

Revenue Review

Vic Foils

I wrote about this amazing find some years ago, which resurfaced in auction last month. The unique used 9d Victorian Railway foil IMPERF between [fig 1], [dated 23 April 1879 from Ballarat Railway Station] must have had at least one sheet containing a row of imperf between the Railway Stamp and the Receipt portion. This 9d from the first issue without control number. A fabulous item, which is in amazing condition. Figure two, showing usage of a foil pair reunited by an early collector.

London Bus

Like a London bus, they all arrive at once and figures 3&4 are no exception. Figure 3 turned up in an auction selling for a tad over \$1200. Nice

to see a pair of the £5 Financial Tax, which, in itself is a rare stamp. When I say rare, I guess I mean scarce, as several are known in collections, but this particular one is the glamour stamp of the series. I am lucky enough to have the only recorded specimen overprint set, until more turn up in the future! Figure 4 was by coincidence sent to me by John DiBiase. This fabulous item was sold by Mack Stamps many years ago. Alas the item has since been split up. I wonder just how many of the £5 have survived.

New Colour

Once upon a time you would get all excited about finding an error of colour. I still do, and did so when figure 5 [right stamp] was offered in auction by well



Fig 1



Fig 2



Fig 3

known, loved Tasmanian collector Greg Howard. Lots of theories shot around the email world in a flash, some saying 'this is just faded' others 'it's a colour changling' some even going to the lengths of putting regular 7d values in the sun to see if it will fade to this new discovery! Well after all was said and done it still comes back to being a new colour to list. Two possibilities spring to mind 1. Error of Colour. 2. Trial Colour. I'm opting for number 1, the error of colour, as it is very close to the 8d value. I could not see the printer purposely printing a new value so close to another colour. Either way it's a beauty and I would like to record it here in Revenue Review.

Mini

Nice to see a picture [fig 6] of a full sheet of the \$25

Victorian stamp duty. Unusually a small sheetlet of 10 stamps. It does not appear to have come from a possible booklet either. Maybe you the reader know more on these issues, and if so can you please share your information with us all here.

Visiting Qld

Dean Procter sent me a couple of rather nice items to record. Figure 7 a Queensland Visiting Motorist 'label' to registration No 111. Judging by the 3084, label number, one would think a few more would have survived. Dean also sent me figure 8, a 5/3d New South Wales Promissory Note, which I had not recorded, and would like to do so here in Revenue Review.



Fig 4



Fig 5



Fig 6

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Stamp It

Spied on eBay was figure 9, the South Australian Impressed duty for the 1½d diamond. There I was, thinking all the South Australian embossed instruments were safely tucked away in archives when this turns up. Makes you wonder just what else has leaked out and who leaked it!! Either way it is linings someones pockets.

More

Yes I apologise, more items clipped from Government files of Western Australia prior to the furnace being sold off by Dzelme in Phoenix Auctions. Figure 10 is just one of several lots being offered. I'm over it as there is so much

revenue material now out there from Western Australia, the prices can only go down not up!

Slow

Figure 11 sent to me by John DiBiase was purchased in a local auction, and I'm guessing NOT from the Dzelme massive hoard, but saved by a collector of the time. This has to be the largest out of register long swan I have recorded. It looks as if the swan is a bit slow in catching up with the frame!

More Wine

Last month I reported that Mossgreen auction house had unearthed a super Wine & Spirit document bearing a 1½d bi-colour from Western



Fig 7



Fig 9



Fig 8

Dave Elsmore

Australia. This eventually sold for \$1200 plus. Quite an amazing sum of money for a wine levy issue, and must take the record!

Perfin Corner

Figure 12 emanated from the Conrad Graham sale by Grosvenor Auction house in the UK. It was taken from a bulk lot purchased by a UK revenue dealer, and placed on eBay for sale. This is the first E.B./LTD.a [Elsmore Coath] to come to light on a railway stamp and I would like to record it here in Revenue Review. This found its way into the collection of a well-known Tasmanian Perfin collector, alas not finding its way to Qld!

E.B. standing for 'George Elliot' who migrated to Australia in the late 1840's with his two

brothers Frederick and James. In 1859 they took over Edward Youngman's wholesale druggists and dry salting business. They expanded into the production of a range of drugs and chemicals as well as the importation and sale of surgical instruments. In 1873 their venture became the private company Elliot Brothers Limited [E.B./LTD] and this became a public company in 1885. This railway stamp is from the 1891 issue.

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Fig 10



Fig 11



Fig 12