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Queensland Rails

Whilst updating my Google spread sheets of recorded station names on Queensland Railways I would like to share a couple of new finds. I have two spread sheets which is open for all to view. One on my favourite Qld rail issue, is the 1915, with the C19 class loco in the top cartouche, and the other on the 1927 issues. The 1915 spread sheet includes station numbers while both spread sheets include private users, perfin & OHMS usage. Maybe you can add to it, if so, please email or write to me for the web address as it is very long one. Station 995 on a 6d [fig 1] is from an unrecorded station. This in particular is a very nice addition to the listing. Figure two is a 1927 5d issue from Townsville, and is at present the only survivor with the station name printed in brown rather than the usual red. Can you please check your holdings of this issue and see if you have any other station name colour other than red. Within your 1915

issues you may have the odd recorded blue station name.

Double your perfs, triple your money

Further goodies from New South Wales have turned up. Figure 3 shows a very nice double perf top and bottom on a 6d wmk NSW value. Surprisingly, well held together for its age, which reminds me of the same saying my wife Dale says about me! I should think figure 3 would sell for three times the catalogue value should one come on the market.

Expensive Ice Cream

Ebay has turned up a scarce private company overprint 'Peters Ice Cream' which by the way has a double strike. I had only recorded the 6d numeral value from Qld with this overprint. It sold for US\$54.00.



Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3



Fig. 4

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The Chief Office

Prestige auctions recently sold a very nice 'Chief Office' [fig 5] cancel from Tasmania. It is thought to be a fiscal cancel used to cancel duty use only. I have a 3d St George & Dragon with this cancel on, which sort of weighs in the fiscal favour. Maybe you have an opinion on this cancel, or know some background into it's use, if so, please share it here.

'Orrible Commonwealth Beers

In the last Millennium auction there were a couple of rather nice scarce but horrible looking Commonwealth beer duty stamps. One of them was an unboxed 77/11d on 51/- [fig 6] which was cut into pieces as per the act states to do. I presume it will/would have, sell for over the estimate. I would like to place this on record here thanks to Millennium Auctions.

New Zealand Rails

A very nice 10/- Railway charges issue turned up in 'Auckland City Stamps' a New Zealand auction run by David Homes & Nigel Shanks [recently amalgamated]. The 10/- [fig 7] was in a set from ½d – 10/- which bought a healthy \$1500.00. I believe this is the first 10/- to surface from Dunedin station.

Kangaroo Correspondence and Exchange Club

Back in 2003 it was reported in Stamp News of a cover from the "Kangaroo Correspondence and Exchange Club" being bought on eBay for may hundreds of dollars. The founder of the club was John Gower, from Adelaide South Australia who began it in 1931. Two more covers have turned up from this club with fliers enclosed about the club, and to add interest to the story they both have a very nice, and I believe unrecorded label on the reverse. One is in



Fig. 5



Fig. 6

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brown and one is in green [fig 8]. Does anybody have further info on this label which probably belongs in the Cinderella column. It is unclear if the 2003 cover has a label on the reverse or not.

Oz Revenue Describers

I notice auction describes are still having problems either correctly or completely describing oz revenues. In some cases group lots skimmed over in descriptions completely leaving out major revenues. This of course is great for the room viewer [1%] but the poor postal or internet viewer [99%] miss out and most important the poor vendor misses out on dollars! One such instance was brought to my attention recently by a few of my readers where groups of Tasmania revenues were in a major auction, with web site facilities. Unfortunately not all the graphics of the revenue groups were shown. I can understand as time is money and sometimes scanning each and every stamp is not practical. I am told another Tasmanian 8c lemon slipped through by the describers and the 1s on 3d numeral emergency issue was also missed, potentially adding several hundred dollars to the lot let alone what else in

compound perfs may have been in this lot.

There is also lots of chatter re live internet bidding. I for one think it is brilliant, and have saved myself several thousands in hard earned readies by bidding this way. Others have said it slows auctions down or internet is slow. I was unaware of an auction being a race, I thought, and have read many times, how it was about getting the best price for the vendor. Maybe if some of the auctioneers would just get on with their job that could also speed things up! Boy can some of them waffle!! Come on oz try and keep up with the rest of the world. As a foot note: Francis Kiddle's Qld revenues would have been all done and dusted by the time this goes to print. I think Millennium have done very well in describing this material with very reasonable estimates, which were set at about half my catalogue. I do hope you all got a piece of the action!

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Fig. 7



Fig. 8