(Andreini: Puerto Principe p. 41.)

- 52 3c on 1c black-violet, strip of 5, containing four of the ordinary type (196), one of the rare type (197), and dropped ents in the fifth stamp. Unused, o. g. Finely centered. Rare. 31 -
- 53 3c on 1c (196), used together with marginal strip on right which has received surcharge, number 5 in strip. From Andreini Collection. 5.25
- 54 3c on 1c black-violet, inverted surcharge (196a), used on piece of cover 40 00 26 -
- 55 3c on 1c, scarce type (197), used on entire envelope, and showing rare Santa Cruz cancellation. From Andreini Collection 20 00 11 -
- 56 3c on 1c black-violet, scarce type, inverted surcharge (197a), a great rarity. From the Andreini Collection. 61 -
- 57 5c on 1c black-violet, strip of 5 showing four of ordinary type (198), one of scarce type (199) and the fifth stamp dropped ents. The fourth stamp in the strip slightly damaged in the upper right corner 20 00 10.25
- 58 5c on 1c black-violet (198) used together with marginal strip at right, which has also received surcharge, being number 5 with dropped ents. From Andreini Collection. 4 -
- 59 5c on 1c black-violet, inverted surcharge (198a), used on piece of cover. Very rare. 17.50
- 60 5c on 1c black-violet, vertical surcharge reading down (198b), used on piece of cover. A great rarity, from Olney Collection. 56 -
- 61 5c on 1c surcharged vertically, reading up (198b), used on piece of cover. A great rarity, from Andreini Collection. 35 -
- 62 5c on 1c black-violet, double surcharge, strip of 3, the center one the scarce type (198c, 199c), unused, o. g. The right hand stamp scraped at top. One of the rarest items in this fine collection. 77.50

Lot No.

Cat. value

- 46.50 63 5c on 1c black-violet, rare type, inverted surcharge (199a), used on piece of cover.
- 76 - 64 5c on 1c black-violet, rare type, surcharge vertical, reading down (199b), a great rarity, used on piece of cover.
- 22.50 65 10c on 1c black-violet, strip of 5, containing four of the normal (200) and broken figure 1 (200a), unused, o. g., very fine 36 00

### Fourth Printing, January 11, 1899

This is the rarest of all the printings. Of the 3 cent value on 1, 2 and 3m, there were only 500 all together. Of the 5 cent value on the 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8m there were only 300. (Andreini Puerto Principe, p 42).

- 110 - 66 3c on 1m, pair, both types (201, 202) unused, o. g. very rare in this shape. From Olney Collection.
- 35 - 67 3c on 1m inverted surcharge (201a) used on piece of original.
- 30 - 68 3c on 1m, inverted surcharge (201a), very fine used copy, on piece of original.
- 50 - 69 3c on 1m, error cents (201b) unused, o. g., very fine. From Mandel Collection.
- 34.50 70 3c on 1m, error cents (201b), very fine used copy. From Olney Collection.
- 24 - 71 3c on 1m rare type (202), used on piece of original together with marginal strip at right, which has received surcharge of type 201, rare. From Andreini Collection.
- 102 - 72 3c on 1m blue-green, rare type, inverted surcharge (202a), used on piece of cover. A great rarity. From Andreini Collection.
- 31 - 73 3c on 2m (203), used on piece of cover. From Olney Collection.
- 46 - 74 3c on 2m, error cents (203a), unused, o. g., a great rarity. From Olney Collection.
- 75 - 75 3c on 2m, rare type (204), unused, o. g., a great rarity.
- 92 - 76 3c on 3m, pair, one being the error cents (205, 205b), unused, o. g., very rare. From Olney Collection.
- 41 - 77 3c on 3m, inverted surcharge (205a), very fine used copy on piece of original.
- 35 - 78 3c on 3m, scarce type (206), used on piece of cover. From Olney Collection.
- 23 - 79 3c on 3m, scarce type (206), used together with marginal strip at right which has received surcharge (205), very rare. From Andreini Collection.
- 132 - 80 3c on 3m, scarce type, inverted surcharge (206a), used on piece of cover. One of the great rarities from the Andreini Collection.



Lot No.	Cat. value
81 5c on 1m (211), used on piece of original. From Andreini Collection.	91-
82 5c on 1m, error cents, used on piece of cover. A great rarity. From Andreini Collection.	130-
83 5c on 2m (213), very fine used copy on piece of original. From Andreini Collection.	52-
84 5c on 2m, error cents (213a), a great rarity, used on piece of cover. From Andreini Collection.	134-
85 5c on 2m rare type (214), a very fine copy of this great rarity, used on piece of cover. From Andreini Collection.	140-
86 5c on 3m (215), used, rare.	41-
87 5c on 3m, error cents (215a), used on piece of cover. From Andreini Collection.	71-
88 5c on 3m, rare type (216), used on piece of cover. From Andreini Collection.	101-
89 5c on 4m (217), used, a rare stamp. From Olney Collection.	44-
90 5c on 4m, error cents (217a), used on piece of original. One of the rarities from the Andreini Collection.	95-
91 5c on 4m, inverted surcharge (217b), used on piece of cover. Very rare.	32-
92 5c on 4m, error cents, inverted surcharge (217c). A great rarity. Used on piece of original.	101-
93 5c on 4m, scarce type (218), fine used copy. From Olney Collection.	51-
94 5c on 8m (219), unused, o. g. Very poorly centered so that the label with value is entirely missing at bottom, but is present at the top, making an interesting variety. From Mandel Collection.	22-
95 5c on 8m (219), unused, o. g., very fine. From Olney Collection.	76-
96 5c on 8m, inverted surcharge (219a), used on piece of original; very rare.	45-
97 5c on 8m, error cents (219b), used on piece of original. The stamp poorly centered at the bottom but the top of the 8 is distinct.	33-
98 5c on 8m, inverted surcharge (219c), used on piece of cover. A great rarity. From Andreini Collection.	140-
99 5c on 8m, rare type (220), used. From Olney Collection.	53-
100 Counterfeits 1c on 1m, 2c on 2m, 5c on 1m pair, 5c on 1c, 3c on 2m blue-green, 3c on 8m blue-green, 5c on 1m blue green, 5c on 8m blue-green. Nine interesting varieties of counterfeits and sold as such.	6-

