

and the fourth twenty-seven hundred-thousandths above (+·00027) the standard fineness prescribed as aforesaid.

Dated the 1st day of May, 1929.

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King's Remembrancer.

TRIAL OF THE PYX OF THE MELBOURNE BRANCH MINT.

VERDICT.

WE, whose names are hereunder written, having been sworn on the 5th day of March, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, before the King's Remembrancer, at Goldsmiths' Hall, in the City of London, have made the assays and trials of His Majesty's gold coins in the Pyx of the Branch Mint at Melbourne in the State of Victoria, which, according to accounts produced by the Officers of the Mint, were coined in the said Branch Mint from the 1st day of January, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, to the 31st day of December, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, both days inclusive. We ascertained the number of coins in each packet produced to us and that such number corresponded with the number which the officers of the Mint represented it to contain, and we took out 8 coins from each of such packets of gold coins, amounting altogether to 32 sovereigns or twenty-shilling pieces, and we weighed separately each of the coins so taken out, and ascertained that they were within the remedy as to weight prescribed by the Coinage Acts, 1870 to 1920. We found that the amount of variation from the standard weight so prescribed was Nil on the whole of such coins. We then melted all the said gold coins so taken out and separately weighed into an ingot, and assayed such ingot, comparing it with the standard Trial Plate of gold produced by the Board of Trade, so as to ascertain whether the metal of the said ingot was within the remedy as to fineness prescribed as aforesaid, and we found that the amount of variation thereof from the standard fineness so prescribed was minus eleven hundred-thousandths (or -·00011), and that therefore the said metal was within the remedy as to fineness allowed under the Coinage Acts, 1870 to 1920. We weighed in bulk the residue of the said coins remaining in the said packets of gold coins, and we ascertained that they were on the whole within the variation from standard weight allowed under the Coinage Acts, 1870 to 1920, being Nil above or below the standard weight prescribed by the said Acts. We then took from such residue Two

sovereigns and weighed and assayed them separately, and we found that such sovereigns weighed respectively:—the first 123·313 grains, the second 123·219 grains, and that therefore the said sovereigns were respectively—the first thirty-nine thousandths of a grain above (+·039) and the second fifty-five thousandths of a grain below (-·055) the standard weight so prescribed by the Coinage Acts, 1870 to 1920. We then assayed the said Two sovereigns separately, and we found the millesimal fineness of such sovereigns to be, the first 916·68, the second 916·55 respectively, and that therefore the said sovereigns were respectively the first two hundred-thousandths above (+·00002) and the second eleven hundred-thousandths below (-·00011) the standard fineness so prescribed.

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Whitehall, May 8, 1929.

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm, bearing date the 7th instant, to confer the dignity of a Baron of the United Kingdom upon the Right Honourable Thomas, Baron Shaw, late a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style and title of Baron Craigmyle, of Craigmyle in the County of Aberdeen.

Whitehall, May 8, 1929.

Letters Patent have passed the Great Seal of the Realm granting the Dignity of a Baronet of the United Kingdom to Charles Thomas-Stanford, of Brighton in the County of Sussex, Esquire, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten.

Whitehall, May 8, 1929.

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm, to confer the dignity of Knighthood upon the undermentioned gentlemen:—

George Alfred Julius, Esquire, Chairman of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Commonwealth of Australia;
The Honourable Norman William Kater, formerly Chairman of the Federal Pastoral Advisory Committee, Commonwealth of Australia;