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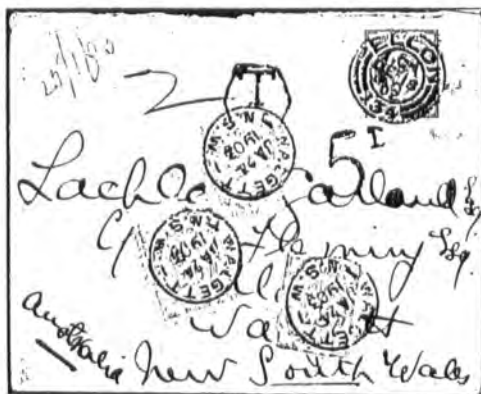
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THE R.P.S.V. INC. CENTENARY ESSAY COMPETITION

The Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria Inc. is pleased announces a philatelic research essay competition to be held in 1992, as part of the centenary celebrations of the Society. It is open to members and non-members without restriction.

The subject is **SURCHARGES AND OVERPRINTS BY MACHINE.**

Pen surcharges or handstamps involving only one or two stamps at a strike are not an acceptable subject for this competition. Entries, in English, should be not less than 3,500 words and should refer to one or more related stamps or issues. Entries should indicate what sections are claimed as original and should indicate method of study and its application to other philatelic problems.

A prize of \$500 Australian is offered.

Closing date for entries is 31 March 1992. The Society shall have until 31 January 1994 the first publication rights of all entries submitted. The full rules for the essay competition are set out below.

A similar competition was held in 1983, the subject being "lithography from stones" and attracted widespread interest, and yielded studies of Western Australia, Mauritius and New South Wales. The first of these was published as the fourth of the J.R.W. Purves Memorial Series in 1984.

RULES OF COMPETITION

As part of the centenary celebrations of The Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria Inc., a prize of \$500 Australian is offered for a research essay

to philatelic knowledge.

1. The subject of the paper is "Surcharges and Overprints", excluding those applied by hand, on postage, postal fiscal or related fiscal stamps.
2. The competition is open to all philatelists in Australia and abroad, who need not be members of the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria.
3. The paper should be not less than 3,500 words.
4. The paper must be substantially original and entries should indicate those portions not claimed to be original.
5. Papers submitted must be in English, typed double-space, with a margin of at least 2.5cm (1 inch) on the left side, and typed on one side of the paper only.
6. The winning entry must be suitable for publication as a serial or monograph - or both.
7. The Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria Inc. shall retain the publication rights for all entries, in either serial or monograph form, up to 31 January 1994.
8. Material described need not be in the ownership of the author, who must be a person, not a company or any other association.
9. Competing entries, with necessary photographs or diagrams, must be received in Melbourne by 31 March 1992, and should be addressed to The Publications Committee, Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria Inc., GPO Box 2071, Melbourne, Victoria 3001.
10. The prize may be withheld if no entry is deemed worthy of it.
11. The judges will be selected by the Council of the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria Inc. and their decision will be final. A judge of the competition may not be an entrant.
12. Submission of an entry shall be deemed to be an acceptance of these conditions.

THE STUDY OF SURCHARGES

By PETER JAFFE, F.R.P.S.,L.

Altering the face value of a postage or revenue stamp may involve the philatelist in a complex study, matching those in other printing studies.

The urgency of the need to surcharge, the skill and equipment of the printer, the climatic conditions may all be relevant. For example, how many "E's", figure "1's" or other units would be available, and how large a block could be surcharged at one time.

As examples of philatelic information probably non-existent and almost certainly unpublished, attention is drawn to :

Barbados 1878 1d on half 1873 five shillings, make-up of forme.

St. Lucia 1880? Half penny and Six pence local provisionals on green and blue 1863 stamps (6d and 4d), where date of issue, printing number and size and composition of formes are unknown.

St. Vincent 1881 ½d on half 1880 sixpence, make-up of column 10 on sheet of 60.

St. Vincent 1880 1d on half sixpence blue-green.

Ceylon. 1885 FIFTEEN CENTS on 1883 16c Wmk. Crown CA pale violet, position of variety with first "E" in smaller type (reported to be once in 120).

South Australia 1870 3-pence on 4d, the cause of broken letters in one stereo and if the defective six unit was retired.

South Australia. Numbers known and cancellation distribution of the TEN PENCE on 9d inverted and Crown SA watermark.

British Levant 1896 4 piastres on 10d. Is the position of large "4" known? (and is it connected to similar British Guiana 1888 varieties).



Ceylon 1885 FIFTEEN CENTS on 16c wmk. Crown CA with variety first "E" off "FIFTEEN" in different (smaller) font.



St. Vincent 1880 1/2d on half 6d unsevered pair from right of sheet (column 10) showing surcharge types not present in the right-hand column of the block of 36 surcharges used for the main body of the sheet.

And in overprints, a linked subject:

Montserrat on Antigua 1876 and subsequently, why did De La Rue produce two overprint formes and was one of 60, used twice on sheet (top and bottom), and another otherwise employed.

The study of penmarks on stamps relates to manuscript endorsements on entires as much as to pen surcharges found on Trinidad, Griqualand West and Straits Settlements among others, the basis is graphology, not printing. We may wish to ask who put dates on Antigua, Nevis, Dominica and St. Christopher, and if origin can be identified with "local post" stations.

Where ruled lines in ink are a part of printed surcharges, colour of ink, continuous or co-extensive lines or choice of normal nib or parcel nib, as in British Guiana, may provide clues.

Handstamped surcharges or overprints are to be studied with datestamps and other cancellations, even if designed to cover more than one stamp (St. Vincent 1915 involved two handstamps), because the doubles (whole or partial) are frequently only bounces.

DAVID HILL MEDAL AWARDED TO PETER JAFFE



The President, Mr John Macdonnell (left), presenting the David Hill medal to Mr Peter Jaffe. (Photograph courtesy of Mrs Patricia Jaffe).

At the Christmas 1989 meeting of the Society it was announced that the Council had awarded to Mr Peter Jaffe, F.R.P.S.,L., the David Hill medal. The medal was presented at the meeting to Mr Jaffe by the President, Mr John Macdonnell.

The David Hill medal is presented to individuals "for distinguished service, whether of a cultural or administrative nature, done in the cause of adult philately". Mr Jaffe is the ninth recipient of the award.

Mr Jaffe has served the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria in many capacities, and has been twice its President. Further afield, his researches into many areas of philately, especially the British West Indies with emphasis on St. Vincent, is well-known, and he has written extensively on this and other subjects. His collection of St. Vincent is the most decorated Australian collection of modern times in the international exhibiting arena, and is currently the only Australian collection qualified for the Class of Honour.

W.A. 4d LITHOGRAPH

A PLATED COPY FROM PRINTING STONE 1

By G.N. KELLOW



An interesting example of the Western Australia 4d lithograph in the deep dull blue shade of Printing Stone 1, cancelled by void grid in red, has been sighted through the courtesy of Mr Rodney A. Perry.

Stamps from Printing Stone 1 are rare and relatively few secondary varieties have been described. These include the three "rare" creased transfers ("PEICE", "AUSTRALIA" squeezed down, and "GE" and "CE" close) which, together with a few other secondary flaws are described and illustrated by Brian Pope in *Western Australia: The 4d Lithograph 1854-1864* (Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria, 1984). Most of these can be positioned within the intermediate stone of 60, and thus to one of four positions on the printing stone of 240.

The interest of this new example is that it shows portion of the marginal watermark and can be accurately positioned.

The stamp is No. 5 on the intermediate stone and shows two primary flaws: (i) dash of colour under "U" of "FOUR"; (ii) bulge on frame below "F" of "FOUR". This places the stamp as one of Nos. 5, 10, 15 or 20 in the top row of the printing stone.

The secondary flaws consist of a series of quite prominent white flaws: (i) in the lower left corner; (ii) in water over "UR" of "FOUR"; (iii) on upper part of swan's neck; and (iv) over "AGE" of "POSTAGE".

The stamp shows swan watermark sideways (head pointing down) with marginal line watermark and portion of the letters "STA" of "POSTAGE". Comparing this to the sketch of the sheet of watermarked paper on page 16 of Brian Pope's monograph, and bearing in mind the possible printing stone positions, this stamp is clearly No. 15 on the sheet.

This would seem to be the first report of the correct plating of a Printing Stone 1 stamp into the sheet of 240.

QUEENSLAND POSTAL HISTORY: FURTHER ADDENDA AND CORRIGENDA

By H.M. CAMPBELL, R.D.P., F.R.P.S.,L.

In my up-date article in the September 1990 issue, I said that in postal history the last word is never written. I never wrote a truer word, as since then I have had letters from Cliff de Goede, Ben Kauffman and Ken Moore, all with useful information. I have also noticed a few more gremlins that crept into the text, mainly omissions, which I shall take the opportunity to rectify. In addition, I have noted several new dates for T.P.O, datestamps in Max Bulley's collection.

