

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 twelve hundred thousandths (or + '00012), 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 three Half-Sovereigns, and weighed and assayed them separately, and we found that such Sovereigns weighed respectively,—the first 123·269 grains, the second 123·335 grains, the third 123·201 grains, the fourth 123·283 grains, the fifth 123·114 grains, the sixth 123·249 grains, and that such Half-Sovereigns weighed respectively,—the first 61·666 grains, the second 61·668 grains, the third 61·584 grains.

We then assayed the said six Sovereigns and three Half-Sovereigns separately, and we found the millesimal fineness of such Sovereigns to be,—the first 916·78, the second 916·75, the third 916·98, the fourth 916·86, the fifth 916·88, the sixth 916·83 respectively, and the millesimal fineness of such Half-Sovereigns to be,—the first 916·85, the second 916·73, the third 916·77 respectively. We also took two coins from each of such packets of Silver coins, making altogether four Half-Crowns, twenty-two Florins, sixty-eight Shillings, and thirty-four Sixpences, and weighed each of the said Silver coins separately, and ascertained that they were within the remedy prescribed in the said First Schedule to the said Coinage Act, 1870, as amended by the said 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 seven thousandths of an ounce (— '007 oz.) on the whole of such coins. We then melted the said Silver coins so taken out and weighed into an ingot, and assayed such ingot, comparing it with the standard Silver 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 from the Standard of Fineness specified in the said First Schedule to the said Act as so amended was minus four ten thousandths (or — '00004), 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 Half-Crown, one Florin, one Shilling, and one Sixpence, and weighed and assayed them separately, and we found that such Half-crown weighed 218·206 grains, that such Florin weighed 174·655 grains, that such Shilling weighed 87·382 grains, and that such Sixpence weighed 43·486 grains. We then assayed the said Half-Crown, the said Florin, the said Shilling, the said Sixpence separately, and we found the millesimal fineness of such Half-Crown to be 924·7, of such Florin to be 925, of

such Shilling to be 924·5, and of such Sixpence to be 924·3.

Dated the 10th day of May, 1911.

G. Matthey, Foreman.

R. Williams.

Alfred Dent.

John B. Carrington.

Henry F. Bowles.

Aldenham.

Chas. H. Townley.

H. C. Lambert.

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I. F. W. Deacon.

Harry Alston.

Fred. Huth Jackson.

H. W. Robinson.

Geo. H. Pite.

James R. Mellor, King's Remembrancer.

TRIAL OF THE PYX OF THE MELBOURNE BRANCH MINT.

VERDICT.

WE, whose names are hereunder written, having been sworn on the eighth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and eleven, 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 April, one thousand nine hundred and ten, to the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and ten, 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-four 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 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 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 nineteen hundred thousandths (or + '00019), and that,