

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 four half-crowns, two florins and three shillings made on or after the 31st day of March, 1920, one sixpence made before the 31st day of March, 1920, one sixpence made on or after the 31st day of March, 1920, one threepence made before the 31st day of March, 1920, and one threepence made on or after the 31st day of March, 1920, and weighed and assayed them separately, and we found that such half-crowns weighed respectively—the first 218·673 grains, the second 217·941 grains, the third 218·071 grains, and the fourth 217·965 grains, that such florins weighed respectively—the first 174·713 grains and the second 174·051 grains, that such shillings weighed respectively—the first 87·416 grains, the second 87·485 grains, and the third 87·434 grains, that such sixpence made before the 31st day of March, 1920, weighed 43·671 grains, that such sixpence made on or after the 31st day of March, 1920, weighed 43·686 grains, that such threepence made before the 31st day of March, 1920, weighed 21·655 grains, and that such threepence made on or after the 31st day of March, 1920, weighed 21·805 grains. We then assayed the said four half-crowns, the said two florins, the said three shillings, the said two sixpences, and the said two threepences separately, and we found the millesimal fineness of such half-crowns to be—the first 499·30, the second 500·00, the third 498·80, and the fourth 503·57, of such florins to be the first 503·45, and the second 501·50, of such shillings to be—the first 502·77, the second 503·95, and the third 498·90, of such sixpence made before the 31st day of March, 1920, to be 924·88, of such sixpence made on and after the 31st day of March, 1920, to be 503·05, of such threepence made before the 31st day of March, 1920, to be 924·73, and of such threepence made on or after the 31st day of March, 1920, to be 502·05.

Dated the 4th day of May, 1921.

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Sydney C. Robinson.

T. Willes Chitty, King's Remembrancer.

TRIAL OF THE PYX OF THE PERTH BRANCH MINT.

VERDICT.

We, whose names are hereunder written, having been sworn on the first day of March, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-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 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 twenty, to the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and twenty, 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 two coins from each of such packets of gold coins, amounting altogether to eighty-eight 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 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 minus two hundred thousandths (or -·00002), 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 four sovereigns and one half-sovereign, and weighed and assayed them separately, and we found that such sovereigns weighed respectively—the first 123·260 grains, the second 123·297 grains, the third 123·233 grains, the fourth 123·320 grains, such half-sovereign weighed 61·613 grains. We then assayed the said four sovereigns and one half-sovereign separately, and we found the millesimal fineness of such sovereigns to be, the first 916·63, the second 916·60, the third 916·68, and the fourth 916·57 respectively, and the millesimal fineness of such half-sovereign to be 916·56.

Dated the 4th day of May, 1921.

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H. W. Robinson.
Sydney C. Robinson.

T. Willes Chitty, King's Remembrancer.

TRIAL OF THE PYX OF THE MELBOURNE BRANCH MINT.

VERDICT.

We, whose names are hereunder written, having been sworn on the first day of March,