Mr Kauffman suggested that the book should have been in loose-leaf form, so that amended pages could have been inserted. Some publications of the catalogue type may lend themselves to this format, but I am not sure that this applies to a book such as *Queensland Postal History*, if Ronald Butler is right in his Foreword in calling it the *vade mecum* of Queensland postal history, or the writer of the piece in the September *Philately from Australia* in calling it a standard text. These encomia do not mean that the last word has been written, but it does mean that if new pages had to be issued every time there were additions, this could prove rather expensive, with two sides of a sheet having to be reprinted for the sake of possibly half-a-dozen words. On the other hand, if the additions appear in an up-date article, owners of the book can make pencilled additions if they so desire. I also would be very surprised if this book is the last to be written on Queensland postal history, even if I am not here to see its successors. If an attempt were made to keep my book up to date by means of reprinted sheets in a loose-leaf publication, this might rather inhibit the prospective writer of a new book in deciding what style he (or she) should adopt. My feeling is that such a writer should choose his own style and arrangement, which could turn out to be better than mine.

Having said all this, I list below the new information and amendments that have come to light, and readers can make such use of them as they wish.

Chapter II

- p.16 In the rarity ratings at the end, under '95 C' add: '96 R'. (This was omitted in error).

Chapter VI

- p.66 In the third line, before 'TOLGA', add: '678'.

Chapter VIII

- p.87 (3) Great Northern Railway. In the second line it is stated that there is a short bar at each side of the datestamp. It has now been shown that these are in fact the figure '1', as Mr Kaufmann has sent me an illustration of an item in his collection with the figure '2' at each side. Unfortunately, like most of the figure '1's', there is only the month and day in the centre (SP 10) with no year date, so this does not help us in determining the period of use of the 'G.N. RAILWAY' hand-stamps.
- p.95 Mr de Goede has two newspaper wrappers cancelled with the '1' in triple circle of Brisbane Central, so '1 BRISBANE CENTRAL' should be added to the top of the page. Mr Kaufmann also mentions '1 (Brisbane)', without indicating the type, so this is probably another example. These items make it likely that the two examples of the handstamps of the Southern and Western Railway mentioned in the penultimate paragraph were used at Brisbane Central after the opening of the T.P.O.'s.

Chapter X

Mr Moore has shown me two more Railway obliterations used for postage:

- p.98 In the list of 10-bar postal type, after '17 (TARINGA)', add: '27 (BUNDAMBA)'.
- p.99 In the list of rectangular Railway obliterations used for postal purposes, after '550 (BRIGALOW)', add: '586 (MURRAY'S CREEK)'.

Chapter XI

- p.106 Add at foot: 'BUNDABERG. 30 x 4mm, straight line beneath (1907).'

Chapter XII

On page 109 of the book is an illustration of a handstamp 'PAID/ALL' in a circle, which was found on certain covers posted in Brisbane without stamp about 1894. I mention that this mark is similar to one found on some of the mail to the United States. I always thought that the latter 'PAID/ALL' marking was applied in the United States, but an article by Jock Fraser in the November 1990 *Sydney Views* clearly proves that it was applied in Brisbane, as the result of a convention negotiated between Queensland and the U.S.A., which came into operation on 1 January 1876.

Up until that date postage on mail from Queensland to U.S.A. could only be paid as far as the post office nearest to the address of the recipient, who was obliged to pay a fee of 2 cents to cover delivery from the post office to his address. The new Convention did away with this charge, Article 8 of which stated: "Every fully prepaid letter from one country to the other shall be plainly stamped with the words 'Paid All' in RED INK . . ." Brisbane and San Francisco were designated the Offices of Exchange, where the letters were evaluated and the appropriate markings placed on the cover. It is clear, therefore, that mail from

Queensland received the 'PAID/ALL' marking in Brisbane. Mr Fraser mentions that all the 'PAID ALL' handstamps he has seen are struck in black instead of the RED specified in the Convention, and that is also my own experience. However, neither of us has seen covers from the period 1876-82. When Queensland joined the U.P.U. in October 1891, the Convention was superseded, so the 'PAID/ALL' marking was no longer necessary on covers to U.S.A.; it was therefore available for use on internal mail of the type described earlier.

This Brisbane 'PAID/ALL' handstamp obviously deserves mention in another section of the book, probably in the chapter on Postal Rates, where the '2 Cents' charge also deserves mention.

Chapter XVI

- p.143 In Table B, opposite the date 'Feb. 1881' under *Via San Francisco*, add: '8d.' (The omission of this was a typographical error).

Chapter XVIII

- p.153 Mr Kaufmann records two c.d.s. with 'TELEGRAPH OFFICE' round the top and the name round the foot, for IPSWICH and TOOWOOMBA, illustrating the former, but they are on 3d or 9d stamps so could have come from telegrams.

Chapter XIX

- p.156 In the illustration of obliterators, Types 2 and 3 have been transposed; that captioned Type 3 should be Type 2, and the one shown as Type 2 should be Type 3.

Chapter XX

Messrs de Goede, Moore and Kaufmann have all contributed here, and also in the following chapter.

- p.165 1st column of List of Known Types, after '22', alter to: 1a (5½).
3rd column. After '54', alter to '1c (6½).'
- p.166 1st column. After '64', alter to 1d (5½).
2nd column. After '123', alter to '1f (5½).
After '136', alter to 1e (5½).
- p.168 1st column. After '383', delete the square brackets round '2a'.
After '388', alter to '2a (7)'.
After '562', delete brackets round '2b'.
3rd column. After '655', alter to '2a (6½).'
- p.170 In the list of numbers found on Commonwealth stamps, add: '740'.
- p.171 Delete the following from 'NNS', and add to 'RRRR': 22, 54, 64, 123, 136, 383, 388, 562, 655.
- p.173 To the list of Crown Seals found used as obliterators, add: 'CLERMONT'.

Chapter XXI

- p.175 Brisbane Type 8. Further to the addition in the September issue, Mr Kaufmann has now added Code Nos. 1, 4 and 5 (inverted).
- p.182 Toowoomba Hexagonal. Mr Kaufmann advises that the year in the fourth line is in two digits ('98' in his example).
- pp.182ff List of Names and Types:
- p.182 1st column. After 'ALBION', add: '6'.
 2nd column. After 'ARRAN', add: '6'.
 After 'AUGATHELLA', add: '5a'.
 Under 'BACK PLAINS, CLIFTON', add: BAJOOL 4b (4 dots),
 6 (in purple).'
 After 'BANANA', add: 3c (2 dots)'.
 At the end of the page, add: BARNES SCHOOL 3c'.
- p.183 1st column. After 'BIRDSVILLE', add: '6'.
 After 'BLACKWATER', add: '5b'.
 After 'BOGANTUNGAN', add: '5b (in black and purple)'.
 After 'BOONAH', add: '3b (in violet)'.
 After 'BOWEN', add: '5b'.
 After BUDERIM MOUNTAIN', add: '3c'.
 2nd column. After 'BURKETOWN', add: '5a'.
 After 'CABOOLTURE', add: '3c, 4b'.
 After 'CAMBOOYA', add: '5a'.
 Under 'CAMBOOYA', add: 'CAMOOWEAL 3c' (omitted in error).
 After 'CAPELLA', add: '6'.
 After 'CHARTERS TOWERS', add: '5b'.
 After 'CHILBERS', add: '5b'.
 After 'CHINCHILLA', add: '5a'.
 After 'CLARE', add: 'CLARKE RIVER 6'.
 After 'CLEVELAND', add: '5b'.
 After 'CLONCURRY', add: '5b'.
 Under 'COOKTOWN', add: 'COOLABUNIA 5b'.
 After 'COMET', add: '6'.
- p.184 1st column. After 'CORDALBA', add: '5b'.
 After 'CROYDON', add: '5a'.
 After 'CUNNAMULLA', add: '3b (year above month and day)'.
 After 'DALBY', add: '5a (in blue)'.
 After 'DRAYTON', add: '6 (in purple)'.
 After 'DUARINGA', add: '6 (in purple)'.
 After 'EMU VALE', add: '1a (2-digit year)'.
 After 'ENGELSBURG', add: '3c'.
 2nd column Under 'FAIRVIEW', add: 'FAIRYMEAD 6'.
 After 'FORTITUDE VALLEY', add: '4d'.
 After 'GAYNDAH', add: '5a'.
 After 'GERALDTON', add: '5b'.
 After 'GIN GIN', add: '3a'.
 After 'GOODNA', add: '5b'.

