

*Australian Punctured Officials.*

A USEFUL LIST FROM THE "AUSTRALIAN PHILATELIST."

MR. N. C. HORWOOD was recently asked by the Editor of the "Australian Philatelist" to compile a list of the punctured official stamps of Australia. The result appears in the October issue of our excellent contemporary, and we take leave to reproduce the list for the benefit of *Fortnightly*-readers desiring an up-to-date guide to these issues:—

NEW SOUTH WALES.

PUNCTURED O.S.

Wmk. *Crown over N.S.W.*

8 holes in each S., ½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 9d., C'wealth; 1/-, 5/-, 1/- O.S. twice.

10 holes in each S., 1d., 2d., 6d., 1/-.

Wmk. *Crown over A.*

8 holes in each S., 2d., 6d., 9d., C'wealth; 1/-.

PUNCTURED O.S. OVER N.S.W.

Wmk. *Crown over N.S.W.*

8 holes in each S., ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 9d., on 10d., 9d., C'wealth; 10d., 1/-, 2/6, 5/-, 10/-, 20/-.

10 holes in each S., ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 9d., on 10d., 10d., 1/- and 3d., surcharged twice.

Wmk. *Crown over A.*

8 holes in each S., 1d., 2d., 4d., 8d., 10d.

PUNCTURED G.S.B.

(*Government Savings Bank.*)

Present issue, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 9d., 1/-, 5/-.

PUNCTURED G.R.

(*Government Railways.*)

Centennial issue, 1d., 2d., 4d.

1891 " ½d., grey.

1897 " 6d., green.

Present issue, ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 9d., 1/-, 5/-, various watermarks.

The stamps punctured G.S.B. and G.R. are for Departmental use.

QUEENSLAND.

PUNCTURED O.S.

All the punctured stamps, except the 9d., are on paper watermarked *Crown over Q.* and are perforated 12½.

½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 9d., V. over *Crown*; 9d., *Crown over A.*; 1/-, 2/-, 2/6, on thin paper; 5/- and 10/- on thin and thick papers; and 5/- lithographed, and 3d. O.S. twice.

The 2/6, 5/- and 10/- may be found with the letter S. reversed. This variety is caused through the puncturations being made on the back of the stamp. All large stamps can only be punctured one at a time.

Mr. Horwood has the 9d. with both types of Queensland (large and small), on V. over *Crown* paper.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

PUNCTURED S.A.

Wmk. *Crown over S.A.*

½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 5d., perf. 13, 5d. perf. 12, 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/-, 2/6 and 5/-, thin postage, perf. 11½, 12; 6d. and 1/-, thick postage, perf. 12.

Wmk. *Crown over A.*, Perf. 12.

1d., 2d., small type; 1/-, thick postage.

There are varieties of the above, but they do not seem to be plentiful. So far, the compilers have only seen the 4d. and 2/6 with letters S.A. twice punctured, and the 3d., 6d. and 1/- thick postage watermark *Crown over S.A.* with the letters S.A. inverted.

PUNCTURED O.S.

Wmk. *Crown over S.A.*, Perf. 12.

1d., 2d. and 5d., small type; 3d., 4d., and 2/6, thin postage; 6d., 9d., 1/- and 5/-, thick postage.

Wmk. *Crown over A.*

1d. and 2d., small type; 3d., 9d. and 1/-, thick postage.

TASMANIA.

PUNCTURED T.

Wmk. *TAS.*, Perf. 14.

Queen's head, ½d., 6d., 8d., 10d., 1/- and 2/6.

Also 9d., perf. 12½.

Pictorial, 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d. and 6d.

Wmk. *V over Crown*, Perf. 12½.

Pictorial, ½d., 1d. (vertical and horizontal wmk's.), 2d.; Queen's head, 9d. and 1/-.

Wmk. *V. over Crown*, Perf. 11.

Pictorial, ½d., 1d. (vertical and horizontal wmk's.), 2d.

Wmk. *Crown over A.*, Perf. 12½.

Pictorial, 1d. (vert. wmk.), 2d., 3d.

Wmk. *Crown over A.*, Perf. 11.

Pictorial, 1d. (vert. wmk.), 2d.

The compilers understand that the 5/- and 10/- punctured T. exist. They are very rarely used for postal purposes, but are availed of for franking official telegrams.

Many minor varieties of the above puncturations may be found, such as sideways, inverted, vertical stroke, or horizontal stroke of T. missing; but these are not considered of sufficient importance to be included.

PUNCTURED O.S.

Wmk. *TAS.*, Perf. 14.

Pictorial, 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d.; Queen's Head, 8d., 10d., 2/6 and 5/-.

Wmk. *V. over Crown*, Perf. 12½.

Pictorial, ½d., 1d., 2d.; Queen's Head, 9d. and 1/-.

Wmk. *V. over Crown*, Perf. 11.

Pictorial, 1d. and 2d.

Two sets of the Pictorial series may be made, one with the puncturations reading horizontally, and the other vertically.

VICTORIA.

PUNCTURED O.S.

Wmk. *V. over Crown*, Perf. 12½.

½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 9d., 1/-, 2/-, 5/-, £2. Also 1d., perf. 11.

Wmk. *Crown over A.*, Perf. 12½.

½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 9d. and 1/-.

WEST AUSTRALIA.

PUNCTURED W.A.

Wmk. *W. Crown A.*, Perf. 14.

1d., 2d., 2½d.

Wmk. *Crown & C. A.*, Perf. 14.

½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1/-.

Wmk. *V. over Crown*, Perf. 12½.

1d., 2d., 4d., 8d., 9d., 10d., 2/-, 2/6, 5/-, 10/- and 20/-.

Also 2/- and 5/-, perf. 11.

The compilers have the 2/- and 5/- on V. and Cr. paper, perf. 11, with the puncturation W.A. reading up. These are the only values known in this variety.

PUNCTURED O.S.

Wmk. *Crown & C.A.*, Perf. 14.

½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., and 1/-.

Wmk. *V. over Crown*, Perf. 12½.

1d., 2d., 4d., 8d., 9d., 10d., 2/-, 2/6, 5/-, 10/-, 20/-.

Wmk. *Crown over A.*, Perf. 12½.

1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 9d.

Wmk. *Crown over A.*, Perf. 11.

1d., 2d., 4d., 9d.

Also 6d. latest design, wmk. *W. Crown A.*, perf. 14.

A special department of the Chinese Imperial Post has been created for Manchuria, with headquarters at Mukden.

Philatelists will hear with great regret of the death of Miss Fernley, whose stamp dealing business, first in Seething Lane and afterwards in Great Tower Street, London, many of us are old enough to remember.