

# Revenue Review

## "The City and Suburban Parcel Delivery Bryce Ltd"

"The City and Suburban Parcel Delivery Bryce Ltd" began operations some time in 1887 from 134-136 Adelaide St Brisbane Queensland and finally closed its doors in the mid 50's. In 1888 it was re-registered as "Bryce and Battersby" In 1889 it was again re-registered as "Thomas Bryce and Co" and on 29 September 1900 it was re-registered again but back to "The City and Suburban Parcel Delivery Bryce Limited" when Thomas's [Thomas Bryce] brother John Menzies Bryce joined the business. Other partners were Thomas's wife Janet Bryce, Charles Woodhead & Alfred Faulkner. In 1950 it was re-registered as "Bryce Limited" until its demise under the directorship of Thomas Bryce Jnr. All stamps printed by lithography on plain unwatermarked paper. Several printers were used and have their imprint at the base of each stamp except the 1/- of the 1940 issue and the last 1950 issue.

First issue in 1887 was only around for a matter of months survival rate make these exceedingly rare [fig 1]

Imperf [Top horse and carriage pointing left. This issue only] Printer: Outridge Printing Co Queen St Brisbane. 2 copies are known. I spotted the second copy in a recent auction 30 years after spotting the first copy, so at this rate if a copy comes up every 30 years it will always remain one of the gems of Queensland locals.

The second was issued in 1889 with a change of printer to Watson Ferguson and Co Queen St Brisbane, imperf. Again exceedingly rare [2 copies known]

1908 saw the third issue rouletted 7.5. The 4d included the phone numbers. 4d, 9d & 1/-, 2-5 of each known 3d recorded perf 10 x 12 - 1 known. 4d perf 10, 2 copies are known. In 1910 a 9d was added to the series.

Fourth issue came in 1918 and ran till 1940 when a change of address and printer to Ann St Brisbane 1/- only recorded. Printer: Jackson and O'Sullivan 225 Adelaide St Brisbane Co Queen St Brisbane. By 1948 a new similar design was issued with name change to "Bryce Limited" Roulette 7 x perf 12½. The last issue in 1950 was Roulette 7.

Forged surcharges are known on the

1950 series after full sheets of surplus were sold to a collector who was later found to have printing blocks for the surcharges and sheets partly surcharged. Now days all Bryce private local revenues appear scarce to rare. Further reading can be found on my web site.

## Commonwealth Beer Duty Update

As you all know I have been updating the Australian section of John Barefoot's Commonwealth Revenue Catalogue from the UK, [see Revenue Review March 07 edition] and in doing so have been asking for your help in compiling a list of the Commonwealth beer duty surcharges. Many thanks to those of you who have taken the time to write to me. I have made a simple analysis of what I have seen and recorded.

Again if you can add to this please let me know as it is getting close to the printing cut off date for John.

## Ham for Stamps

Very few dealers in Australia carry a good stock of revenues to feed our habit. Steve Hamilton of Hamilton's Stamps is the exception. He not only



Fig. 1

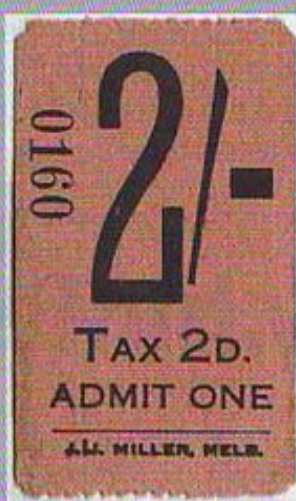


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