- p.185 1st column After 'GUNDIAH', add: '6'.
 After 'GYMPIE', add: '6 (in black and purple)'.
 After 'HARRISVILLE', add: '3a'.
 After 'HERBERTON', add: '6'.
 Under 'HIGHTVILLE', add: 'HILLGROVE 3c'.
 After 'HODGSON', add: '5a'.
 After 'INGLEWOOD', add: '5a'.
- p.185 2nd column Under 'JONDOWAIE', add: 'JULIA CREEK 6'.
 After 'JUNDAH', add: '5b'.
 After 'KINGAROY 4b, 5b (year in full), 6', add: '(all in both black and blue)'.
 Under 'KOORBOORA', add: 'KOOROONGARRA 5b'.
 After 'LAKESIDE', add: '4a'.
 After 'LANDSBOROUGH', add: '5a'.
 After 'LEYBURN', add: '3b'.
 Under 'LONGREACH', add: 'L. COOMERA 3a'.
- p.186 1st column After 'LOWOOD', add: '5b'.
 After 'MACKAY', add: 6 (in both black and blue)'.
 Under 'MAIDA HILL', add: 'MALAKOFF 5b'.
 After 'MAREEBA', add: '5b (year in full)'.
 After 'MILBONG', add: '5a'.
 After 'MILES', add: '5a (in blue)'.
 After 'MIRIAM VALE', add: '5b'.
 After 'MONTALBION', add: '5b'.
 Under 'MONTALBION', add: 'MONTVILLE 6 (in purple)'.
 2nd column Under MT CHALMERS', add: 'MOUNT CUTHBERT 6'.
 After 'MOUNT MORGAN', add: '5b (in black and blue)'.
 Under 'MUMBILLA', add: 'MUNBILLA 5b'.
 Under 'MURPHY'S CREEK', add: 'MURRAY'S CREEK 3c'.
 After 'MUTTABURRA', add: '5a'.
 After 'NAMOUR', add: '6'.
 After 'NORTH PINE', add: '3c (in red)'.
 Under 'NORTH ROCKHAMPTON', add: 'NORWOOD 3b'.
 After 'NUDGEN', add: '5b'.
 After 'OAKLEY', add: '6 (in blue)'.
 p.187 1st column After 'PARLIAMENT HOUSE', add: '5a'.
 Under 'PENTLAND', add: 'PETRIE 5b'.
 After 'PETRIE TERRACE', add: '5a'.
 Under 'PIMPAMA', add: 'PINBARREN 3c'.
 After 'RATHDOWNIE', add: '5b'.
 After 'RAVENSWOOD', add: '3c, 5a'.
 After 'RAVENSWOOD JUNCTION', add: '6'.
 Under 'REID RIVER', add: 'REID'S CREEK 6'.
 After 'RICHMOND', add: '5a'.
 2nd column Under 'SAPPHIRE', add: 'SARINA 5b'.
 Under 'SELHEIM', add: 'SELLHEIM 6'.
 After 'SHERWOOD', add: '6'.

- After 'SOUTH BRISBANE', add: '5b'.
 After 'SPRINGSURE', add: '5a'.
 After 'STOCK EXCHANGE', add: '6'.
 After 'SURAT', add: '5?'.
 After 'TALLWOOD', add: '5b'.
 After 'TAMBO', add: '5a'.
- p.188 1st column After 'TAROOM', add: '3c'.
 Under 'TATE TIN MINES', add: 'TELEMON CROSSING 3c'.
 After 'TEWANTIN', add: '5b'.
 After 'THALLON', add: '5b'.
 After 'TIARO', add: '3b'.
 After 'TINGOORA', add: '6'.
 After 'TORBANLEA', add: '5b'.
 Under 'TUMMAVILLE', add: 'TUNGAMUL 5b'.
- 2nd column After 'WOOLLOONGABBA', add: '6 (in blue)'.
 Under 'YATALA', add: 'YATESVILLE 3c'.
 After 'YEULBA 6', add: '(in black and blue)'.

Chapter XXII

- p.194 Type 8. Mr Kaufmann has shown me a postcard with this duplex used as a canceller, dated AU 16, 97.
- p.195 Type 11. I have had a report that one of these can be found with the datestamp portion used singly, but I have not yet had an opportunity to check this.

Chapter XXIII

- pp.203-5 Mr Kaufmann has sent me an illustration of a handstamp consisting of a double oval with, between the two ovals, 'REGISTRATION' 'BRANCH' round the top and 'BRISBANE' at foot; in the centre is the date in one line (17 NOV 02), preceded by the letter 'D'. I think this is a handstamp for internal use, and not intended for normal correspondence (Mr Kaufmann's example is on a pair of postage dues).
- p.205 MARYBOROUGH. Mr Kaufmann can put the earliest date back to February 1894.
- p.206 TOOWOOMBA. This is known in both black and blue.
- p.207 Two-line 'REGISTERED' handstamps:
 2nd column. Under 'FINCH HATTON', add: 'FOREST HILL'.
 Under 'ISISFORD', add: 'ITHACA'.
 3rd column. Under 'MONTALBION', add: 'MOOLOOLAH'.
 Mr de Goede also reports one for BETHANIA, which apparently became damaged, as it has the name, and above it in manuscript the word 'Registered'; traces of the line above the name are still visible (dated OC 23 05).

Oval handstamps. As mentioned in the book, these were probably not intended for normal postal use, some more of these have been reported (FORTITUDE VALLEY, ROCKHAMPTON, SOUTH BRISBANE, all without 'POST OFFICE'), but the first two are on postage dues, and the other is an unnecessary addition to a cover with numeral obliterator, datestamp and two-line 'REGISTERED'.

Chapter XXIV

- p.214 Type 5, No. 1. Latest date now January 1922.
 p.216 Type 4, No. 5. Mr Moore reports 'UP' for this, dated in April 1907.
 p.218 North Coast Railway. Type 1, No. 3. Mr Moore reports 'UP', dated January 1901.
 Type 2, No. 3(b). Early date now October 1920.

Chapter XXV

- p.221 Under 'Bingara Plantation', add:
 'Blackfellow's Gully 1888-92, 1897+ MS ('B F Gully') 1910
 Cania. Late date 1909.
 Cordalba. Dates 1893-96 (with Childers c.d.s.).
 Under 'Erapah Creek', add: 'Eromanga 1892-1902 MS ?
 At foot add: 'Kyabra 1882-1907 MS ?'
 p.222 Langmorn. Dates now 1905-09.
 Under 'Langmorn', add:
 'Marathon 1903-11 MS (with Richmond c.d.s.) 1906+
 San Jose. Early date now 1894.
 Toolooa. Early date now 1899.
 pp.224-6 Mr Kaufmann has shown me an illustration of a 'PAID' marking used at MARYBOROUGH, which is unlike any other. It is a framed circle 24½mm in diameter, with 'PAID' round the top, 'MARYBOROUGH' round the foot, and a rectangle of four dots at each side. In the centre is the date in two lines (JA 21 over 05). This will have to be Type 9.
 Mr Kaufmann also illustrates a double-oval handstamp, but smaller than Type 4(a) and (b), the outer oval being 29mm at its widest. Between the ovals it has 'PAID' at the top, 'QUEENSLAND' round the foot, and rosette stops at the sides. Across the centre the date is in one line (15 MAY 01). This was probably used at the G.P.O., but I am uncertain what its actual use would have been.

Appendix 1

- p.261 After '678', delete '?' and add: 'TOLGA'.

Appendix 6

This Appendix should be entitled 'Frank Stamps', as an item shown me by Mr

Moore proves that the statement that "no other Frank Stamps were used in Queensland" is incorrect. The Exhibition Frank could be dealt with in a sub-section headed '1', and this new item should be headed '2. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE'.

This Frank Stamp was described to me by Mr Moore, and it is also illustrated in the November 1990 *Sydney Views*. It is quite unlike the Exhibition Frank, or for that matter unlike any of the Franks used in Victoria, Tasmania and Western Australia. It consists of a triple oval, two outer and one inner, the outermost measuring 42 x 30mm. Between the two inner ovals is 'GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE' round the top, 'QUEENSLAND' at foot, and a rectangle of four dots at each side. Across the centre is the date in one line within a rectangle, of which the two verticals are broken by semi-circles with stops at the centre. Above the rectangle is 'FRANK', and 'STAMP' beneath.

The Frank is struck in violet on part of what appears to be a wrapper for Parliamentary Papers, as at the top is what appears to be the 'S.' of 'O.H.M.S.', and beneath that is '. . Y PAPERS'. The date on the Frank is '21-JUL-93'. Very few of these wrappers would have survived, but now that this example has come to light, others may come out of the woodwork.

General Index

p.314 2nd column After 'Roeszler, E.G. &', substitute 'Son' for 'Co.' at top, and add: '63, 129, 181'.

Location Index

As a result of all the above information, there would be a good many additions here, but I shall not try to bring this index up to date at this time.

There could be more material to come, as there are some reports that do not seem to fit, and I have asked to see them.

R.P.S.V. EXPERT COMMITTEE

A new schedule of fees has been introduced for Certificates issued by the Expert Committee of the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria. In future, each Certificate will be \$30. In addition, payment of postage both ways must be borne by the collector requesting expertisation. Members of the Royal Philatelic Society still receive one free certificate each year, but in these instances also postage is payable. The Expert Committee provides opinions on most Australasian stamps. Further information, and material for expertisation, should be submitted to the Secretary of the Expert Committee, Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria, GPO Box 2071, Melbourne, Vic., 3001.

