

Revenue Review

New Find

eBay continues to turn up unrecorded items, and figure 1 is no exception. It's a rather nice Qld 1d with the lithographic backprint being overprinted on top of the printed stamp. This is only the second value to surface where the band has been reversed printed. I guess it made no difference to the printer so long as the band was on the stamp [front or back] to help prevent fraud. This rare revenue has found a place in an American collection.

SA Just a Blur

Now figure 2 is an appalling scan but it was free! Free from the State Library of South Australia and forming part of the huge 'Searcy' collection held by the Library. A much better scan is available but it will cost you. So what can we decipher from

this blurry scan? Well it appears to be a 1902 revenue issue from 1d to £10, defaced with what appears to be an unrecorded SPECIMEN and bar in black. Now I can't see if they are imperf plate proofs of the finished design, or regular 'stock' issues used to make up a presentation 'set'. Maybe some enthusiastic South Australian living near the State Library can pop in and get a 400dpi scan. Earlier I mentioned this SPECIMEN overprint was unrecorded, and I would like to record it here in Revenue Review, but as we know the South Australian collectors are a cult group in themselves, very secretive. I think just to get in the door it's the usual, hit oneself on the head 6 times with a tin tray then do the silly hand shake and your in! That said, this SPECIMEN overprint might have been recorded, but only within South



Fig 1



Fig 2



Fig 3



Fig 4

Dave Elsmore

Australia.

Doubles

A couple of months ago I showed a nice double perf on a Victorian Railway issue and asked if any collectors had any to show. Maris Lee [well known Revenue and Rail collector] from Newcastle has sent me a few scans of double perf rails from his collection. Figure 3 is a very nice 1d 1887 Medallion issue showing vertical double perfs at left. Figure 4 from Qld showing vertical perfs on the right & figure 5 showing horizontal double perfs top & middle. I dug deep in my own collection and came up with figure 6, a parcel tag from Wood Bros. in Devenish, and have two 1917 'wing' issues on. The 1/- apart from being a rare stamp in itself shows a paper fold with triple

roulettes, surprisingly this was never torn off.

Tasmania Provisional

We now come to figure 7, a delightful piece of usage for this exceptionally rare 1907 1s provisional. Apparently only 20 sheets of the 3d numeral were so overprinted '1s' and of these only a few were used until further stock of the 1/- purpose value were printed. The balance was then stored by the printer until in 1917, when the 1/- value was again in short supply which left the printer drawing on his stock of 1s provisional's. So we have the same provisional being used in 1907 and 1917. Figure 7 is the first document to surface with this provisional intact upon it, and the first used pair to be recorded. All other surviving copies [less than 50] have been stripped from documents



Fig 5



Fig 6

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making figure 7 a very important item. This would be a powerful addition to any Tasmanian Revenue exhibit and should make any revenue judge go weak at the knees!

Hospital

John DiBiase [well know 'Westie', collector and exhibitor of Revenue and Rails of Western Australia] has sent me a couple of wonderful scans of the 'Hospitals Benefit Fund.' They were picked up at a local club auction in WA for a pittance. The 6d being a simple 'receipt stamp' with the 1/9d a much harder and sought after 'Hospital and Medical Benefit' issue with a clear 1954 date. This predates the recorded issue date by 2 years. What

is more special is that you just do not see blocks of these. Survival of singles is hard enough, but blocks are rare, and with John being an exhibitor I am sure he will squeeze these onto a page and slip them into his Gold medal Revenue exhibit.

Tolls

Figure 9 shows a mock up of the Caboolture Bribie Island Road Toll 50c ticket. This revenue was given final approval late 1965 with the tickets printed in books and sold to the public. Survival is slim, as with all Queenslanders, we did as instructed on the ticket, and that was to destroy the ticket after crossing the bridge. I have a few scraps of tickets from this Qld bridge, which I will show in future 'Revenue Reviews'.

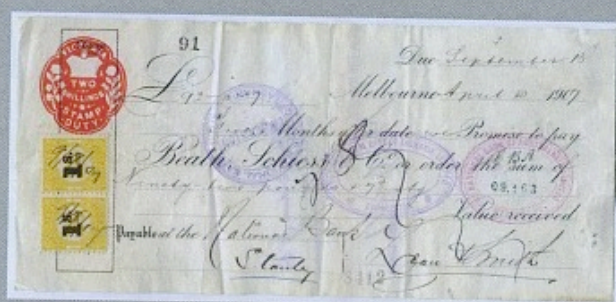


Fig 7



Fig 8



Fig 10



Fig 11



Fig 12

Rego Revs

In past 'Revenue Reviews, I have shown the odd Rego Revenue windscreen ticket, and as they appear to be phasing out the windscreen version, I thought I would show you a few more to look out for [figs 10-15]. These revenues are keenly sought by avid collectors and I would welcome seeing any you may have tucked away. This 'on-the far side' of revenue collecting can now be put into print as we have a start and finish date for most states. UK collectors have already put out a book of their 'Tax Discs'.

Perfin Corner

Figure 16 turned up on eBay UK, this being a nice

clean Victoria Railway issue with a partial Perfin [B.&W./PTYLTD.a Elsmore/Coath]. Only the 2d, 6d & 1/- values have surfaced with this single head Perfin, making it exceedingly rare on a rail issue. B&W or Ball & Welch of Flinders St, Melbourne were Drapers, so I guess one can presume this railway stamp adorned a parcel of linen or the like, but how it ended up in the UK is a mystery.

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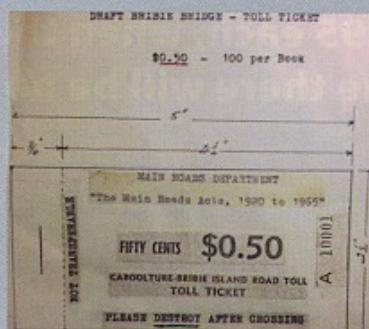


Fig 9

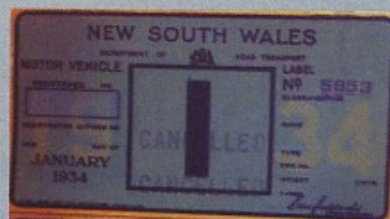


Fig 13



Fig 15



Fig 16



Fig 14