

Revenue Review

Outwards for Free

I have written about figure 1 & 2 before, very little has come to light since I last spoke on these revenues from Western Australia, other than I can now put a start and finish date to these issues. As we know the 'The Fremantle Harbour Trust Act, 1902' was accented on 11 December 1902. This Act included Outward wharfage fees within the State of Western Australia, these fees being collected by the Customs Department under arrangement with and on behalf of the Trust. This practice also continued when the department was taken over by the Federal Government. On 4 February 1907 amendments to the Act concerning Outward wharfage dues, were implemented so as "*All goods shipped over wharves or out of lighters to ports within the State [Western Australia] shall be free of wharfage fees*". So this series of rare revenues ran for a tad over 5 yrs with 6d being the minimum fee. Amazingly figures 1&2

are the only survivors to date. Maybe you have a few in your 'what are these' file, if so please share them here so we can record them.

What a Mess

They say there's one born every minute. Last months figure 1 was remnants of multiples of Victoria railway stamps used on an old suitcase with a value of zero! This month we look at more Victoria railway issues this time used on a parcel piece [fig 3]. This was on eBay for \$40 and was passed in, as one would expect, except the seller relisted it he next week with a \$20 start, the piece eventually selling for a tad under \$80. Amazing this made over \$10 in my book as the stamps are in just awful condition!

Tas Bits

Tasmania Stamp Auctions from Hobart sold some



Fig 1



Fig 2



Fig 3



Fig 4

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nice revenues in their last sale late in June. Figures 4 & 5 are just two of the better items. Figure 4 being a very nice piece of usage from Webster and Rometch Ltd a private bus company from Tasmania. Figure 5 being one of just 10 used newspaper wrappers carrying an impressed duty stamp. All 10 are philatelic but nonetheless rare.

Postal Rails

More on Tasmania, this time a postally cancelled railway stamp [fig 6], that being a railway parcel stamp obliterated with a postal cancel. Exceedingly rare usage. Any railway issue carrying a postal obliterator from Tasmania is rare and if you see any you had best dig deep and secure them, as they only turn up one in every 10 years.

Imperf Foil

Back to Victoria this time with a rather nice

Victorian 'foil' imperf between [fig 7] the actual railway parcel stamp and the receipt. This being auctioned by a Sydney firm and achieving around \$800 a couple of months ago. This imperf is the first I have seen and would like to record it here in Revenue Review. Nice to see this kind of material survive.

Q Rail

Queensland railway scarce station names continue to turn up. Figure 8 from 'Boyne Valley Junction' west of Gladstone is the first I have seen and would like to record it here in Revenue Review. It may pay you to recheck your stations and see if you have any from this station.

Beer

Another gem from Tasmania Stamp Auctions



Fig 5



Fig 6



Fig 7



Fig 8

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this time figure 9 a rather scarce beer duty from Tasmania. Recorded here for collectors to droll over. You do not get better than this for clean usage. As we know survival of beer duty issues from all states are scarce to rare to really rare to unique!

Tatts This

Tatts tickets do turn up in auction and I have recorded several in this column over the years. Figure 10 is no different except it is a rather nice £1 value with a 2/- 'tax box' very collectable indeed I hear you say, selling for a poultry \$22, bargain I hear you say. This is only the second £1 to surface both are red in colour but have different frames. Again I would like to record this here in Revenue Review.

Floater

Mike Mulroy from Western Australia [a Westie and avid revenue collector] sent in a very nice 'floating swan' revenue [fig 11]. I have seen a few floaters in my time but figure 11 is particularly nice. Maybe you have a few in your collection? If so share them here. You may also have a few 'Sunk Swans' to share.

Smooth as Velvet

Some surprising results in Velvet Collectables last Sydney auction, with a group of Victorian revenue lots fetching some tasty prices. Lot number 1402 bringing a surprising \$10,600 plus buyers against an estimate of just \$1000. The lot consisted of no less than 17 sets or 85 of the high value 1884 mono colours, all with pin holes. Lot number 1398 as a runner up fetching \$6100 plus buyers against



Fig 9



Fig 10



Fig 11

an estimate of \$1250. This lot contained better Victorian revenues, inc 6 clean copies of the 35/-, 51 x 45/-, £6 x 30, £9 x 29 etc etc 200+ in all, so lots of fun to be had here. If you are not on the mailing list for Velvet Collectables of Melbourne & Sydney your missing out so why not give Danny Jurd a call to get the next catalogue.

Perfin Corner

More new revenue perfin finds this month. Its hard to get that excited about a few holes but when something turns up that is unrecorded it can brighten your day. Figure 12 is no exception with a single 'M' punch. This being for James Moore & Sons Pty Ltd. Timber Merchants, Saw Millers & Importers of City Road South Melbourne. I do try and add new finds to Perfins.com.au as they come in. You may like to double check your Victorian

revenue Perfins and see if you have such a beast within your collection, if not this is the only one to surface so far.

Last but not least a very nice pair of embossed "Norwich Union Fire Office" revenues from New South Wales. I had only recorded the 2/- value with this security embossing and to add this 5/- pair [which sold in auction recently] is a nice addition to the very few recorded security embossed revenues that are recorded. Collecting these embossed security issues is a nice but challenging sideline to any revenue collection.

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Fig 12



Fig 13