

the said Act, and we found that the amount of variation from the Standard of Fineness specified in the said First Schedule to the said Act was minus two ten-thousandths (or -0002), and that, therefore, the said metal was within the prescribed remedy as to fineness. We weighed the residue of the said Silver coins in bulk, and we ascertained that they were within the remedy as to Weight. We then took from such residue one Crown, one Half-Crown, one Florin, one Shilling, one Sixpence, and one Threepence, and weighed and assayed them separately, and we found that such Crown weighed 435·714 grains, that such Half-Crown weighed 218·852 grains, that such Florin weighed 174·115 grains, that such Shilling weighed 87·200 grains, that such Sixpence weighed 48·792 grains, and that such Threepence weighed 21·519 grains. We then assayed the said Crown, the said Half-Crown, the said Florin, the said Shilling, the said Sixpence, and the said Threepence separately, and we found the millesimal fineness of such Crown to be 925·2, of such Half-Crown to be 923·7, of such Florin to be 924·2, of such Shilling to be 924·4, of such Sixpence to be 925·0, and of such Threepence to be 925·0.—Dated the third day of July, one thousand nine hundred and one.

G. Matthey, Foreman.

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VERDICT.

WE, whose names are hereunder written, having been sworn on the seventeenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and one, 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 Perth, in the Colony of West Australia, which, according to accounts produced by the Officers of the Mint, were coined in the said Branch Mint from the first day of April, one thousand nine hundred, to the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and one, both days inclusive. We ascertained that the number of coins in each packet produced to us corresponded with the number which the Officers of the Mint represented it to contain, and we took one coin from each of such packets of Gold coins, amounting altogether to one hundred and fifty-five Sovereigns or Twenty-shilling pieces, and to four Half-Sovereigns or Ten-shilling pieces, and we weighed each of the said coins separately, and ascertained that they were within the remedy as to weight prescribed in the First Schedule to the Coinage Act, 1870, as amended by the Coinage Act, 1891. We found that the amount of variation from the Standard of Weight specified in the said First Schedule to the said Act was minus one thousandth of an ounce (-001 oz.) on the whole of such coins. We then melted the said Gold coins so taken out and weighed into an ingot, and assayed such ingot, comparing it with the standard Gold Trial Plate produced by the Board of Trade, so as to ascertain whether the metal was within the remedy as to fineness prescribed in the said First Schedule to the said Act, and we found that the amount of variation thereof from the Standard of Fineness

specified in the said First Schedule to the said Act was plus three ten thousandths (or $+0003$), and that, therefore, the said metal was within the prescribed remedy as to fineness. We weighed the residue of the said Gold coins in bulk, and we ascertained that they were within the remedy as to weight. We then took from such residue sixteen Sovereigns, and four Half-Sovereigns, and weighed and assayed them separately, and we found that such Sovereigns weighed respectively,—the first 123·277 grains, the second, 123·107 grains, the third, 123·325 grains, the fourth, 123·270 grains, the fifth, 123·327 grains, the sixth, 123·277 grains, the seventh, 123·277 grains, the eighth, 123·277 grains, the ninth, 123·277 grains, the tenth, 123·272 grains, the eleventh 123·207 grains, the twelfth, 123·227 grains, the thirteenth, 123·277 grains, the fourteenth, 123·277 grains, the fifteenth, 123·270 grains, and the sixteenth, 123·270 grains, and that such Half-Sovereigns weighed respectively,—the first, 61·620 grains, the second, 61·640 grains, the third, 61·640 grains, and the fourth, 61·610 grains. We then assayed the said sixteen Sovereigns and four Half-Sovereigns separately, and we found the millesimal fineness of such Sovereigns to be,—the first, 916·90, the second, 916·96, the third, 916·80, the fourth, 916·90, the fifth, 916·86, the sixth, 916·86, the seventh, 916·90, the eighth, 916·86, the ninth, 916·90, the tenth, 917·06, the eleventh, 916·60, the twelfth, 916·76, the thirteenth, 916·66, the fourteenth, 916·86, the fifteenth, 916·90, and the sixteenth, 916·76 respectively, and the millesimal fineness of such Half-Sovereigns to be, the first, 916·60, the second, 916·70, the third, 916·70, and the fourth, 916·60, respectively.

Dated the third day of July, one thousand nine hundred and one.

George Matthey, Foreman.

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Factory Department, Home Office,

June 28, 1901.

THE Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the death of Dr. A. E. Watson, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory Acts, at Torquay, in the county of Devon, is vacant.

Factory Department, Home Office,

July 2, 1901.

THE Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. S. E. Martin to be Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory Acts, for the Newry District.

Factory Department, Home Office,

July 2, 1901.

THE Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. T. O'Connell to be Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory Acts, for the Fethard and Tullamain Dispensary Districts in the county of Tipperary.

Factory Department, Home Office,

July 8, 1901.

THE Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. W. Astin to be Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory Acts, for the Loughton District of Essex.