AN UNRECORDED VARIETY OF THE VICTORIA 2d EMBLEMS

By G.N. KELLOW

Mr Rodney A. Perry has shown me a previously unrecorded variety of the Victoria 2d Emblems printed on vertically laid paper.

The first printing of the 2d Emblems was made by Samuel Calvert in May 1857. This was in two shades – pale lilac and grey-lilac – on unwatermarked wove paper. These were largely issued imperforate, but also occur rouletted 7-9, and rarely perf. 12. No further printing of the 2d stamp was required until June 1858, by which time Calvert's fall from grace had occurred and the new contractor was Mr F.W. Robinson. He printed 2,500,080 2d stamps in the latter half of 1858; 60,000 were delivered in the June quarter, and the balance in the September quarter. These stamps were all printed on laid paper in three shades – brown-lilac, violet, and dull violet, and the whole supply was rouletted 5½-6½. The first shade is found on both horizontal and vertical laid papers. All three shades are quite unlike the earlier Calvert shades.

The new discovery comprises a stamp printed on vertically laid paper and rouletted 5½-6½ (both Robinson printing characteristics), but in the exact shade of the pale lilac Calvert printing. The stamp is used together with a 4d Emblems and 3d Half-Length on a cover sent from Melbourne to Glasgow on 16 October 1858. There is no evidence of any fading or other treatment of the stamp.

There would seem to be three possibilities for this stamp's existence:

(1) a very small printing by Robinson which matched the shade of the earlier Calvert printing.

(2) the dull violet shade only occurs on horizontally laid paper. Although the shade of the stamp under discussion is rather unlike the dull violets, it could be a variant of this printing printed on a sheet of laid paper turned sideways to create a vertical laid variety. The same occurrence resulted in the rare 4d Emblems roulette on horizontal laid paper (SG 80).

(3) a proof by Calvert, subsequently rouletted by Robinson and put into stock. Although the paper matches that of Robinson, it must have been a locally-available variety since the contractors had to supply their own stock. The 1d Emblems is known as a proof impression printed by Robinson on a bluish laid paper.

POSTCARDS OF THE QUEENSLAND INTELLIGENCE AND TOURIST BUREAU, 1907-1915

(Continued from December 1990, page 97)

By the late PHIL COLLAS, M.B.E., F.R.P.S.,L.

B4; Type as Fig. 20

- Johnstone River. N. Q'land. Col. AS.blue. 2 cards. (a) Pub. 'The climate and scenery of Queensland attract thousands of tourists every year.'; (b) Pub. 'The number of cattle in Queensland in 1911 was 5,073,201.'
- Kaffir Corn Growing at Biggenden. B.&W. AS.orange-brown. Pub. 'Queensland produced 14,494 tons of copper in 1909.'
- Kamerunga State Nursery. Green. AS.red. Pub. 'The quantity of butter produced in Queensland in 1908 was 23,838,357 lb.'
- Kamerunga State Nursery, near Cairns, North Queensland. B.&W. AS.brown. Pub. 'The estimated population of Queensland is 578,548 persons.'
- Lagoon on Jimbour, Darling Downs, Southern Queensland. B.&W. AS.blue. Pub. 'Queensland is the largest meat producer in the Commonwealth of Australia.'
- Lake Eacham. Green. 6 cards. (a) AS.blue. Pub. 'Queensland has large areas of fertile land open for selection on the most liberal terms.'; (b) AS.blue. Pub. 'Queensland is 5½ times larger than Great Britain and Ireland, 3 times the size of France, and exceeds the area of any country in Europe, except Russia.'; (c) AS.chocolate, (d) AS.red, (e) AS.claret. Pub. 'The value of Queensland's exports in 1908 was £14,194,977.'; (f) AS.red. Pub. 'Blessed with a regular rainfall, and varied climates, Queensland can grow almost every kind of product.'
- Lake's Creek Meatworks, Rockhampton. Green. AS.blue. Pub. 'Queensland is the largest meat producer in the Commonwealth of Australia.'
- Lion Island, North Queensland. Green. AS.blue. Pub. 'The death-rate per 1,000 in Queensland in 1912 was only 10.86.'
- Loading Bananas, Johnstone River, N.Q. Co. AS.blue. 4 cards. (a) Pub. 'Blessed with a regular rainfall, and varied climates, Queensland can grow almost every class of product.'; (b) Pub. 'Area under wheat in Queensland in 1911, 12,962 acres; yield, 285,109 bushels; valued at £49,894.'; (c) Pub. 'The sugarcane harvested in Queensland in 1911 totalled 1,543,451 tons, valued at £1,107,451.'; (d) Pub. 'Queensland's fruit crop in 1912 returned £365,177 from 181,556 acres.'
- Lr Dags Falls, Killarney, Darling Downs, Q'land. Co. AS.blue. Pub. 'The sporting tourists can obtain plenty of fishing, shooting, hunting, etc. in all parts of Queensland.'
- Main Street, Allora, Darling Downs, Q'land. Col. AS.blue. 2 cards. (a) Pub. 'The sugarcane harvested in Queensland in 1911 totalled 1,543,451 tons, valued at £1,107,451.'; (b) Pub. 'Area under wheat in Queensland in 1911, 12,962 acres; yield, 285,109 bushels; valued at £49,894.'
- Maroochy River. N.C. Line. Green. AS.blue. Pub. 'In 1911 nearly 15,000 migrants from Great Britain and Europe settled in Queensland.'

- Maroochy River, North Coast Railway. B.&W. 2 cards. (a) AS.orange-brown. Pub. 'Queensland produced 756,577 tons of coal in 1909.'; (b) AS.red. Pub. 'The number of sheep in Queensland in 1909 was 19,593,791.'
- Maryborough, Qld. Green. AS.blue. Pub. 'Queensland produced 242,837 tons of raw sugar in 1913, valued at £3,520,000.'
- Mary River at Maryborough, North Coast Railway, South Queensland. B.&W. 3 cards. (a) AS. olive. Pub. 'Queensland produced 134,584 tons of sugar in 1909.'; (b) AS.pale orange, (c) AS.rose. Pub. (b) and (c) 'The value of minerals produced in Queensland to the end of 1909 was £92,262,508.'
- McDowall Street, Roma, West Queensland. Green. AS.blue. Pub. 'Area under wheat in Queensland in 1913, 132,655 acres; yield, 1,769,432 bushels; valued at £442,358.'
- Mellum Creek Falls. Green. AS.rose. Pub. 'The number of sheep in Queensland in 1909 was 19,593,791.'
- Mervyn Creek, N Queensland. Green. AS.blue. 22 cards. (a) Pub. 'Constant work at the highest wages can be obtained in Queensland.'; (b) Pub. 'There are vast areas of agricultural and mineral country in Queensland awaiting development.'
- Mervyn Creek, North Queensland. Green. AS.blue. Pub. 'There are vast areas of agricultural and mineral country in Queensland awaiting development.'
- Millstream Falls, Cairns, N.Q. Col. AS.blue. 3 cards. (a) Pub. 'Queensland has been aptly termed "The Winter Paradise of Australia".'; (b) Pub. 'Queensland has a wealth of timbers of great commercial value'; (c) Pub. 'Queensland produced 27,858,535 lbs of butter in 1911, valued at £1,242,555.'
- Moolboolaman, Mount Perry. Green. AS.blue. Pub. 'For wealth of natural scenery Queensland stands unequalled in the Commonwealth.'
- Mount Perry. Green. AS.blue. Pub. 'Total value of all minerals produced in Queensland to date, £107,767,020.'
- Neil Street, Toowoomba. B.&W. AS.red-brown. Pub. 'The maize crop in Queensland has averaged 22 bushels per acre for the last 20 years.'
- Neil Street, Toowoomba, Darling Downs, South Queensland. B.&W. AS.orange. Pub. 'Queensland is twice the size of New South Wales and eight times the size of Victoria.'
- Nicholas Street, Ipswich. B.&W. AS.red. Pub. 'There were 519,969 horses in Queensland in 1908.'
- North Ward, Townsville, North Queensland. B.&W. AS.blue. Pub. 'The death rate per 1,000 in Queensland was the second lowest in Australia, and lower than New Zealand during 1907.'
- On a Queensland Sheep Station. B.&W. 2 cards. (a) AS.brown. Pub. 'The value of minerals produced in Queensland to the end of 1909 was £92,362,508.'; (b) AS.dark brown. Pub. 'The maize crop in Queensland has averaged 22 bushels per acre for the last 20 years.'
- On Blackall Range, N.C. Line. Col. AS.blue. Pub. 'Queensland has a wealth of timbers of great commercial value.'
- Orchard, Mapleton, Blackall Range, N.C.R. Green. AS.blue. 3 cards. (a) Pub. 'Blessed with a regular rainfall, and varied climates, Queensland can grow almost every class of product.'; (b) Pub. 'Queensland produced 136,878,270 lbs of wool in 1912, valued at £5,561,000.'; (c) Pub. 'in 1912, Queensland had 844,420 acres under cultivation; 668,483 acres under crops.'
- Overlooking Woombye, North Coast Line, South Queensland. Green. AS.blue. Pub. 'Blessed with a regular rainfall, and varied climates, Queensland can grow almost every class of product.'
- Palm Avenue. Botanic Gardens, Rockhampton. B.&W. AS.rose. Pub. 'The estimated population of Queensland is 558,237.'
- Papaw Tree. Green. AS.blue. Pub. 'Blessed with a regular rainfall, and varied climates, Queensland can grow almost every class of product.'
- Parliament Houses, Brisbane. B.&W. Pub. 'The death rate per 1,000 in Brisbane is lower than in any other Australian capital.' 2 cards. (a) AS.light brown; (b) AS.red-brown.
- Paw Paws, Marburg. Green. 5 cards. (a) AS.red. Pub. 'Queensland produced 14,494 tons of copper in 1909.'; (b) AS.blue; (c) AS.rose. Pub. (b) and (c) 'Queensland has the largest railway system in Australia; lines open for traffic, 4,606 miles.'; (d) AS.blue. Pub. 'There were 618,954 horses in Queensland in 1911.'; (e) AS.blue. Pub. 'In 1912, over 7,000 immigrants from Great Britain and Europe settled in Queensland.'

