

Revenue Review

Once Again

Yes you guessed it; it's that time of the year once again where we drop hints around the house for Christmas presents. I'm guessing if your reading this your list to Santa will contain a few of the scarcer revenues to fill that elusive gap. Good luck, and don't forget the milk & cookies.

Come and Get It!

Figure 1 is a 1941-42 Christmas Golden Casket ticket made out to "Come and Get It Syndicate". Nothing special, I hear you say. Take another look and you will see that apart from Santa, it contains [figure 2] a Queensland Government Tax of 3% in the center at the bottom of figure 1. I only have 3 of these full tickets with this tax box. My earliest being 1924, where the tax was 3d [I have shown this in an earlier Revenue Review]. I have seen

various cut outs on different coloured papers. Maybe you have a few? If so please share them here. These are similar to the Tasmania Tatts ticket Tax box, and fortunately for me not as popular to collect. That said, there must be 1 Qld ticket out there for every 500 from Tasmania.

Invert Addition

In the October Revenue Review I showed a 1/- Platypus with the overprint 'REVENUE' inverted saying a 1d value is also recorded. I neglected to say look out for the 6d with inverted overprint this is the scarcest of the 3.

Late Use

Figure 3 is a rather nice sight note from South Australia. Dated 1916 it has a mix of both the 1902 and the 1904 issues. The 50/- being the 1902



Fig 1



Fig 3



Fig 2

issue being used 14 years after issue which begs the question; why are these so hard to find? You would think there would be plenty around. The value of the 'sight' is £8,600.00 paying duty of 1/- in £100. This recently sold on eBay for \$200.00.

Sub-Charge

One of the harder Probate Duties from Western Australia is the Sub-Charged 'ONE PENNY' on 'TEN SHILLINGS' [fig 4]. There appears to be a hoard of different values coming from Western Australia onto the market of late but only one 1d so far.

Misplaced

While chatting, Western Australia figure 6 turned up in auction. A rather nice misplaced I. R. overprint, selling for under \$100, absolute

bargain! On the other hand I saw a mint copy on eBay with the forged overprint bringing twice the cost figure 5. It pays to know your revenues. For detection of this forgery you can find details on my web site in the FREE Western Australia Revenue catalogue.

Convinced?

I'm not convinced the New South Wales duty stamp in figure 6 [an 1880 printing] is a true imperf. It looks the part but being cut the way it has it could very well be a common margin imperf with perfs cut off on the other 3 sides to make it appear imperf. I could be wrong, this has been known before but....

Wrong Again

In November Revenue Review I spoke of the



Fig 4



Fig 5

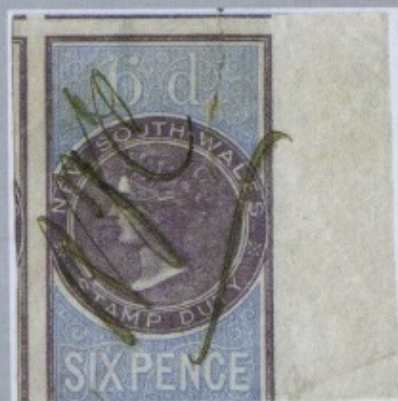


Fig 6

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used perf 12 1½d being rare, in fact, a few mint survived till the close of the tramway and were found amongst the very common Roulette 7, 1½d issue. Figure 7 is a testament to the survival of mint copies. All previous writings & catalogues etc. listed this tramway as selling off remainders at its close in 1970. Wrong, in fact, Wrong Again! All the remaining stocks of parcel stamps were sent back to the tramway auditor of the time for destruction, but somehow he was allowed to take them home! They found their way into a Stamp Dealers stock back in 1970, which just happened to be a family member!! Good news for the collector to have had these saved from the furnace. 'Les' still has some full sheets of the common values and recently sold a full sheet of the 6D value. If any of these tramway stamps interest you I can pass on your details to 'Les'. Alas the perf 12 x 1½d is just about sold out.



Fig 7

Three Bob Blue

A while ago I wrote about the 3/- error of colour value for New South Wales Railways. One was in an auction lot [fig 8], which recently sold. The lot also included the rare 2/- value. Selling for under \$300 you would think 'Not so Rare'.

Back to the West

Tombstone revenues from the West seem very apt. John DiBiase has recently added to his tombstones with figure 9. Believed to be of proof status, finding their way out from within! John records three values 1c, 6c & \$900. Lets hope there are not all the in-between values to collect!

Left Luggage

Staying with South Australia and figure 4 is a rarely seen 2d black on red 'Cloakroom Ticket' c1930.



Fig 8

For 2d you get 24hrs storage. I have only seen this one from Gawler Station. There must be more as this has number 1246 on it. Do you have such a beast in your collection? If so please record it here. That said I would like to record figure 10 here in Revenue Review. This was spied in a railway collection in one of the Phoenix Stamp auctions.

Perfin Corner

Looking for a New Year Project? Try and put a small collection of the New South Wales £30 numeral Perfins together? If you end up with 5-10 different you are doing well. I spoke of the 30 quid last month. Figure 11 is the latest 'L' from Lowood Creamery to surface. The 3d value is rare, so keep your eyes peeled.

If your not a member of the Perfin Club, why not? They produce an excellent, not to be missed journal. The information you will gain from just

one of these journals will pay for your yearly subs. Check out their home page on Perfins.com.au

Wrap It Up

Well that wraps up another year of Revenue Review. I can only thank you, my readers for all your emails, letters and input during the year. As Revenue collecting continues to grow, lets hope next year will bring out just as many unrecorded revenues as this year has done. I do hope you all have a happy and safe Christmas break, see you next year.

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Fig 9



Fig 11

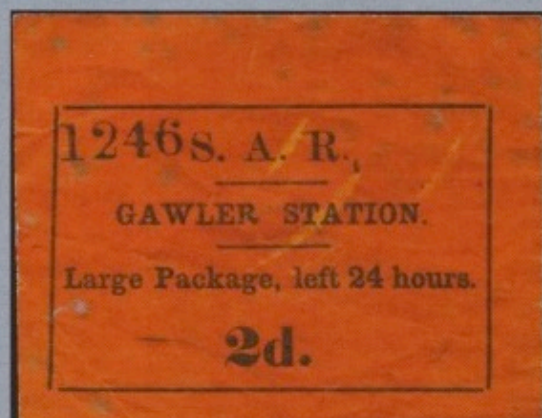


Fig 10