

Early 1900s Striking Carriage clock by Drocourt



A striking carriage clock made by the renowned maker Drocourt, the gilded case in mint condition. The clock has an 8 day movement with a silvered lever platform escapement. It strikes the hours and the passing of the half hours on a coiled blued steel gong. The backplate is stamped with Drocourt's trademark, a cartouche containing a D and C on either side of a carriage clock. The movement is numbered 33808. The movement has been overhauled and is guaranteed for 3 years.

Pierre & Alfred Drocourt were among the top makers of carriage clocks in the mid to late Victorian period, having a factory at Saint-Nicolas-d'Ailermont in France, and in Paris at Rue Debelleyne 28 and Rue de Limoges. They made superb carriage clocks that were often decorative and were awarded numerous medals at exhibitions, such as the Bronze Medal at Paris 1867, the Silver at Paris 1878 and the gold at Paris in 1889. The son, Alfred Drocourt, succeeded his father Pierre Drocourt sometime in the 1870s.

The serial number of this clock suggests a date of manufacture of the very early years of the 1900s. The corniche-style of case has a large oval top window and beveled glass sides.

The enamel dial has fine moon hands.

Height: 6½ inches.

Some excellent research has been carried out into the life and horological works of the Drocourt family by Leigh Extence, and published here.