- Petrie's Bight, Brisbane. B.&W. AS.red-brown. Pub. 'The estimated population of Queensland is 578,548 persons.'
- Petrie's Bight and Custom-House, Brisbane. B.&W. AS.brown. Pub. 'Queensland produced 14,698 tons of copper in 1908.'
- Petrie's Bight, showing River and Custom House. B.&W. AS.brown. Pub. 'The area of Queensland is 429,120,000 acres.'
- Pineapple Farms, Redland Bay near Brisbane. Green. AS.blue. Pub. 'Queensland's fruit crop in 1913 returned £400,131 from 18,335 acres.'
- Pineapple Plantation, Cardwell. B.&W. Pub. 'The death rate per 1,000 in Queensland was the second lowest in Australia, and lower than New Zealand during 1907.' 2 cards, (a) AS.grey, (b) AS.light brown.
- Pineapples growing at Woombye. B.&W. 2 cards. (a) AS.red. Pub. 'Queensland harvested 1,163,569 tons of sugar cane in 1909.'; (b) AS.light brown. Pub. 'The number of sheep in Queensland in 1909 was 19,593,791.'
- Pineapples, Ormiston. Green. AS.blue. 2 cards. (a) Pub. 'Queensland has been aptly named "The Winter Paradise of Australia."'; (b) Pub. 'Queensland's fruit crop in 1912 returned £365,177 from 18,556 acres.'
- Preparing to muster cattle, Strathmore Station, Bowen District. North Queensland. Green. AS.blue. Pub. 'There were 707,265 horses in Queensland in 1913.'
- Queensland University, Brisbane. B.&W. AS.red. Pub. 'The value of minerals produced in Queensland to the end of 1908 was £88,705,955.'
- Queen Street, Brisbane. B.&W. AS.green. Pub. 'There is only one person to every 740 acres in Queensland.'
- Queen Street, Brisbane, looking south west. Green. AS.blue. Pub. 'The population of Queensland is 660,158 exclusive of aborigines.'
- Queen Street, from Wharf Street, Brisbane. (Note: 'u' of 'Queen' is missing). B.&W. AS.brown. Pub. 'The total value of manufactures in Queensland during 1907 was £11,106,979.'
- Race-horses, Logie Downs, W. Q'land. Green. AS.blue. Pub. 'Overseas trade in 1911: imports, £6,212,588; exports, £8,389,284; total, £14,601,872.'
- Rocky Creek, Atherton District. Green. AS.blue. Pub. 'The sporting tourist can obtain plenty of fishing, shooting, hunting, etc. in all parts of Queensland.'
- Ruthven Street, Toowoomba. B.&W. AS.rose. Pub. 'The total quantity of wool produced in Queensland during 1908 was 110,546,677 lb.'
- Sandgate - The Brighton of Queensland. Green. AS.blue. Pub. 'The death rate per 1,000 in Queensland in 1913 was only 10.39.'
- Scene at Noosa Heads, N.C. Line. Col. AS.blue. Pub. 'For wealth of natural scenery, Queensland stands unequalled in the Commonwealth.'
- Scene in the Botanic Gardens, Maryborough. B.&W. AS.red. Pub. 'The death rate per 1,000 in Brisbane is lower than in any other Australian capital.'
- Scene on Emu Creek, D. Downs. Col. AS.blue. 3 cards. (a) Pub. 'Queensland produced 173,296 tons of sugar in 1911, valued at £1,940,765.'; (b) Pub. 'The number of cattle in Queensland in 1913 was 5,322,033.'; (c) Pub. 'Queensland is the largest meat producer in the Commonwealth of Australia.'
- Scene on the Maroochy River, South Queensland. B.&W. 2 cards. (a) AS.orange. Pub. 'There is only one person to every 740 acres in Queensland.'; (b) AS.green. Pub. 'The area of Queensland is 429,120,000 acres.'
- Scene on the picturesque North Coast Railway, South Queensland. B.&W. AS.orange. Pub. 'The value of minerals produced in Queensland to the end of 1909 was £92,362,508.'
- Scrub Scene in North Queensland. B.&W. Pub. 'Queensland produced £3,656,564 worth of minerals in 1909.' 2 cards. (a) AS.orange-brown, (b) AS.rose.
- Scrub Scene, Mulgrave District, N. Queensland. Green. AS.blue. Pub. 'Queensland has a wealth of timbers of great commercial value.'
- Sheep Dipping, Jondaryan, D. Downs, S. Q'land. Green. AS.red. Pub. 'Queensland produced 10,758,963 lbs. of bacon and hams in 1910, valued at £403,500.'

- Sheep Station, Rodney Downs, Cent. Queensland. Green. AS.blue. 3 cards. (a) Pub. 'Queensland's fruit crop in 1912 returned £381,840 from 18,450 acres.'; (b) Pub. 'Queensland produced 136,878,270 lbs. of wool in 1912 valued at £5,561,000.'; (c) Pub. 'The number of sheep in Queensland in 1912 was 20,310,036.'
- Sheep yarded for shearing, Claverron Station, West Queensland. Green. AS.blue. Pub. 'The number of sheep in Queensland in 1913 was 21,786,000.'
- Sleeper Getting, N.C. Rly., S. Q'land. Green. 2 cards. (a) AS.rose. Pub. 'The value of minerals produced in Queensland to the end of 1909 was £92,362,508.'; (b) AS.blue. Pub. 'Queensland has a wealth of timbers of great commercial value.'
- Southport. Green. 4 cards. (a) AS.rose. Pub. 'Queensland harvested 1,163,569 tons of sugar cane in 1909.'; (b) AS.blue. Pub. 'The primary industries in Queensland in 1911 were valued at over £20,000,000.'; (c) AS.red. Pub. 'Queensland has been aptly named "The Winter Paradise of Australia".'; (d) AS.rose. Pub. 'The number of sheep in Queensland in 1909 was 19,593,791.'
- Stacking Canary Seed, Hamilton Downs, Q'land. Green. AS.rose. Pub. 'The area of Queensland is 429,120,000 acres.'
- Stony Creek, Cairns Railway. Green. AS.blue. 2 cards. (a) Pub. 'Queensland has been aptly named "The Winter Paradise of Australia".'; (b) Pub. 'The sporting tourist can obtain plenty of fishing, shooting, hunting, etc. in all parts of Queensland.'
- Stony Ck. Falls, Cairns, N.Q. Green. 4 cards. (a) AS.rose. Pub. 'Queensland produced 134,584 tons of sugar in 1909.'; (b) AS.rose. Pub. 'Queensland's fruit crop in 1910 returned £363,018 from 15,153 acres.'; (c) AS.red. Pub. 'Queensland produced 861,202 fine ounces of silver in 1910, valued at £92,685.'; (d) AS.blue. Pub. 'Queensland produced 549,015 fine ounces of silver in 1911, valued at £56,305.'
- Stony Creek Falls and Bridge, Cairns Railway, North Queensland. Green. As.blue. Pub. 'Queensland has the longest railway system in Australia: lines open for traffic to July 20, 1914, 5,031 miles.'
- Surf Bathing, Emu Park, Central Queensland. B.&W. AS.green. Pub. 'Queensland produced 756,577 tons of coal in 1909.'
- Surprise Creek, Cairns Railway. B.&W. 2 cards. (a) AS.orange-brown. Pub. 'The value of minerals produced in Queensland to the end of 1909 was £92,362,508.'; (b) As.red. Pub. 'Queensland produced 14,494 tons of copper in 1909.' (V)
- Tapping a Rubber Tree, Kamerunga Nursery, near Cairns, N.Q. B.&W. AS.green. Pub. 'Queensland is twice the size of New South Wales and eight times the size of Victoria.' (V)
- The Barron Falls in Flood (660 Ft. high), Cairns Railway, North Queensland. B.&W. AS.orange. Pub. 'The average amount to credit of each depositor in Queensland banks is higher than in any other State.' (V)
- The Barron Gorge, Cairns Railway, North Queensland. Green. AS.blue. Pub. 'For wealth of natural scenery, Queensland stands unequalled in the Commonwealth.'
- The Brisbane Grammar School. Green. As.rose. Pub. 'Queensland produced £3,656,654 worth of minerals in 1909.'
- The Central Railway Station, Brisbane. B.&W. AS.olive. Pub. 'Queensland produced 134,584 tons of sugar in 1909.'
- The Condamine, Warwick, Q. Green. 2 cards. (a) AS.rose. Pub. 'There were 4,711,782 cattle in Queensland in 1909.'; (b) AS.blue. Pub. 'Area under maize in 1911, 153,916 acres, yield, 3,637,562 bushels, valued at £454,695.'
- The Family Group in the picturesque Hinchinbrook Channel, North Queensland. Green. AS.blue. Pub. 'The death rate per 1,000 in Queensland in 1913 was only 10.39.'
- The Treasury. Green. 4 cards. (a) AS.red. Pub. 'Queensland, the land of boundless resources, bountiful harvests, rapid progress, general prosperity.'; (b) AS.blue. Pub. 'The sugarcane harvested in Queensland in 1910 totalled 1,840,447 tons valued at £1,262,213.'; (c) AS.blue. Pub. 'Condensed milk manufactured in Queensland in 1911 totalled 6,227,519 lbs valued at £138,513.'; (d) AS.blue. Pub. 'Education is free and compulsory in Queensland. Amount spent on education in 1912, £552,921.'
- Town Hall, South Brisbane. B.&W. AS.red-brown. Pub. 'Queensland is twice the size of New South Wales and eight times the size of Victoria.' (V)

