

Revenue Review

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Starting off with figure one this month, is a 1d rouletted Tasmanian Government Railway. "Nothing special" I hear you say, except it is missing the Accountants circular handstamp, which is found on all these issues. It has a manuscript CANCELLED and what looks like initials of the canceller. Keep an eye out for any more of these, as they must be rare to have taken so long to surface.

GSB of WA

'The one must have' Western Australian revenue in your collection is the 'Government Savings Bank Duty Revenue'. Figure 2 is a rather nice used example, which showed up in auction. I have seen a few proofs and mint but used copies are hard to find. If you do see one, dig deep to fill that gap.

Swan Halves

Staying with Western Australia, figure 3 is new to me, [ok I know that rhymes]. It is what appears to be a split transfer going vertically up and splitting the swan in half. Maybe you have similar in your collection and if so please share them here.

Rare Rail

Victorian Railway early parcel stamp issues appear to always sell at high prices and figure 4 is no exception. This 1879 3/- with security grill background was up on eBay, with a 'buy it now' for a few hundred dollars. Needless to say it never saw an hours exposure and was snapped up.

Make your Mind Up

Back to Tasmania and Ross Ewington has sent me some scans [figs 5&6] of a couple of unrecorded



Fig 1



Fig 3



Fig 2



Fig 4

Tasmanian beer duties. These crackers will be auctioned off in one of Tasmania Stamp Auctions next sales. Figure 5 being a provisional, 1/3 [manuscript] on 1/8 on 1/3, this paying the 8 October 1901 3d per gallon rate. Figure 6 is the issued 1/3 on 1/8 on 1/3. Typical Government printer, using up old stock but making it fun for collectors of this material.

UK

Some time ago I showed figure 7 as a photograph, and have since been able to get hold of a much better scan of these rare 1899 New South Wales imperf Colour Proofs of the Clearance seals. The right vertical two were the issued colour red for Port of Sydney and Purple for the Port of Newcastle. The other 4 being colour trials. They were printed in Sydney by the New South Wales Government

Printer, by a single brass embossing die with woodcut background blue-green, and can be found used [fig8] which rarely turn up. Also found with SPECIMEN overprint on. Their job was as per the description on them, to seal packages coming into and going out of the said ports. Had these been inscribed say 2/6d then they would have been looked at closer by early students, but as they were blank of value, the interest was just not there. If you see one grab it at any cost!

Club Page

A couple of months ago I gave the Cinderella Club of Australasia a plug and thought I would give you a look at a sample page [fig 9] from one of their 'club books'. These are members spares and go onto the internet for sale. All you pay is the price of the stamp and postage, it's that simple. As you can



Fig 5



Fig 6



Fig 7

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see by figure 9 you can get quite a mix of Revenue Railways & Cinderellas.

Rare Cancel

Many of you reading this collect cancels. If not railway numerals on railway stamps then other delightful and sometimes quite spectacular cancels, figure 10 is no different it is an embossed cancel with a central hole to 'tie' it to a document. This is the first from the 'Insurance Office of Australia' to show up and is rare. These holey embossed cancels appear to be generic Queensland issues. I can only think that a company went around offering its services. Unlike say Victoria, that had many spectacular hole punch devices in several shapes, but not being accompanied by the embossed oval. Keep your eyes peeled for one of these beauties but be prepared to dig deep to acquire one.

Emergency Ration

For those of us who collect ration material from the wars figure 11 is a rather nice addition. These Emergency Petrol Ration tickets never turn up and when they do like they are keenly sought. A 2, 5 & 10 gallon turned up on eBay selling for around the \$250 each! Maybe you have the 100 gallon in your collection, if so please share a picture here.

Woodford

I think I showed a copy of the rare 15c New South Wales railway issue some years ago. Another turned up [fig 12] in the UK. I am yet to see a used copy of this 15c issue and if you have one in your collection can you please make contact with me.

Steam Ferry

As a keen collector of passenger tickets I have in my



Fig 10



Fig 11



Fig 9

Dave Elsmore

collection figure 13 which I acquired 20 odd years ago and am yet to see another. Passenger tickets fit into the ephemera line of train & toll tickets etc. Several rare survivors have come to light in the past 30yrs and have been ferreted away. It would be nice to see a few more come onto the market to allow new collectors to have a chance to buy and add to their collection. I would love to see any you may have.

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank one of my readers who sent me two small home made books that he had put together in the 1940's as a child which were packed with New South Wales railway stamps. He asked that I not even give acknowledgment for them, and if of no interest to 'throw in the bin'! As it happens, I was able to find

60 different station names within, some of which made it into my collection.

Perfin Corner

It's always nice to add to my Revenue Perfin collection and when figure 14 was pulled from a bulk lot that I had bought, was very pleasing indeed. Listed as NZ/IC.e in the free on line book of Revenue Perfins [found on Perfins.com.au]. This NZ.IC.e is the first from the Qld Edward series to turn up. Where there's one there must be more, keep your eyes peeled.

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Fig 8



Fig 13



Fig 12



Fig 14