

Revenue Review

Heads Up

First up this month is a selection of revenues [figs 1-5], which will be up for grabs in May from Prestige Philately in Melbourne. Owner Gary Watson, tells me he will be auctioning off a fine revenue collection with material from all states including a nice selection of beer duty issues. Better items include, the first issue beers from Western Australia and South Australia.

The Revenues include some better items from WA [fig 5] and Queensland colour trials of the Edward issues with one presentation copy of the £500 Edward in Blue [fig 3] on unwatermarked paper with the large printed on black ring cancel [yes printed on not handstamped] especially done for inclusion in presentation packs.

Queensland Archives has a selection of the £500

all perfed in blue. As we know the issue colour for the £500 was red with just a single used copy surviving to date. I'm sure it is only a matter of time before others turn up.

The Edward stamp duty colour trials [fig 4] were prepared in horizontal rows, with one of each value within. Once the Commissioner had picked the value colours more horizontal 'strips' were prepared, but this time each value was in its chosen colour.

Dated

One of the problems with collecting embossed issues from all the Australian States is the fact that unrecorded values keep turning up! It can be frustrating to keep adding to the checklists and catalogues, but nonetheless it has to be done to keep on top of it. Figure 6 is no exception, not only is it



Fig 1



Fig 2



Fig 3

the rare dated die but it is also an unrecorded 13/- value. Keep your eyes peeled for these dated copies as they can be easily missed.

Big

Remainder sheets of I. R. issues on the 3d unissued from Western Australia were cancelled with the Perth canceller and sold off. Figure 7 is one of the largest I have recorded and as I write this, is up on eBay with a \$50 start price. I have a block of 9 3x3 with the same canceller. Does any reader have blocks of this issue, particularly in other values? If so please share them here.

Bigger

Last month I showed a nice part cover covered in Customs Duty revenues, with the seller stating it was

a world record. Figure 7 was sent to me squashing last months claim. Can you beat this?

Cinderella Club Books

Figure 9 from South Australia was found in the latest Cinderella Club book. Don't be fooled into thinking the Cinderella Stamp Club just deals in Cinderella's. It encompasses Revenues including Railway Parcel stamps, Bus tickets, ephemera etc. At present I run the Club Books on behalf of the Cinderella Club of Australasia. Generally books are sent in from members, then scanned page by page and placed on the Internet with a bulk email to the page links sent out to club members who have registered. Then it's a first reply first served basis.

This practice is now in its 3rd year. I do send a heads up email the day before so keen members, if



Fig 4



Fig 6

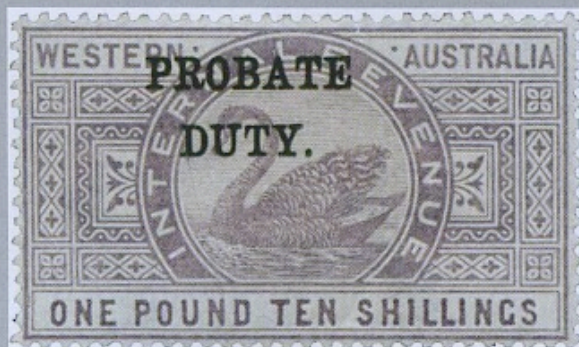


Fig 5

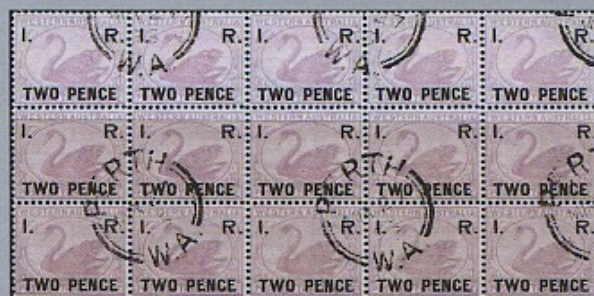


Fig 7

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quick, can grab the bargains. The books are usually the small schoolbooks with 20 pages filled and priced. All you pay is the price of the stamp plus postage. In the past these books have been posted around to members with one member posting them onto the next and so on. These Internet books save massive postage costs, not to mention saving the possibility of them going astray in the mail. Prices can be from a few cents to over \$100 per item. Figure 9 was priced at \$2 and could have been sold multiple times! Books are made up from member's spares. So if you are missing out and would like more information on this "not to be missed" event the club can be accessed from ozrevenues.com where I host its home page.

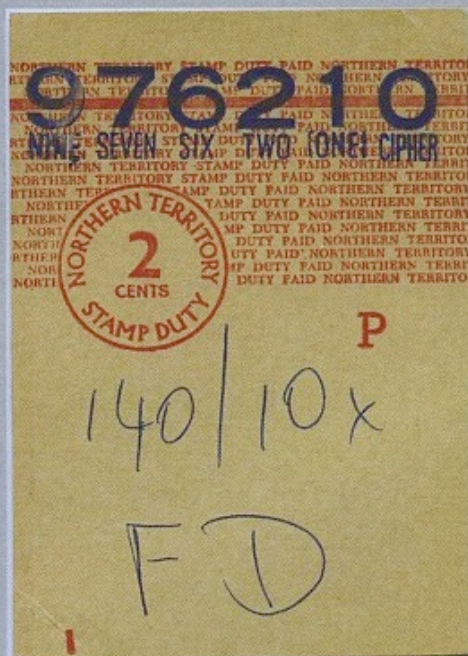
Cheap Bets

Some of you may have seen Betting Tax tickets from the Northern Territory before, but how many of you

have seen the early 1966 one with the 2c [fig 10] Stamp Duty? 99.9% of copies that have survived have the 5c stamp duty printed onto the ticket. Furthermore figure 10 has a different layout to the security printing under the numbers, with the left side showing every other line indented. Maybe this is just from the left side of the sheet of tickets prior to separating. Either way this is new to me. I show another 2c Betting Tax in my free online Commonwealth catalogue [accessed free from ozrevenues.com] if you wish to compare.

Guinness is Good

Figure 11 is one of those cracking items that turn up every 5 years. The one in figure 12 is an unusually clean copy. Most have much wear on them, as they are now 60 years old. Within the advertising booklet is much hype about Guinness. As with all of the copies that have survived, they carry the ½d import



Above: Fig 10

Left Top: Fig 8

Left: Fig 9

Dave Elsmore

duty on advertising in the form of a Customs Duty stamp. This ensures the advertised mail is delivered.

Tickets Please

As with most Railway & Tramways, in the early days they offered specials, like Picnic excursions. Souvenir tickets were produced as keep sakes. Figure 12 is one such 2d souvenir ticket from 'The Electric Supply Coy of Victoria Ltd Bendigo Tramways', to attend a Railway Picnic. Judging by the high 3384 number on the ticket you would think these would have high survival but alas not, this is the first I have seen from this tramway. This ticket is actually dual use as the reverse is a post card. I have seen a postally used 2d souvenir ticket from the Ballarat Tramway Co of the same era. Can you add any souvenir tickets or other values from other tramways or railways to the scant listing?

Perfin Corner

Figure 13 is one of those rare Perfins on a railways stamp from Western Australia. Until this 1/- value showed up it remained unrecorded on this value. In reverse you can read 'GDCo' for Goode, Durrant & Co who were local merchants in William St Perth. You can read all about this fascinating company in the free on line book of Revenue Perfins, accessed from Perfins.com.au. This 1/- turned up in Germany of all places, and one can only wonder just how do these items get so far from home.

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Above: Fig 13

Left Top: Fig 11

Left: Fig 12