Revenue Review

More WA

Yet more and more Western Australian Revenues flood the market. eBay user Plonkydon continues to sell off high priced items, and he's getting it! Figure 1, was sent to me by Mike Mulroy of Western Australia. This imperf horizontally between is pictured in the Dzelme book, and I am told it emanated from Dzelme via a part time WA dealer. Collectors in WA pursuing this material are continually being told this is all there is, when suddenly there's more and more and more. Phoenix Auction house also have several lots of WA revenue material, which went off this month, again originating from Dzelme but apparently being sold by others.

Nice Imperf

The Tasmania 4d blue sideface always appears sort after, and sells well at auctions. The imperf variety also attracts collector's beady eyes, but when an imperf used fiscally appears [fig 2] it is a somewhat, more highly prized revenue, chased that tad further at auction. It's the first imperf I have recorded, providing its not been clipped! I'm hoping it will end up coming to Qld!

RG

Figure 3 popped up in auction recently in a mixed lot. The 30/- REGISTRAR COMPANIES is known but rarely seen. The £1 REGISTRAR GENERAL is never seen, and if you missed it you may have to



Fig 1



Fig 2



Fig 3

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wait a good while longer for another to come along.

Two Pence

These [no value] Victorian 'Duly Stamped' [fig 4] Stamp Duty exempt revenues are well recorded. But when one with a manuscript 2d on it was bought to my attention it baffled me, and still does. Maybe you the reader can help me fill in the blanks?

Canberra Rails

Figure 5 is probably one of the rarest of the Commonwealth Railway issues. The small 'COMMONWEALTH/RAILWAYS' at top and 'CANBERRA' at the base is the give away. If you see any at any price grab them and don't look back!

Rows of Cattle

Figure 6 is a rather impressive survivor of the \$10 perfed CATTLE overprint, sent to me by a reader due to my plea for info and graphics on these last issues prior to the even harder to find roulettes. Can you beat this strip of 7 as the largest recorded block/strip?

Papua & New Guinea

Papua & New Guinea, black impressed revenues often turn up. I have recorded a small handful of pre decimal values but the auction picture in figure 7 includes a 3/- value, which I had not recorded. Please update your records if you have fun in chasing this area of revenue.



Fig 4



Fig 5

| VICTORIA
STAMP DUTY | VICTORIA
STAMPINETY |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| CATTLE |
| \$10 | \$10 | \$10 | \$10 | \$10 | \$10 | \$10 |

Fig 6

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VIC on NSW

This issue is turning out to be full of snippets, so I will continue with another auction graphic [fig 8]. Not much there I hear you say! Well I have to agree, as at first look the four NSW rails appear to be plain common low values from the numeral series. Look again and you will spot the station name 'SPENCER ST. (VIC.)' on two of them. With this in mind it now values these twenty times their base value. NSW used in Victoria are exceedingly rare and very nice to see a couple of survivors. Please check your holdings as you may have one or two or more within. If you are lucky enough to find some please let me know so I can record them here in 'Revenue Review'.

Betting Again

Two rather nice Betting Ticket cut outs [fig9] were up for grabs recently in auction with both

having the early overprint setting prior to the first T of BETTING being damaged which can be seen on most of the surviving tickets. A hard issue to accumulate for study, so if you have some I would welcome an email or letter from you.

More Cattle

I have been shown, an unrecorded, £5 CATTLE [fig10]. This is the first I have seen and it needs to be recorded. Apologies for the poor scan but this is how it was sent to me.

Imposter

Figure 11 is showing a rather blatant forgery of the 60 numeral cancel. If you have some please place in the bin! This copy appears to be clean, which is a shame as the 6d violet is a scarce revenue in its own right, without having to forge postal cancels over it.



Fig 7



Fig 9



Fig 8



Fig 10

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Academics

You often hear all academics reside in Victoria. To be honest I'm yet to believe it! Anyway looking at figure 12 you would instantly think, how the heck can you spell CHARGEABLE wrong, well there it is as plain as plain can be. This was spied, by me on a Queensland document in the last Phoenix sale with the spelling error going unnoticed in the description. A bargain at any price!

Perfin Corner

The WA alphabet in the free online Revenue Perfin book has been increased with a new revenue find the letter 'D' [fig13]. D for DJF.a. this device was a 4-die device in a 2 x 2 format and it was located at the D J Fowler warehouse at 38-40 Henry St, Fremantle, WA. The 4 dies are subtly different but not readily discernable so we list them as a single pattern.

Approval to use the device was sought and gained in June 1910 and the earliest usage dates from June 1910. DJF.a replaced an earlier device used at the Fremantle warehouse. The warehouse was purpose built for the company and it was completed in 1900. The pattern of this earlier device is not reported used on revenues but is found on the postage stamps of Western Australia between 1901 and 1911. The DJF.a device had a long life and is found used on the postage stamps of Western Australia and later Australia from 1910 until the early 1960s.

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Fig 11



Fig 12



Fig 13