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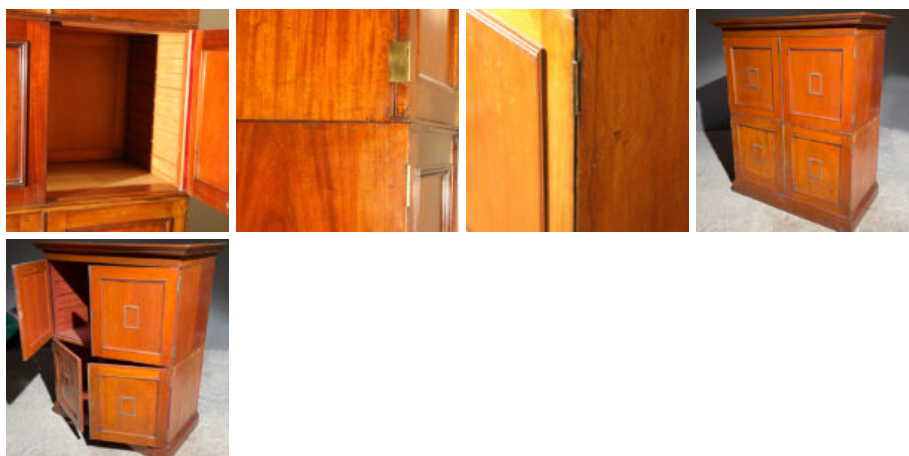
A VICTORIAN MAHOGANY LEPIDOPTEROLOGY CABINET

made for the Natural History Museum, Kensington - by Cubitt & Sons, dated 1919,
a pair, stacked, a later cornice to the top and plinth base, each with two panelled doors to the front, opening to reveal two distinct compartments, each with the rails for slide drawers, with reeded brass trim to the door closure, each with brass parliament hinges, bearing maker's stamp,

DIMENSIONS: 132cm (52") High, 53cm (20³/₄") At Highest, 110cm (43¹/₄") Wide, 98cm (38¹/₄") At Widest, 59cm (23¹/₄") Deep, 98cm (38¹/₄") Long, incl. cornice

PRICE: £865

STOCK CODE: 45712



HISTORY

LASSCO currently has over 80 of these two-door cabinets. We have here used two and added a cornice moulding and plinth base. We can easily slot more units to the midriff to make the cabinet as high as required (please see our stock Code 45345)

The cabinets were removed from the Archives of the Natural History Museum over 20years ago when they were stored. The Natural History museum had moved the slide drawers containing hundreds of thousands of butterfly specimens to state of the art humidity controlled cabinets.

Druce's of Baker Street had the ongoing contract to supply these cabinets as the vast collections of Butterflies at

the Museum expanded over the decades – hence the uniformity of the cupboards. At least one of the two component cabinets here is by Cubitt and Sons – another maker commissioned to make the cabinets to the same specification.