

from the Standard of Weight specified in the said First Schedule to the said Act as so amended was minus five thousandths of an ounce (-005 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 thirteen hundred thousandths (or $+00013$), 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 four Half-Sovereigns, and weighed and assayed them separately, and we found that such Sovereigns weighed respectively,—the first 123·163 grains, the second 123·388 grains, the third 123·193 grains, the fourth 123·130 grains, the fifth 123·271 grains, the sixth 123·145 grains, the seventh 123·117 grains, the eighth 123·319 grains, the ninth 123·267 grains, and the tenth 123·405 grains, and that such Half-Sovereigns weighed respectively,—the first 61·670 grains, the second 61·576 grains, the third 61·600 grains, and the fourth 61·608 grains.

We then assayed the said ten Sovereigns and four Half-Sovereigns separately, and we found the millesimal fineness of such Sovereigns to be,—the first 916·71, the second 916·82, the third 916·63, the fourth 916·90, the fifth 916·82, the sixth 916·72, the seventh 916·67, the eighth 916·77, the ninth 916·84, and the tenth 916·67 respectively, and the millesimal fineness of such Half-Sovereigns to be,—the first 916·70, the second 916·82, the third 916·69, and the fourth 916·68 respectively. We also took a coin from each of such packets of Silver coins, making altogether thirty-one Half-Crowns, forty-one Florins, thirty-seven Shillings, twenty-four Sixpences, one Fourpence, twenty-four Threepences, one Twopence, and one Penny, 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 sixteen thousandths of an ounce (-016 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 one thousandth (or -001), 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, one Sixpence, and one Threepence, and weighed and assayed them separately, and we found that such Half-Crown weighed 218·043 grains, that such Florin weighed 174·171 grains, that such Shilling weighed 86·872 grains, that such Sixpence weighed 43·648 grains, and that such Threepence weighed 21·820 grains. We then assayed the said Half-Crown, the said Florin, the said Shilling, the said Sixpence, and the said Threepence separately, and we found the millesimal fineness of such Half-Crown to be 924·5, of such Florin to be 924·0, of such Shilling to be 924·6, of such Sixpence to be 925·0, and of such Threepence to be 925·0.

Dated the 7th day of May, 1913.

R. Williams, Foreman.
Alfred Dent.
John B. Carrington.
Henry F. Bowles.
Aldenham.
Harrowby.
Chas. H. Townley.
H. C. Lambert.
Boverton Redwood.
H. Alston.
W. H. N. Goschen.
H. W. Robinson.
Geo. H. Pite.

John Macdonell, King's Remembrancer.

TRIAL OF THE PYX OF THE MELBOURNE MINT.

VERDICT.

WE, whose names are hereunder written, having been sworn on the fourth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, 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 twelve, to the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twelve, 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 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 as so amended was minus two thousandths of an ounce (-002 oz.) on the whole of such coins.