Revenue Review

"The City and Suburban Parcel Delivery Bryce Ltd"

"The City and Suburban Parcel Delivery Bryce Ltd" began operations some time in 1887 from 134-136 Adelaide St Brisbane Queensland and finally closed its doors in the mid 50's. In 1888 it was re-registered as "Bryce and Battersby" In 1889 it was again reregistered as "Thomas Bryce and Co" and on 29 September 1900 it was reregistered again but back to "The City and Suburban Parcel Delivery Bryce Limited" when Thomas's [Thomas Bryce] brother John Menzies Bryce joined the business. Other partners were Thomas's wife Janet Bryce, Charles Woodhead & Alfred Faulkner. In 1950 it was re-registered as "Bryce Limited" until its demise under the directorship of Thomas Bryce Jnr. All stamps printed by lithography on plain unwatermarked paper. Several printers were used and have their imprint at the base of each stamp except the 1/- of the 1940 issue and the last 1950 issue.

First issue in 1887 was only around for a matter of months survival rate make these exceedingly rare [fig 1] Imperf [Top horse and carriage pointing left. This issue only] Printer: Outridge Printing Co Queen St Brisbane. 2 copies are known. I spotted the second copy in a recent auction 30 years after spotting the first copy, so at this rate if a copy comes up every 30 years it will always remain one of the gems of Queensland locals.

The second was issued in 1889 with a change of printer to Watson Ferguson and Co Queen St Brisbane, imperf. Again exceedingly rare [2 copies known]

1908 saw the third issue rouletted
7.5. The 4d included the phone
numbers. 4d, 9d & 1/-, 2-5 of each
known 3d recorded perf 10 x 12 - 1
known. 4d perf 10, 2 copies are known.
In 1910 a 9d was added to the series.

Fourth issue came in 1918 and ran till 1940 when a change of address and printer to Ann St Brisbane 1/-only recorded. Printer: Jackson and O'Sullivan 225 Adelaide St Brisbane Co Queen St Brisbane, By 1948 a new similar design was issued with name change to "Bryce Limited" Roulette 7 x perf 12½. The last issue in 1950 was Roulette 7.

Forged surcharges are known on the

1950 series after full sheets of surplus were sold to a collector who was later found to have printing blocks for the surcharges and sheets partly surcharged. Now days all Bryce private local revenues appear scarce to rare. Further reading can be found on my web site.

Commonwealth Beer Duty Update As you all know I have been updating the Australian section of John Barefoot's Commonwealth Revenue Catalogue from the UK, [see Revenue Review March 07 edition] and in doing so have been asking for your help in compiling a list of the Commonwealth beer duty surcharges. Many thanks to those of you who have taken the time to write to me. I have made a simple analysis of what I have seen and recorded.

Again if you can add to this please let me know as it is getting close to the printing cut off date for John.

Ham for Stamps

Very few dealers in Australia carry a good stock of revenues to feed our habit. Steve Hamilton of Hamilton's Stamps is the exception. He not only



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carries good stock but this is backed up with his website http://www. ham4stamps.com which always has specials. Alternatively you can drop Steve a line with your wants list to: Hamilton's for Stamps PO Box 4237 FORSTER NSW 2428, Steve has slowly been building his stock over many years. Steve tells me the trouble is, as soon as good material comes in, it goes out just as fast, which is typical with revenues. Steve mentioned he could sometimes sell a good item 10 times if only he had the stock. If you are thinking of parting with some of your gems, give Steve a call, he is fast turning into Australia's only specialist revenue dealer.

North Shore Steam Ferry Co

A Tasmanian reader has sent me a copy of the North Shore Steam Ferry Co and asks "is this private revenue or just a ferry ticket?" Well JB these tickets often turn up in old stamp collections

with collectors seeing the perforations and thinking they belong in the back of their book. There is little written about this 1860-1889 ferry service [fig 3] which ran from Sydney's Circular Quay to Milson's Point across the harbour. Fig 4 c1872 appears to be the most common; I have three colours from this issue, red, brown and a vellow ticket. The last of the tickets I have recorded is fig 5 c1885 where the fare had risen to 3d each way with the service extending to Neutral Bay. In 1889 after 29 years in service it became Sydney Ferries Ltd. All known tickets are printed both sides. I have shown both sides of the c1885 ticket. As these are receipts for a 'fee for a service' these tickets belong in your private revenues book. If any reader can add to the colours or listings can you please let me know.

No News Still no news from the Australian Society of Viticulture & Oenology re the Viticulture revenue I published in the June 07 edition of Revenue Review, as the Australian Society of Viticulture & Oenology are based in South Australia maybe a keen collector of that state can dig a bit further and let me know the outcome.

Good News

On the postal note front, they appear to be continually rising in price but only on eBay I was able to buy a Tasmanian note from Tasmanian Stamp Auctions last, for under \$100, but sales on eBay are going through the roof with standard 1940 issues selling for \$250 each. I noted a Victorian \$2 decimal note selling for \$500! I have found these notes in dealers junk boxes in the past.

Revenue Booklet

Finally for this month another unrecorded item has been shown to me by Richard Peck of Sydney. It is a booklet c1926 which had contained 30 x 2d Victorian duty stamps totaling

5/-. This is the first booklet I have seen containing duty stamps from any state and I wish to record it here. The inside covers, list the duty rates. Richard tells me he found it in a dealer's junk box for a pittance. If there's one, there must be more, keep you eyes open.

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Duty Rate	EKD	Value	Surcharge	Gallons Bottled	Colour
2/-	10/30	3/6	4/-	2	Green
2/-	11/8/31	3/8		"	44
1/10d	7/5/30	7/-	7/4d	4	Ochre
2/-	12/11/30	**	61	44	44
2/-	undated	**	8/3d		
2/-	2/6/30	10/6d	12/-	6	Dark Sienna
1/10d	11/6/30	14/-	14/8d	8	
2/-	10/30	16/-	44	8	Blue Green
2/-	17/12/30	14/-	16/- & 14/8d	8	44
2/-	1930	21/-	24/-	12	Mid Brown
2/-	10/30	22/-			- 64
1/10d	7/5/30	28/-	29/4d	16	Dark Blue
1/10d	2/30	44	32/-	**	**
2/-	4/9/30		32/- & 29/4d	**	44
2/-	23/12/30	29/4d	32/-	и	- 64
2/-	1/30	35/-	40/-	20	Black
2/-	1/10/30	35/-	40/- & 36/8d	4	44
2/-	15/9/30	42/-	48/- & 44/-	24	Orange
2/-	9/30	**	48/-		"
2/-	2/8/31	70/-	80/-	40	Blue Green
2/-	1/12/31	73/4d	"		**
1/9d	15/12/31	140/-	160/-	80	Violet Lake
-				Kegs	
4/7d	1942	20/-	30/-	10 Galls	Black
4/7d	3/3/43	34/-	77/11d	Kilderkin	Green
4/7d	13/12/44	24/9d	41/3d	9 Galls	Dark Blue