# RARE STAMP SALE

## REALIZES \$7,968

High Prices Paid for Thorne  
Collection of Panama  
Zone Issues.

\$245 FOR FOUR 2 CENTS

Auction Realizes Highest Total  
Ever Received at a One-  
Night Sale Here.

A remarkably successful sale of rare American provisional stamps at the Collectors' Club, in West Twenty-sixth Street, on Friday night, was the chief topic of conversation among philatelists of this city yesterday. It consisted of the noteworthy collections of the issues of Puerto Principe, Panama, the Canal Zone, and Coamo, owned by William Thorne, the well-known New York stamp collector, who died recently. Mr. Thorne was the son of Jonathan Thorne, the millionaire leather manufacturer and owner of famous trotting horses.

The Thorne collection of stamps of the Canal Zone was one of the best in existence. Practically everything was represented in blocks of fours, and the later issues were in entire sheets, the only way in which they can be properly studied, owing to the changes in the various stamps in each sheet. The highest price of the sale, \$245, was paid for a block of four of the two-cent rose of the first series, issued June 24, 1904. They were from the centre of the sheet, two of the stamps having "Panama" reading up and two reading down. The words "Canal Zone" are inverted on all four of the stamps, one of them having double surcharge, both inverted. No other copy of the Canal Zone double inverted is known. It was sold to a Washington collector. Only a year ago Mr. Thorne bought this block of four stamps from John A. Klee-man of New York for only \$8, which shows how remarkable an increase in value of this great rarity has taken place in so short a time.

Another block of four of the two-cent rose, Canal Zone, June 24, 1904, "Panama" reading down, one of the stamps with accent on the final "A," and the Canal Zone surcharge inverted on all four stamps, fetched \$101. Only two copies of this block, it is said, exist.

The Thorne collection of Puerto Principe stamps was considered the best in

America. A fine copy of the first printing, Dec. 19, 1898, a strip of five one-cent stamps on 1 M. double surcharge, used and on an entire envelope, was sold for \$151 to George H. Worthington of Cleveland, Ohio, one of the leading philatelists of America.

A five-cent 1 M. of the same issue, inverted surcharge, used, on a piece of the original envelope, fetched \$101. This was bought by Mr. Thorne at the J. M. Andreini sale in this city. Another Andreini rarity, a five-cent on 3 M. inverted surcharge, used copy on piece of original envelope, sold for \$101.

There were two fine rarities of the second Puerto Principe printing, Dec. 24, 1898. One of these, 5 cents on 5 M. orange brown pair, used on piece of cover, brought \$141. The other copy was 5 cents on 4 M. double surcharge, one diagonal, used on piece of cover. This copy is believed to be unique. It fetched \$126.

Of the fourth Puerto Principe Jan. 11, 1899, the rarest of all these printings, the following fine copies were sold:

Three cents on 1 M. pair, unused, original gum, from the Olney collection, \$110.

Three cents on 1 M. blue green, inverted surcharge, used, on piece of cover, from the Andreini collection, \$102.

Three cents on 3 M. inverted surcharge, used on piece of cover, one of the great rarities of the Andreini collection, \$132.

Five cents on 1 M. the "cents" spelled "cent," used, on piece of cover, from the Andreini collection, \$130.

Five cents on 2 M. "cents" instead of "cent," used, on piece of cover, from the Andreini collection, \$134.

Five cents on 2 M. used, on piece of cover, from the Andreini collection, \$140.

Five cents on 3 M. used, on piece of cover, from the Andreini collection, \$101.

Five cents on 4 M. "cents" instead of "cent," inverted surcharge, used, on piece of original envelope, \$101.

Five cents on 8 M. inverted surcharge, used, on piece of cover, from the Andreini collection, \$140.

A block of 24 of the 20-cent violet of the first Colon issue sold for \$150. Ten of these stamps have double surcharges.

A fine used copy of the one-cent green of the third series of "the Canal Zone on Panama" stamps, December, 1894, inverted surcharge, fetched \$150. It was sold to Mr. Thorne last year for only \$25. Only two other copies are known.

The total for the 400 lots was \$7,968. The auctioneer, Walter S. Scott, said that this was the highest total ever realized in America for a one-night sale, and also the highest average.