

Free Online Catalogue

My original idea for this online catalogue was to have a basic listing of all known revenue and railway parcel stamps put in one place from Australia. I am looking at covering New Zealand as well. At the time of writing this I have every state covered, both Revenue and Railway. I appear to be getting many emails asking for this catalogue to be more specialized, and when will I be adding the decimal sections? I will get to all this in the fullness of time, as you can appreciate it is quite time consuming. My thanks go out to the many collectors and dealers in Australia and around the world for sharing their knowledge with me, which in turn has helped put together this reasonably comprehensive catalogue for all to enjoy and best of all it's free! All who have helped are listed on the index page. If you have something not listed in this free catalogue or disagree with some of the pricing please email me your concerns. The prices listed in the catalogue will change periodically as new information comes to light, single items achieving what I call silly prices at auction will not be met dollar for dollar in this listing. Anybody who wishes to print out a copy of this free on line catalogue is welcome to do so, please remember though in some instances pages can be updated on a daily basis [don't forget to refresh your page]. If you wish to quote from this catalogue either in auction catalogues, online auctions or any other publication this must be prefixed by "DE online Catalogue".

Entertainment Tax

Our good friend Neville Willis from Tasmania has sent me a copy of a Tasmanian theatre ticket [fig 1] with a tax surcharge on, and I am hoping a reader will be able to date this for us. Maybe you have other copies similar to this one? If so please let me know.

This ticket is featured in my free online catalogue. Another very nice item from Neville is figure 2. Quite an amazing find. The Tasmanian numerals overprinted tax installments are hard enough to find let alone a page from an instalment book with half a dozen copies in. You can read more about these in the online catalogue, what is also a nice; it shows the change over to the Commonwealth tax installment stamps for Tasmania. Thanks for sharing Neville.

Our Boys League Colonial Fund

Yet another good friend from Victoria, this time is Brett of Ozphila fame on eBay. Brett has come up with what must be considered the complete series of private receipt revenues from 'Our Boys League Colonial Fund', it consists of six different values with three different designs, there is a 3d [fig 3] 6d, 1/-, 2/6d, 5/- and two different 10/- colours. Bill Hornadge has reported the 3d and 6d in the past but with no other information. What is good about Brett's 'set' is that they are mint and have an inscription on the reverse which reads [for the first time] "Our Boys League Colonial Fund is being established in Australia. Its object is to assist suitable lads to emigrate from London and other populous centres to Australia and other parts of the empire where there are better opportunities and brighter prospects for them". This fund was set up in South Australia so one can presume these receipt revenues were printed in South Australia. Maybe some budding South Australian collector can further this information via the archives? I believe this is the first time mint stamps from this fascinating and un-researched fund have come to light. You may be able to pick up on the scan, the paper shows vertical lines, which is the writing on the back showing through, it is possible with this paper being so thin that the survival rates is virtually



Fig. 1



Fig. 3



Fig. 4

Dave Elsmore

zero. My thanks to Brett for sharing this.

Double Parked

I have for some time now collected parking tickets as these are a fee for a service. These tickets belong in the private revenue category. The one shown in fig 4 is from a Brisbane based company 'Wilson Parking' which is incorporated in W.A. Quite possibly these parking tickets are used nationally. Maybe you're reading this knowing you have some, if so please share them with us. I have a 50¢ \$1.00 and \$2.00 in various colours.

Another Victoria find

Premier Auctions had a very nice unrecorded 3½d [fig 5] Victoria railways in their last sale. I can find no reference to this value at all in any previous works, has any reader recorded this value before? If so can you please let me know. It is very rare to find anything new from Victoria as this has to be the most researched state of all the Australian states.

Depression

Queensland unemployment insurance has a nice range of provisional overprints, several are readily available, and others you just never see. The high values from the 1923 series 10/- and 20/- are particularly hard. Some lower values can be tricky to find also. The 2d with the 1930 overprint is one such beast [fig 6]. I would like to think these provisional overprints are sleepers. A few unemployment insurance have come to light recently with several 4d values, so that knocks this value off the hard list. Just where are the high values? They must be out there somewhere. Other scarce unemployment insurance overprints are the Development tax surplus overprinted UI 1943. The 1/- appears readily available

but the 2d, 4d & 2/- are nowhere to be seen. Maybe you're reading this knowing you have a value I have not mentioned here, if so please let me know so I can add it to the online catalogue for Queensland revenues.

WA Proof

Finally this month, a proof pair of 10/- [fig 7] from Western Australia railways which should make the westies drool. The few railway proofs have come onto the market from Western Australia in the last 30 years. Leakage from the archives must have been small unless a collector is sitting on large blocks of them.

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Fig. 5



Fig. 6



Fig. 7



Fig. 2