- Tully Falls, Herberton, N.Qld. Green. AS.blue. Pub. 'Queensland has been aptly termed "The Winter Paradise of Australia".' (V)
- Tully Falls, near Herberton, N.Qld. Green. AS.blue. Pub. 'Queensland has been aptly termed "The Winter Paradise of Australia".' (V)
- 'Two Brothers' Stanthorpe. Green. AS.blue. Pub. 'Overseas trade in 1912, imports, £7,456,717; exports, £9,209,454; total, £16,666,371.'
- Upper Stony Ck. Falls, Cairns. Green. AS.rose. Pub. 'The maize crop in Queensland has averaged 22 bushels per acre for the last 20 years.' (V)
- Victoria Bridge. Brisbane. B.&W. Pub. 'The maximum temperature in Brisbane during 1907 was 96.2 degrees.' 3 cards. (a) AS.brown; (b) AS.red-brown; (c) AS.grey.
- View at Thursday Island, North Queensland. B.&W. AS.blue. Pub. 'The total value of manufactures in Queensland during 1907 was £11,106,979.'
- View from Tunnel, Cairns Railway. Green. AS.red. 3 cards. (a) Pub. 'The average amount to credit of each depositor in Queensland banks is higher than in any other State.'; (b) Pub. 'Queensland has large areas of fertile land open for selection on the most liberal terms.'; (c) Pub. 'The quantity of butter produced in Queensland during 1908 was 23,838,357 lb.' (V)
- View in Botanic Gardens, Toowoomba, B.&W. AS.rose. Pub. 'The value of goods imported to Queensland in 1908 was £9,471,166.'
- View in Gindie State Farm. Green. AS.blue. Pub. 'Queensland has large areas of fertile land open for selection on the most liberal terms.'
- View of B'bane River from Bowen Terrace. Col. 3 cards. (a) AS.blue. Pub. 'Queensland is the largest meat producer in the Commonwealth of Australia.'; (b) AS.red. Pub. 'Queensland produced 31,258,333 lbs of butter in 1910, valued at £1,333,800.'; (c) AS.blue. Pub. 'Overseas trade in 1912: imports, £7,456,917; exports, £9,209,454; total, £16,666,371.'
- View of Brisbane from Observatory. B.&W. 2 cards. (a) AS.red. Pub. 'There is only one person to every 740 acres in Queensland.'; (b) AS.brown. Pub. 'The export value of Queensland's pastoral products in 1909 was £8,276,598.'
- View of Gladstone Harbour, Central Queensland. Green. AS.blue. Pub. 'Overseas trade in 1913: imports, £6,714,942; exports, £12,352,748; total, £19,067,690.'
- View of Gympie. B.&W. AS.red. Pub. 'The quantity of sugar produced in Queensland during 1908 was 151,098 tons.'
- View of Gympie, North Coast Railway, South Queensland. B.&W. AS.orange-brown. Pub. 'Queensland produced 134,584 tons of sugar in 1909.'
- View of Gympie, Southern Queensland. B.&W. AS.chestnut. Pub. 'Queensland produced 14,695 tons of copper in 1908.'
- View of Harbour and Jetty, Bowen, N. Qld. Green. AS.blue. Pub. 'Overseas trade only in 1913: imports, £6,714,942; exports, £12,352,748; total, £19,067,690.'
- View of Killarney, Southern Queensland. B.&W. AS.brown. Pub. 'There is only one person to every 740 acres in Queensland.'
- View of Warwick, Darling Downs, South Queensland. Green. AS.blue. Pub. 'Area under maize in 1913, 156,776 acres; yield, 3,915,376 bushels; valued at £978,844.'
- View on Mary River, Maryborough. B.&W. AS.red. Pub. 'The average amount to credit of each depositor in Queensland Banks is higher than in any other Australian State.'
- View on the Maroochy River, Southern Queensland. B.&W. AS.olive. Pub. 'The total quantity of wool produced in Queensland during 1908 was 110,545,577 lb.'
- View overlooking Woombye, North Coast Line, South Queensland. Green. AS.blue. 2 cards. (a) Pub. 'Blessed with a regular rainfall and varied climates, Queensland can grow almost every class of product.'; (b) Pub. 'The total yield of pineapples in 1914 was 819,949 dozen, valued at £88,828.'
- Views in the Botanic Gardens, Brisbane. Green. AS.blue. 2 cards. (a) Pub. 'Queensland: The land of boundless resources, beautiful harvests, rapid progress, general prosperity.'; (b) Pub. 'The average amount in credit of each depositor in the Queensland Government Savings Bank in 1912 was £53 5s 1d, which is the highest in the Commonwealth.' (V)

- Views of Cairns, Northern Queensland. 1. Abbot Street. 2. The Esplanade. 3. The Wharves. B.&W. AS.purple. Pub. 'The area of Queensland is 429,120,000 acres.'
- Views of Cairns, N. Q'land. Green AS.blue. 2 cards. (a) Pub. 'Queensland produced in 1912 £4,175,355 worth of minerals; since date of discovery, £103,909,127.'; (b) Pub. 'Queensland has the longest railway system in Australia; lines open for traffic, 4,849 miles.'
- Views of Maryborough, South Queensland. 1. Mary River at Maryborough. 2. School of Arts. 3. Botanic Gardens. B.&W. AS.grey-green. Pub. 'The value of gold produced in Queensland in 1909 was £1,933,178.' (V)
- Views of Maryborough. 1. Mary River, Maryborough. 2. School of Arts. 3. Botanic Gardens. B.&W. Pub. 'The area of Queensland is 429,120,000 acres. 2 cards. (a) AS.brown; (b) AS.orange. (V)
- Views of Townsville, North Queensland. 1. The Strand, North Ward. 2. The Harbour. 3. Centre of the City. B.&W. AS.brown. Pub. 'The area of Queensland is 429,120,000 acres.' (V)
- Views of Townsville, N. Q'land. Green. AS.blue. 3 cards. (a) Pub. 'Queensland produced 113,850 tons of sugar in 1912, valued at £1,334,536.'; (b) Pub. 'Queensland is the largest meat producer in the Commonwealth of Australia.'; (c) Pub. 'Queensland has room in its vast territory for millions of settlers.' (V)
- Views on Mt Coot-tha (One Tree Hill) Brisbane. Green. AS.blue. Pub. 'The primary industries of Queensland in 1912 were valued at nearly £25,000,000.' (V)
- Whitsunday Passage. Green. 7 cards. (a) AS.red. Pub. 'The quantity of cheese manufactured in Queensland in 1910 was 4,146,661 lbs. valued at £95,000.'; (b) AS.red. Pub. 'The sporting tourist can obtain plenty of fishing, shooting, hunting, etc. in all parts of Queensland.'; (c) AS.blue. Pub. 'There is only one person to every 654 acres of Queensland. or less than one to the square mile.'; (d) AS.blue. Pub. 'There are vast areas of agricultural and mineral country in Queensland awaiting development.'; (e) B.&W. AS.green. Pub. 'The estimated population of Queensland is 578,548 persons.'; (f) Green. AS.rose. Pub. 'The export value of Queensland's pastoral products in 1909 was £8,276,598.'; (g) Green. AS.blue. Pub. 'Area under maize in 1910, 180,862 acres; yield, 4,460,300 bushels, valued at £669,046.'
- Wickham Terrace, Brisbane. B.&W. AS.rose. Pub. 'The value of goods imported to Queensland in 1908 was £9,471,166.'
- Wide Bay Creek, N.C. Railway. Green. AS.blue. Pub. 'Queensland is the largest meat producer in the Commonwealth of Australia.'
- Widgee Creek, North Coast Railway. Col. AS.blue. 3 cards. (a) Pub. 'Estimated overseas and interstate trade in 1910: imports, £11,428,001; exports, £16,688,096; total, £28,116,097.'; (b) Pub. 'Queensland produced 30,307,339 lbs of butter in 1912, valued at £1,512,210.'; (c) Pub. 'Queensland produced 35,199,387 lbs of butter in 1913, valued at £1,759,969.'
- Woombye. Green. AS.blue. 2 cards. (a) Pub. 'Queensland has large areas of fertile land open for selection on the most liberal terms.'; (b) Pub. 'Queensland: The land of boundless resources, beautiful harvests, rapid progress, general prosperity.'
- Yachting in Bowen Harbour. B.&W. AS.brown. Pub. 'There is only one person to every 740 acres in Queensland.'

