

TRIAL OF THE PYX OF THE PERTH
BRANCH MINT.

VERDICT.

WE, whose names are hereunder written, having been sworn on the fifth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, 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 State of Western Australia, which, according to accounts produced by the Officers of the Mint, were coined in the said Branch Mint from the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, to the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, 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 seventy-five Sovereigns or Twenty-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 as so amended was plus four thousandths of an ounce (+ '004 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 amended as aforesaid, and we found that the amount of variation thereof from the standard of fineness specified in the said First Schedule to the said Act as so amended was plus 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 Gold coins in bulk, and we ascertained that they were within the remedy as to weight. We then took from such residue six Sovereigns and weighed and assayed them separately, and we found that such Sovereigns weighed respectively, the first 123·253 grains, the second 123·323 grains, the third 123·218 grains, the fourth 123·290 grains, the fifth 123·260 grains, and the sixth 123·348 grains. We then assayed the said six Sovereigns separately, and we found the millesimal fineness of such Sovereigns to be, the first 916·82, the second 916·99, the third 917·04, the fourth 916·99, the fifth 917·00, and the sixth 916·63 respectively.

Dated the 13th day of November, 1918.

R. Williams, Foreman.
Alfred Dent.
John B. Carrington.
Henry F. Bowles.
Aldenham.
Harrowby.
Charles H. Townley.
H. C. Lambert.
J. F. W. Deacon.
Harry Alston.
H. A. Trotter.
Charles T. Heycock.
H. W. Robinson.
George H. Pite.

John Macdonell, King's Remembrancer.

TRIAL OF THE PYX OF THE
MELBOURNE BRANCH MINT.

VERDICT.

WE, whose names are hereunder written, having been sworn on the fifth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, 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 first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, to the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, 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 eight coins, or all if there were less than eight coins, from each of such packets of Gold coins, amounting altogether to seventy-five Sovereigns or Twenty-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 as so amended was minus two thousandths of an ounce (- '002 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 amended as aforesaid, and we found that the amount of variation thereof from the Standard of Fineness specified in the said First Schedule to the said Act as so amended was plus seventeen hundred-thousandths (or + '00017), 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 three Sovereigns and weighed and assayed them separately, and we found that such Sovereigns weighed respectively, the first 123·216 grains, the second 123·099 grains, and the third 123·254 grains. We then assayed the said three Sovereigns separately, and we found the millesimal fineness of such Sovereigns to be, the first 916·90, the second 916·74, the third 916·91 respectively.

Dated the 13th day of November, 1918.

R. Williams, Foreman.
Alfred Dent.
John B. Carrington.
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Harrowby.
Chas. H. Townley.
H. C. Lambert.
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Harry Alston.
H. A. Trotter.
Charles T. Heycock.
H. W. Robinson.
Geo. H. Pite.

John Macdonell, King's Remembrancer.