

Revenue Review

WA Impressed

Last month I promised more of the Western Australia Impressed issues that are being sold off by the bucket load. Figures 1, 2 & 3 are purportedly the actual drawings used in the Dzelme 1987 book on WA revenues. As to whether these are penciled in over the actual embossing die to show up clearly for publication, or just drawings is conjecture. All the values shown in the book were sold together as one lot. Looking at figure 3 it appears not to match the printed copy in the book, so it looks like more study is needed here.

Sir's Collection

Mossgreen auction house in Melbourne sold off a rather nice Tasmania collection back in mid February.

The collection was put together over many years by Sir Henry Somerset who passed away in 1995. Within the collection was a sprinkling of revenues with figure 4 showing an exceedingly rare SPECIMFN for SPECIMEN taken from the worn 1880 plates. Figure 5 is purportedly the rare private pin perf $5\frac{1}{2} - 9\frac{1}{2}$ on a pair sg107. Care must always be taken when out-laying good hard earned money on these separations as they have been extensively forged.

PEN

A nice unrecorded flaw on a Queensland 1d Stamp Duty [fig 6] was sold off on eBay for pennies. When I say flaw, there is a white area on EN on PENNY, which may well have been a tiny square of loose scrap paper sitting on the page and printed over, later



Fig 1



Fig 2



Fig 3

falling off leaving the white area. I have a couple of full sheets of this 1d and it is not visible on them. Maybe you, the reader has this flaw in a positional blk you could share with us all here.

Moore Crew's

Another copy of the very rare local carrier from Western Australia 'Crew's & Moorehouse' has turned up this time in South Australia. Philatelic's Australia Auction House will be selling Figure 7 off in an up and coming auction. As we know early collectors would toss out Perfin's as damaged stamps so it is remarkable figure 7 has survived, going by the condition. Of course condition on local issues of Australia is not a problem as astute collectors tucking these rare items away will take them in any condition, even

if torn in half, after all when will another turn up? This issue has 3 surviving Registered C 6d values recorded. No other values have surfaced as yet.

More Neighbours

Figure 8 from Papua is an interesting piece with a ½d STAMP DUTY overprint used as make up on a postal item. Probably philatelic, but nice to see all the same, with figure 9 being \$1.50 revenue usage cancelled RABAUL many times over the 5c make up the block. Again nice to see multiples, which I thought I would share here.

Cover This

Dealer Torsten Weller gets his hands on some nice material. It is always worth a browse of his stand at



Fig 4



Fig 5



Fig 6

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any show, as you never know what he has added to his stock unless you have a look. A recent addition is figure 10 a part cover with what Torsten believes is the largest blk of Custom Duty stamps to have survived on a single cover, in this case $20 \times \frac{1}{4}d = 5d$. This part cover does raise some queries. Torsten has it written up on his web site as a USA company [Du Pont Magazine] sending advertising to Australia. Question; is this from the USA, and why has there been sterling values used when 'cent' values were overprinted on the sterling stamps for the American market? Du Pont does have an office in the UK, with no evidence of postage stamps on this cover; it is conjecture as to what office it came from. That said I do have a couple of covers with ties sterling issues sent from the USA. If any reader can explain as to

why this is can you please contact me ASAP!!

Date This

Figure 11 looks nothing special and I'm right, it is nothing special, just a plain South Australian 1d Railway parcel stamp. What makes it special is, it has been dated by the user. I would think 80% of rail issues from South Australia were badly cancelled, as were all the parcel stamps from other states. It's just nice to see a dated example.

Perfin Corner

Figure 12 appears to be just one of those unrecognizable Perfins. Other than the strip of 3 x 10c



Fig 7



Fig 11



Fig 9

Dave Elsmore

Queensland Stamp Duty issue has been cancelled 'Royal Insurance Company Limited' within a shield. Ok this is a giveaway but without the cancel one may have been scratching ones head for a while as the Perfin on the stamps are 'Co' and that's it! A quick look at the free on line Revenue Perfin Catalogue on Perfins.com.au tells us the full story of this Perfin and its continued usage up until just about all the pins fell out or were broken. Talk about get your moneys worth. From a revenue point of view the stamps are attached to a large piece of insurance document insuring something for £455 and a Diamond Ring for £60 and stamped in the UK! A rubber stamped notation stating the instrument must

be stamped as per the 'Australian Stamp Act'. Australian Stamp Act I here you say? Well I also had to have a double take on this one, as I have never heard of the 'Australian Stamp Act'. Studies continue, maybe you the reader can fill in the blanks here. From a Perfin point of view the duty stamps would have been perfined in Queensland and sent to the UK office for use.

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Fig 10



Fig 12



Fig 8