(to be continued)

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Having recently read some of the draft of Horace Chisholm's history of The Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria, I have been greatly impressed by the dedication, energy and devoted service by so many individual members of the society over the past almost one hundred years. Regardless of the form in which service to the society in particular, or the hobby generally, manifested itself, it is clear that the strength of philately is its people. It is people who shape the real world of philately; people who doubtless derive great personal satisfaction from their involvement.

In this, and the previous issue of this journal you will read that Council recently recognised the distinguished service and valued contributions of five members of long standing. These men have contributed significantly not only to our society, but to the health and well-being of the hobby itself.

From time to time one hears portents that stamp collecting is declining in interest and the hobby is dying, however, it is not! True, it must compete for attention nowadays with an increasing number of leisure pursuits, but along with the arts and literature, the prognosis is healthy. It seems, however, that the future direction and development of philately are less clear, with collectors becoming more specialised in their interests seeking more diverse areas suited to their particular means and interests for a variety of reasons.

Considerable public interest was generated by Stampshow '89. Hopefully this can be built upon with Stampshow Melbourne '91, the first Victorian State Philatelic Exhibition in about 40 years, which will be held at The Royal Exhibition Building in July. The R.P.S.V. has given its wholehearted backing to this exhibition, with several of our members being part of Ray Kelly's organising committee. This is a new concept for Australia: a State exhibition incorporating two national classes, which deserves our full support whether exhibiting, volunteering help, promoting, encouraging potential exhibitors "to have a go" or parents and children to attend. Undoubtedly many fledgling collectors will be motivated by what they see to our mutual benefit.

I'm certain that stamps retain great appeal to the young. My many years in primary education have convinced me that stamps from exotic and far-flung places still excite curiosity and wonder among this age group. As in teaching, the vital element is the relationship between the teacher (read, adult collector) and the young. Let adult collectors view the future positively. Gentle personal nurturing and warm positive encouragement of young collectors will be substantially more productive than the impersonal plethora of new issues accompanied by marketing ploys which currently are disenchanting this age group. It is pleasing to acknowledge the Victorian Philatelic Council's sponsoring of a program in which experienced collectors will share some of the joys of the hobby with students in our schools this year.

Even though, as experience has shown, the initial surge of interest often wanes in the teen years, the latent interest is so often rekindled about 20 years later when individuals find themselves with increased leisure time and spending-money. The benefits to, and furtherance of the hobby we love, is obvious.

JOHN MACDONNELL

TASMANIA: A CENSUS OF THE LAST LETTERCARD ISSUE

By W.E. TINSLEY, F.R.P.S.,L.

In 1907, six new Lake View lettercards were printed at Hobart in black. The Lakes later (1909-1910?) were printed in several colours. As a result of the rate change in 1911, the stock of lettercards was overprinted 'ONE PENNY' at an oblique angle, some at 20° and some at 40°.

No records have been located indicating how many were printed in black and in the various colours, nor how many were overprinted. Both Higgins & Gage and Ingles list four colours in addition to black - red, blue, green, and brown, and Higgins & Gage infers that all views exist in all colours. The cards available for inspection exhibit various shades of the colours, but because of the few cards actually seen this report has grouped all the cards in the four basic colours. However, a card identified as "red-brown" might be included in the "red" group or in the "brown" group. More cards will have to be seen in order to provide a better listing of colours.

I have been collecting Tasmania postal stationery for many years and in 1990 was fortunate to nearly double my holding of the Lakes lettercards, raising the total to 18, plus one overprint on a 1903 card. This limited number led me to initiate a inventory study of those cards known to collectors. A blank inventory list was sent to 13 collectors who might have some of the cards, with the request that the list be filled in and returned. Each collector was also asked to identify any others who might have some of the cards. Four additional people were added to the mailing list, bringing the total to 17.

Nine collectors responded, with four stating that they had none. Three of those who did not answer were not expected to have any, but were included in the mailing in case they did know of another who might. One of the five who provided data was located by this method. The five who provided information includes all the generally known Tasmania and worldwide stationery collectors, and I speculate that this report includes more than half the cards extant.

The five Tables list 67 cards, including duplicates, substantially balances between unused (36) and used (31), including two cancelled-to-order. The unoverprinted cards are black (21) and colour (27), totalling 48; the overprinted on Lakes are balanced with 20° (10) and 40° (8).

Black is the most common and blue the most scarce – the colour breakdown is black (24), red (17), green (12), brown (9), and blue (5).

We can conclude that all the Lakes lettercards are scarce and those with overprint "ONE PENNY" are very scarce, while the overprint on the earlier 1903 card is indeed rare.

If any reader wishes to add information to this inventory, please send data to me at 2210 Moreno Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90039-3044 USA.

TABLE 1.

1908 H&G 5 (Ingles LC5)

		<i>unused used</i>	
5-1	black	A Peep	3 3
5-2		Lake Agnew	4 3
5-3		Mount Gould	- 1
5-4		Mount Ida	3 -
5-5		Mount Olympus	1 -
5-6		Lake George	- 2
5a-1	red	A Peep	- -
5a-2		Lake Agnew	- 1
5a-3		Mount Gould	- -
5a-4		Mount Ida	3 1
5a-5		Mount Olympus	1 1
5a-6		Lake George	1 -
5b-1	blue	A Peep	1 -
5b-2		Lake Agnew	- -
5b-3		Mount Gould	- -
5b-4		Mount Ida	- 1
5b-5		Mount Olympus	- -
5b-6		Lake George	- -
5c-1	green	A Peep	1 -
5c-2		Lake Agnew	2 -
5c-3		Mount Gould	- -
5c-4		Mount Ida	1 1
5c-5		Mount Olympus	3 2
5c-6		Lake George	1 -
5d-1	brown	A Peep	1 -
5d-2		Lake Agnew	- 2
5d-3		Mount Gould	2 -
5d-4		Mount Ida	- 1
5d-5		Mount Olympus	- -
5d-6		Lake George	- -

red ranges from bright to dull

brown ranges from purple to grey

TABLE 2.

1911 H&G 6 (Ingles LC6(a)) on 1908 H&G 5
ONE PENNY at 20°

		<i>unused used</i>	
6-1	black	A Peep	- -
6-2		Lake Agnew	- -
6-3		Mount Gould	- -
6-4		Mount Ida	- -
6-5		Mount Olympus	- -
6-6		Lake George	- 2
6a-1	red	A Peep	- -
6a-2		Lake Agnew	- -
6a-3		Mount Gould	- -
6a-4		Mount Ida	- -
6a-5		Mount Olympus	- -
6a-6		Lake George	1 -
6b-1	blue	A Peep	2 -
6b-2		Lake Agnew	- -
6b-3		Mount Gould	- -
6b-4		Mount Ida	- 1
6b-5		Mount Olympus	- -
6b-6		Lake George	- -
6c-1	green	A Peep	- -
6c-2		Lake Agnew	- 1
6c-3		Mount Gould	- -
6c-4		Mount Ida	- -
6c-5		Mount Olympus	- -
6c-6		Lake George	- -
6d-1	brown	A Peep	- -
6d-2		Lake Agnew	- -
6d-3		Mount Gould	- -
6d-4		Mount Ida	- 1
6d-5		Mount Olympus	- -
6d-6		Lake George	1 1

