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New South Wales Railways

I would like to place on record a very nice 1929 issue 3/- error of colour [fig 1] which has surfaced from a NSW junk lot of goodies. It is on NSW R wmk. As we know the 3/- was issued bi-coloured. I hear you say, 'well it must be washed in a bit of chlorine which has turned it blue' but not so. It may pay you to recheck your holdings of this issue as you may have a grubby 3/- mono colour sitting in with the 3d values. If you do find one please let me know so we can record it. This error of colour has now been added to my free on line catalogue. Thinking further on this, it may well be an actual issued stamp in blue which has not been listed by earlier students, but until more turn up it is probably best to list it as an error of colour. You may have some thoughts on this, if so please share them here.

Queensland Railways

After writing about the NSW error of colour above, I now have to follow it with a horrible torn, rusty & part

missing Queensland 1919 Railway issue [fig2]. 'Fit for the bin' I hear you say – not so, if you look further it's station name is Mount Samson with a fine numeral strike of 1321. This I would like to place on record as Mount Samson has been unallocated since 1919. It has taken some 90 odd years for John Amiet [well known Queensland philatelic researcher] to find one. We are lucky John was the finder of this as most ordinary collectors of postage stamps would have assigned it to the bin without giving it another thought.

Another Commonwealth Beer Duty

Another Commonwealth beer duty has surfaced on eBay selling for about \$80. Figure 3 shows the 41/3d on 24/9d. My online catalogue does list this and even shows a copy, but these are hard to find and when they do show up are quickly snapped up.

What a lovely Pair

I very nice imperf between pair of 1930 9d Platypus



Fig. 1



Fig. 2

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revenues [fig 4] from Tasmania has made it's way across the world from the UK to a Queensland collector [cough]. This is only the second imperf between pair between that I have recorded. The other pair is shown in my on line catalogue.

Further Beers

Philatelics Australia's last auction had a fine selection of New South Wales beer duties up for grabs, including a very rare used 1/3d pair, paying the 10 gallon rate. This is only the third value I have recorded from this series in used condition. The pair is dated 21 Dec 1914 from the West End Brewery at Broken Hill. Also included was figure 5, a fine example from the second series. This auction further included a second recorded 'set' of 'Our Boys League' revenues. I wrote about these last year and also have a web page dedicated to this issue.

Revenue & Railway Perfin Book

I have had a few emails asking when the Revenue and

Railway precanceled perfin book for Queensland will be released to the collecting public. The short answer is hopefully mid year. This task both David Coath and I have undertaken is taking longer than we both thought, due to the fact of cross referencing some incorrect work from previous publications. Some of which is totally wrong and needs addressing.

As an example, previous now outdated works list the Lowood Creamery Company which perfinned its railway stamps with a large L as having its address at Lowood. My guess is previous works editors just guessed! Not a good situation to be in as we now find ourselves having to cross reference all company addresses. A shame previous research was poorly done, but the good news is we intend to do our best to correct this.

The Lowood Creamery perfin identity as to where it originated from, to a railway collector is glaringly obvious. The company had offices in Adelaide Street, Brisbane and used its railway stamps from Brisbane Central station. Further, just to complete the story we



Fig. 3



Fig. 4

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have decided to include pre printed or handstamped precancels that are known. Some of which preceded the precanceling of perfins, others followed on. Something that has been addressed in this series of on line books is that perfins and precancels go hand in hand, and belong in the same book. Collectors need to remember that perfins are precancels as well.

Near by, is a sample page [figs 6] of how it will look once it goes 'live' on the net via a user name & password. If you would like further information on costs to access this work or maybe pre order this work, so you will be one of the first to have this 'up to date' information at your fingertips, please make contact with David Coath on perfindavid@ozrevenues.com

This work will be available on your computer, mobile phone or iPad. We have made this usable in all media forms for ease of use. Whether you are viewing

perfins in an auction room, or sitting at a dealer table at a stamp show, or maybe in a dealers shop anywhere in the world, this information is right there fully up to date. However included in this package will not be a set of steak knives but a reference set of patterns in hard copy form. It sure beats lugging around those big old books, then having to search for the revenue components in them. WHAT! you do not have computer access? Fear not, we will be happy to print off the internet pages and post them to you. Again David Coath will be able to answer all your questions in this area, if you write to my below address I will forward to David.

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Fig. 5

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Private Revenue Perfins of Queensland

The authors would welcome your comments additions or input into this work

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User: **The Lowood Creamery Company**
 Address: Adelaide St Brisbane.

Railway use only: Railway stamps from Lowood Creamery were used at Brisbane station only, 1962. Issue 14, 15, 6d. This perfin was in use for less than 12 months hence it's rarity.

Rarity Scale: 14 RA, 34 RA, 66 RC. Postal Perfin (based on revenue) 84.

Background: *The Lowood Creamery Company was registered on 23 February 1960 following a merger which included the long established Hammers Hams Firm, who had built the first creamery in Queensland. The company had its head office in Adelaide Street Brisbane, with numerous factories and depots spread throughout Queensland.

The cream was carried to Lowood for manufacture and it was from this address the company derived its name. The company's country butter factories were established at Willowbar, Tera, Beulah, Lowood, and Beaudesert with cheese factories situated at Olive Valley, Gray Park, Tangra in the Warwick district, and also at Strangabilly near Pittsworth. The business was large and had to have a very extensive refrigerating plant as well as cold stores and offices which were all located at the Adelaide Street site.


* National Library of Australia.

The company went into liquidation on 11 Sept 1962.


Note: Other publications have incorrectly listed the address as Lowood.

Device: Triple vertical head. Made by the Queensland Government Printer.

In all other published works the '1' perfin is listed as not having been used on the postage stamps of Queensland. Below shows the top two strips which were prepared by the Queensland Government Printer for postal use but, due to the fact that they did not line up with the size of the postage stamps, the pins were removed for perforation purposes. It is further noted that only the pins within the stamp design were removed, leaving the pins within the horizontal, but slightly irregular perforation line. The perforation machine was put to service in 1911, but was found unsuitable, and it was quickly withdrawn with only a sheet or two released. The perforations became known to philatelists as the 'Railway Post' [10c to 12c]. This irregular perfin is listed in the S.G. catalogue No. 313. So we have a situation where part of the '1' perfin was in fact used on a postage stamp, and could then by definition be included in a specialised perfin collection.



Below perfin public lot the '1' which is an example of how aligned with the postage stamp. This was not stepping up and the '1' was never used on postage stamps.



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Fig. 6