

Revenue Review

Puzzle

For several years now I have been tucking away as many of the 3d & THREE PENCE revenues from Queensland's 1892 series of adhesive duty stamps. As we know the first issue with a 3 in circle at top of the design varies slightly in colour due to several printings over the period of issue. It is the second issue [THREE at top] that has me puzzled. In figure 1 I show the first issue '3' on the left with the regular second issue third from left, often called the 'washed out' design, I have one copy second from left that shows a part colour and have puzzled over whether the second issue was in fact printed in this colour with 99.9% of surviving copies ending up looking like the third on the left. To add to this puzzle I have recently picked up the right hand mint copy. This appears to be a regular issue on correct watermark paper with correct perfs and gum etc. except for the colour which

is quite different from all others recorded, so could it be an actual issued stamp? Or maybe a colour trial? Well your guess is as good as mine on this. Can you check your holdings of this second issue stamp and see if you have any other colour variant and if you turn anything up please let me have the details thank you.

More Betts

Matt Hancock has shown me a previously unrecorded cut out on card from a betting ticket with a 1d embossed thereon [fig2]. I have recorded the ½d with a similar close design to this 1d. A great find and one or look out for.

Them Bells!

Figure 3 popped up in auction recently with a great security punch in the shape of a bell. This is the



Fig 1



Fig 2



Fig 3

first I have seen. Where there is one I'm sure more will surface. The date of 1960 and 'the bell' is not connected with the complete and utter disastrous sell off by a dealer of thousands of share transfers with many of this series on, which has now completely flooded the market with catalogue prices dropping to an all time low. The way this was handled is typical of any dealer who would just sell off a.s.a.p. to make a fast buck. There are just not enough collectors of this material around and this sell off has completely ruined this issue for many many years to come.

I'll av alf

I think it was 'Jacko' who used to say 'I'll av alf' from the 1970s 'Love thy Neighbour' UK sitcom. Well every time I see a ½d value it reminds me of this show! Sad but true. Figure 4 was on eBay in a group lot and was snapped up by well-known Victorian

collector of rare locals and railways Simon Cronk. Simon is also known in the bottle and tile-collecting world furthermore has put together a great resource web site showing all the beer duty and railway issues from all the states. You can view this great web site via a link at top right on my home page for ozrevenues.com. The ½d [fig4] is a rare find indeed with only a small handful surfacing to date. You will also note the lower margin has a row of roulettes just above the perfs. I have a similar copy from Richmond with the roulettes going vertical up the left side of the stamp. Simon thanks for sharing this item.

10 bob

Another cracking item [fig 5] for the revenue collector is this misplaced perf on a Tasmanian Railway issue. Tasmania is known for all sorts of printer errors. Keep your eyes peeled.



Fig 4



Fig 5

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Cloak Room

Figure 6 is one of those railway items you just must have if you're serious about rails. David Wood of Phoenix Auctions showed me a full sheet. A rare survivor indeed and if split would could be shared around many collectors of this material. I do record these Cloak Room 'tickets' in my free on line catalogue of Victorian railways but not the 4d on 3d figure 6, it's a cracker. The sheet layout shows pairs with one gummed for attachment to the cloakroom parcel and an un-gummed tab given to the owner of the parcel, which was then used as proof of i.d. to claim the cloakroom item,

Faint Blue

Figure 7 appeared on eBay adding to the WA revenue sell off! This 5/- in blue on £1 does have a modest start of \$33 and at the time of writing this it has a day to go with no bids. I'm sure many more will be coming out of WA in the near future as mentioned in earlier

'Revenue Reviews'.

Oturehua

New Zealand rails are just as popular as collecting any of the rails from Australian State's, its finding the rare station names that can be an up hill battle on both sides of the ditch. Figure 8 is one such exceedingly rare station name, making the value some 200 fold. Oturehua is found in the middle of the south island with very few inhabitants back then when this railway issue was used. I guess its like comparing parcel traffic between Melbourne Victoria and walkabout creek in Queensland, probably 1 to 20,000. Remember to keep looking at those station names as well as the stamp.

Tolls

As many of you will know if you have been reading Revenue Review I am a keen collector of Toll tickets and one such rarity I am lucky to have in my collection is figure 9 from the Indooroopilly Toll Bridge



Fig 6



Fig 7

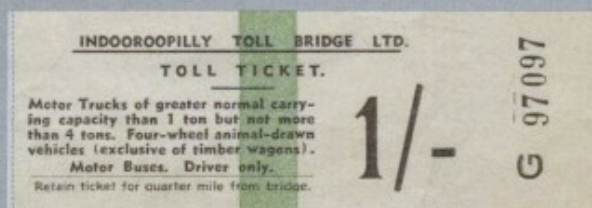


Fig 9

Dave Elsmore

Company in Queensland. I also have a 1d. This bridge in the western suburbs was built by private enterprise, whereby a company was given a franchise to construct a project with its own funds in return for the right to levy a toll for a certain number of years, after which the project reverted to government control. The two most important examples of this in Brisbane were the Walter Taylor Bridge at Indooroopilly [listed on the stock exchange at the time] and the Hornibrook Highway at Sandgate. Maybe you can add to my 1d & 1/-?

Blumbergville

Calling all railway buffs! I am trying to locate information on the railway station/siding BLUMBERGVILLE in Queensland I have a few 1880's passenger tickets [fig 10] with this name on so presume a station or siding must have existed. A search of the usual avenues has not yielded any info to date inc Railway archives showing nothing in the station name listings. BLUMBERGVILLE was renamed

BOONAH in 1887. The area of Blumbergville Queensland was first named after three Jewish brothers set up a local store with the Blumbergville post office opening in 1883 [I'm yet to see a postal cancel 'Blumbergville'] Renaming Boonah also took over the station numeral 343.

Perfin Corner

Keeping with the railway theme of this issue I have yet another nice railway revenue to share with you this month. Goode, Durrant & Co of 39-41 William St, Perth, WA was the Perfin user of figure 11, this being G.D.Co.a on a 3d 1905-06 issue making this the earliest use of this Perfin on any WA revenue, a nice find indeed.

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Fig 10



Fig 11

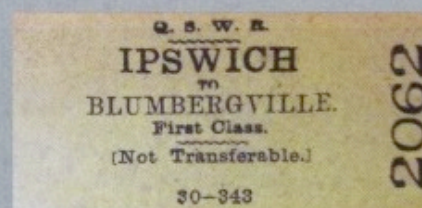


Fig 12