red ranges from bright to dull

brown ranges from purple to grey

TABLE 3.
1911 H&G 6a (Ingles LC6(b))
on 1908 H&G 5 ONE PENNY at 40°

			unused	used
6a-1	black	A Peep	-	-
6a-2		Lake Agnew	-	-
6a-3		Mount Gould	-	-
6a-4		Mount Ida	-	-
6a-5		Mount Olympus	-	-
6a-6		Lake George	-	-
6aa-1	red	A Peep	-	-
6aa-2		Lake Agnew	1	-
6aa-3		Mount Gould	1	1
6aa-4		Mount Ida	-	1
6aa-5		Mount Olympus	2	2
6aa-6		Lake George	-	-
6b-1	blue	A Peep	-	-
6ab-2		Lake Agnew	-	-
6ab-3		Mount Gould	-	-
6ab-4		Mount Ida	-	-
6ab-5		Mount Olympus	-	-
6ab-6		Lake George	-	-
6ac-1	green	A Peep	-	-
6ac-2		Lake Agnew	-	-
6ac-3		Mount Gould	-	-
6ac-4		Mount Ida	-	-
6ac-5		Mount Olympus	-	-
6ac-6		Lake George	-	-
6ad-1	brown	A Peep	-	-
6ad-2		Lake Agnew	-	-
6ad-3		Mount Gould	-	-
6ad-4		Mount Ida	-	-
6ad-5		Mount Olympus	-	-
6ad-6		Lake George	-	-

red ranges from bright to dull

brown ranges from purple to grey

TABLE 4
1911 H&G 6 (Ingles LC6(a)) on
1903 H&G 4A ONE PENNY at 20°

			unused	used
6-1	black	Entrance Island	-	-
6-2		Cataract Gorge	-	-
6-3		Great Lake	-	-
6-4		Lake Hartz	-	-
6-5		Launceston	-	-
6-6		River Derwent	-	1

1911 H&G 6a (Ingles LC6(b))
on 1903 H&G 4A ONE PENNY at 40°

6a-1	black	Entrance Island	-	-
6a-2		Cataract Gorge	-	-
6a-3		Great Lake	-	-
6a-4		Lake Hartz	-	-
6a-5		Launceston	-	-
6a-6		River Derwent	-	-

BOOK REVIEWS

The Royal Sydney Philatelic Club Society Newsletter. Issue No. 1, December 1990. 9pp. 21 x 29cm. Quarterly. Editor, Mr Michael Sanig. Published by the Royal Sydney Philatelic Club, Box 1751, Sydney, N.S.W., 2001.

It is not often that the inaugural issue of a philatelic publication starts with a coloured Merry Christmas sticker in the top right corner of page 1.

But its happy atmosphere continued by a

report on its Centenary Exhibition in Philas House and a show of Sydney Views from the Vickery Collection, the Centenary Dinner, and a Message from the President, Mrs Nita Wilson, F.R.P.S.,L.

An admiring report on New Zealand 90 World Exhibition at Auckland followed.

Next, a needed survey of the number of active philatelic clubs in Australia yielded a total of 235 - New South Wales, 70; Victoria, 60; Queensland, 38; South Australia, 37; Western Australia, 20; Tasmania, 7; Northern Territory, 2; A.C.T., 1. Of these 66 failed to answer the inquiries.

The Editor and Club have reason to be proud of their latest effort.

H.L.C.

Christie's-Robson Lowe Annual Review, 1989-90. 20pp. 17.0 x 24.5cm. Published by Christie's-Robson Lowe, 8 King St., St. James's, London, SW1Y 6QT.

Again, Christie's Robson Lowe has the pleasure of reporting a record year, with auction turnover of £15,726,076, up 50% from £10,475,845.

The top price of \$1,100,000 (£705,120) was paid for the U.S. 24c Air Mail inverted centre block with plate number. An unadorned block of the error brought \$528,000.

Other gems from the stock of the Weill Brothers, New Orleans, brought big prices. The Annapolis handstamp cover with 5 PAID and a beautiful Annapolis postmark went to an eager buyer for \$286,000, and for the Alexandria Post Office, \$231,000 was paid.

As a class, the U.S. Postmasters' Provisionals of 1845-46 brought \$2,949,226.

The British section was led by the famous British Guiana cover with two black on rose Cottonreels, at £230,315. The 1851 12d black on cover was sold for £84,153, a mint pair £75,892, and a used pair, £33,153. A marginal block of the 10d blue mint matched this last price.

A pair of South Australia 1855 1/- violet changed hands at £17,600, a Barbados 1878 1d on 5/- mint unsevered pair at the same price, and a Mauritius 2d Post Paid, PENOE, mint, £18,602.

Mint blocks of 20 New Zealand Chalon Heads, 1862, sold as follows: 1d, £9,350; 6d, £10,450; and 1/-, £13,200.

H.L.C.

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Postal History of Glasgow

The display of 29 November was provided by Mr Jack A. Gunn, who showed the Postal History of Glasgow to 1900.

The display commenced with the earliest namestamps of the 18th century, the earliest shown being from 1843. This differed from other contemporary Scottish types by being circular.

Datestamps were introduced in 1800, the first type being a straight line showing GLASGOW/date, followed by a large circle type in 1806.

Then followed the various mileage marks and the additional "½" markings.

Early instructional handstamps included a boxed GLASGOW/TOO LATE of 1810 and boxed MISSENT/TO/GLASGOW of 1848.

There was a comprehensive display of the Penny Post markings and the associated receiving houses. Also shown was the hand-struck "4" from the Uniform Fourpenny Post of 1839.

The adhesive period included the Maltese Cross, QUEEN STREET boxed receiving house marking of 1856, and the many different forms of the 159 numeral allocated to Glasgow. Most famous of these is the "Madeline Smith" type, so-called because it figured prominently on correspondence used as evidence in her trial for murder.

The display was completed by newspaper markings and a selection of maritime marks, including the oval PACKET LETTER/GLASGOW of 1883 and GLASGOW PACKET/PAID of 1878.

Prelude to the U.P.U.

At the meeting of 17 January, Mr Norbert Wachter gave an interesting display tracing the development of the posts in Europe, and the introduction of adhesive postage stamps, up to the inception of the Universal Postal Union.

Some superb pre-adhesive entires included one of 1563 from the Emperor Maximilian II of Bohemia to the Duke of Parma.

The development of the Penny and Two-penny Posts in Great Britain was followed through a series of entires.

The introduction of adhesive stamps was traced through practically all European countries. The first issues of Great Britain, France, Bavaria, Netherlands, Prussia, Saxony, Wurttemberg, Hanover, Thurn & Taxis, Austria and Lombardy-Venetia were all shown.

The introduction of perforations was shown in a number of countries.

The display was completed by a showing of the results of the setting up of the Universal Postal Union - the introduction of standard colours for postage stamps, and SPECIMEN overprints.

The Pictorial Issues of Tasmania

The subject of Mr Malcolm Groom's Display at the 31 January meeting was the Pictorial Stamps of Tasmania.

The De La Rue engraved issue commenced with a photographic essay for the 3d in the adopted design. Plate numbers were shown of the 1d, 2½d, 3d and 4d values, the latter unusually overprinted Specimen.

Numerous plate varieties were shown amongst the recess-printed stamps.

A rare proof of the Melbourne printings was an electrotype die proof of the ½d value in black.

All the various Melbourne printings, both electrotyped and lithographed, were shown in some detail.

Perforation errors included the 1d wmk. Crown over A electrotype imperforate at left, and at base. The rare perf. 12½ x 11 was shown on the 6d litho wmk. Crown over A. There were

also a number of perforation repair varieties and double perfs.

The 1d electrotypes included a fine showing of the "Volcano" flaw in its original and retouched states, and also the "Big Tree" flaw and its subsequent retouch.

A very rare item was the 2/- booklet containing 12 ½d and 18 1d stamps.

A feature of the display was the showing of these stamps on covers. A number of the values are extremely scarce thus.

First Issues of the German Reich

Mr H. Weingarten travelled from Sydney to display his award-winning collection of the First Issues of the German Reich at the meeting on 21 February.

The collection is of used stamps only, both on and off cover, and in the finest condition obtainable.

The first Issue ("Small Eagles") groschen values included blocks of four of the ¼gr and 2gr, and a block of six of the 1gr. There was a cover with the 5gr used in conjunction with the first trial registration label.

There were also two remarkable combination covers. One, from Metz to Paris in 1872, had four copies of the 2gr used with a France 15c pair. The other showed a unique usage of the 2gr with Russia.

The "Small Eagle" kreuzer values included the 2k and 7k used together on first day cover (1.1.1872), blocks of four of the 3k and 18k, and a strip of three 2k used with 1k on cover.

The "Large Eagle" groschen values included blocks of six of the ¼, 1/3 and ½gr, and a block of nine of the 5gr. An unusual cover was the 1gr used in combination with the 1gr "Small Eagle".

The 5gr imperforate was one of six recorded copies.

The "Large Eagle" kreuzer values included blocks of four of the 9k and 18k, and a pair of the rare 2k used on piece. There was a cover with seven copies of the 1k.

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