

Officers of the Mint represented it to contain, and we took one coin from each of such packets of Gold coins, amounting altogether to ninety-nine 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 was plus three-thousandths of an ounce (+003 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 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 twelve Sovereigns, and weighed and assayed them separately, and we found that such Sovereigns weighed respectively,—the first, 123·114 grains, the second, 123·213 grains, the third, 123·153 grains, the fourth, 123·171 grains, the fifth, 123·232 grains, the sixth, 123·399 grains, the seventh, 123·407 grains, the eighth, 123·250 grains, the ninth, 123·337 grains, the tenth, 123·280 grains, the eleventh, 123·274 grains, and the twelfth, 123·172 grains. We then assayed the said twelve Sovereigns separately, and we found the millesimal fineness of such Sovereigns to be,—the first, 916·76, the second, 916·80, the third, 916·76, the fourth, 916·86, the fifth, 916·86, the sixth, 916·76, the seventh, 916·76, the eighth, 916·66, the ninth, 916·90, the tenth, 916·86, the eleventh, 916·70, and the twelfth, 916·70, respectively.—Dated the fifth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and five.

G. Matthey, Foreman.

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Dunboyne, King's Remembrancer.

TRIAL OF THE PYX OF THE PERTH MINT.

VERDICT.

We, whose names are hereunder written, having been sworn this sixth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and five, before the King's Remembrancer, at Goldsmiths' Hall, in the City of

London, have made the Assays and Trials of His Majesty's Gold and Silver 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 and four, to the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and five, 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 forty-nine Sovereigns or Twenty-shilling pieces, and to one Half-sovereign or Ten-shilling piece, and we weighed each of the said coins separately, so as to ascertain whether 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 plus 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 minus six hundred-thousandths (or —00006), 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 ten Sovereigns and two Half-sovereigns, and weighed and assayed them separately, and we found that such Sovereigns weighed respectively,—the first, 123·314 grains, the second, 123·259 grains, the third, 123·257 grains, the fourth, 123·270 grains, the fifth, 123·311 grains, the sixth, 123·327 grains, the seventh, 123·236 grains, the eighth, 123·287 grains, the ninth, 123·282 grains, and the tenth, 123·326 grains, and that such Half-sovereigns weighed respectively,—the first, 61·644 grains, the second, 61·674 grains. We then assayed the said ten Sovereigns and two Half-sovereigns separately, and we found the millesimal fineness of such Sovereigns to be,—the first, 916·60, the second, 916·70, the third, 916·60, the fourth, 916·60, the fifth, 916·56, the sixth, 916·46, the seventh, 916·46, the eighth, 916·56, the ninth, 916·70, and the tenth, 916·80 respectively, and the millesimal fineness of such Half-sovereigns to be,—the first, 916·56, and the second, 916·56 respectively.—Dated the fifth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and five.

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