Revenue Review

Smother the Designer Good friend Ken Scudder of Victoria recently sent me an extract from March 21 1892 edition of "Vindin's Philatelic Monthly" and I quote: "A correspondent has forwarded us some labels which some collectors who collect anything and everything, might possible include amongst adhesives. These stamps are slightly larger than the 5s English and are inscribed Queensland Government Railways, in a rectangular frame, enclosing in an elongated oval, a railway engine and surrounding which again is a small label which the words Newspapers and Parcels are inscribed, with the value in words in bottom label of rectangular frame, the whole wretchedly drawn and printed on common wove paper and perforated. Four obliterated values have been forwarded and at the same time our correspondent states it is difficult to get clean specimens, as they are so completely smothered with the obliteration. A pity they didn't smother the designer." This 1892 report predates the recorded issue of this series by 2 years.

Blanks

David Coath has sent me a single
New South Wales 6d numeral
revenue, which he picked out of an
accumulation that he has. It has a void
patch at top left [fig 1]. This probably
happened by a piece of scrap paper
getting caught between the paper roll
and the print head, then falling off and
leaving the void. I have seen this on
postage stamps and as this is a clear
copy it becomes quite collectable,
Thank you David for sharing.

Lost and now Found
Some time throughout this year
Michael O'Halloran of Victoria sent
me a 5/- revenue roulette 7, from
Victoria [fig 2] asking if it had been
recorded. This unfortunately got lost
on my desk for a few months until it
finally surfaced a week ago, so Mike
I can now get to your answer and
apologies for the delay. This stamp is
listed in the 'Handbook of Victorian
Revenue Stamps' by Bill Craig
1997 catalogue number 3.62. Issued
18/7/1932. Rated 'R1' mint and 'S'
[scarce] used.

What a Crack

Edmac4me handle on eBay had a very nice 15/- mauve [fig 3] of 1879 with a superb cracked cliché running vertically the whole length of the printed stamp on offer in late October. Which begs the question did this crack run into other clichés? I have not seen this recorded in the philatelic press and wish to do so here in Revenue Review. Ed always has nice material up for sale and well worth a look.

South Australia Pretty in Pink
I have seen this essay before [fig
4] but not in this pretty Pink &
Green colour. Does any reader have
a copy of this, maybe you have
other colours? If so please let me
know so I can record it. Note it has
security 'SIXPENCE RAILWAYS'
repeated horizontally many times,
filling in the void around the engine.
This design was not adopted. I
showed a similar South Australia
Railway essay in black and without
the security back in April 2006 of
'Revenue Review'.









Fig. 1

Fig.2

Fig. 3

Fig. 4

Dave Elsmore

Death through Boredom

I found this in an on line dictionary and thought I should share it with you all. "The word 'Philately' in an online dictionary reads: The hobby, pastime, compulsion or addiction of collecting and categorizing the most disposable artifact of the Industrial Age: the postage stamp. The word itself is artificially cobbled together from Greek roots which are supposed to mean "free from further tax" or "tax paid." More commonly known as "stamp collectors" (primarily because the correct pronunciation is a closely guarded secret among initiates), philatelists are generally a harmless group except when they feel they have a captive audience. In such cases, death through boredom after only 1-2 hours exposure has been recorded."

Little Miss Perfed

In the October 2007 'Revenue Review' I showed a couple of nice perf errors asking if any of you had others to show. Norm Hart from Victoria has come to the rescue with a very nice strip of misperfed 1d revenues from Tasmania [fig 5] issued 1 Jan 1956.

Xmas Beer

Well it's that time of the year again when we have to put up the fairy lights get out the mistletoe, and if we do what we are told it will include putting our stamp books to one side; well, for a day maybe, then back to it. I am of course talking about Christmas. If you are spending Christmas day by yourself this year, it will be a good time to get that closing bargain on eBay while others are getting stuck into the Xmas pud! This edition brings up my second year of writing for Kevin and his team, and like my first year I have enjoyed every bit of it. Several new friendships have been formed throughout the year, and again lots of swapping has taken place.

As many of you know I have a Private Treaty page on my website just for swapping, and if you have nothing to swap I will reluctantly take your hard earned cash! Which in turn, goes into my Revenue and

Railway buying tin. I can't finish without showing some more Victorian beer revenue specimen overprints as promised earlier in the year. This specimen overprint [fig 6] is highly sought after by collectors of both revenues and specimen overprint collectors of the Australian States. While I am chatting beer revenues, with this edition of Stamp News you should now have your second two values in the set of 26, given away to subscribers over a 13 month period. This set of reprints is a must have, as the originals have gone up over 4000% in value in the last 10 years.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of my readers a safe and happy Christmas and good stamping in the New Year. I do hope that Santa will bring you, "a you know what" for your "you know where" or at least a stock book to stick them in! Nuf said for this year.

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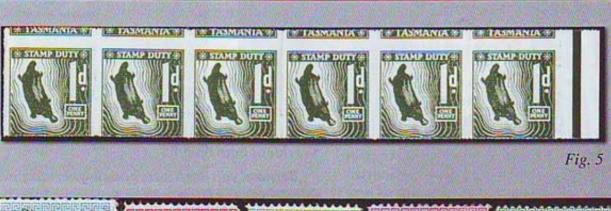




Fig. 6