

such packets of gold coins, amounting altogether to one hundred and three sovereigns or twenty-shilling pieces, and to eleven 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 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 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 two hundred 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 eight sovereigns and two half-sovereigns, and weighed and assayed them separately, and we found that such sovereigns weighed respectively, the first 123.291 grains, the second 123.464 grains, the third 123.301 grains, the fourth 123.182 grains, the fifth 123.214 grains, the sixth 123.331 grains, the seventh 123.222 grains, and the eighth 123.318 grains, and that such half-sovereigns weighed respectively, the first 61.591 grains and the second 61.657 grains. We then assayed the said eight sovereigns and two half-sovereigns separately, and we found the millesimal fineness of such sovereigns to be, the first 916.65, the second 916.74, the third 916.78, the fourth 916.74, the fifth 916.79, the sixth 916.69, the seventh 916.68, and the eighth 916.63 respectively, and the millesimal fineness of such half-sovereigns to be, the first 916.79 and the second 916.74 respectively. We also took a coin from each of such packets of silver coins, making altogether one hundred and thirty-one half-crowns, sixty florins, one hundred and ten shillings, forty-one sixpences, one fourpence, fifteen 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 plus three thousandths of an ounce (+ .003 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 ten thousandths (or - .0001), 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 five half-crowns, two florins, three shillings, one sixpence, and one threepence, and weighed and assayed them separately, and we found that such half-crowns weighed respectively, the first 218.221 grains, the second 218.012 grains, the third 218.061 grains, the fourth 218.102 grains, and the fifth 218.202 grains, that such florins weighed respectively, the first 174.419 grains and the second 176.612 grains, that such shillings weighed respectively, the first 87.301 grains, the second 87.436 grains, and the third 87.425 grains, that such sixpence weighed 43.631 grains, and that such threepence weighed 21.870 grains. We then assayed the said five half-crowns, the said two florins, the said three shillings, the said sixpence, and the said threepence separately, and we found the millesimal fineness of such half-crowns to be, the first 925.4, the second 924.3, the third 925.2 the fourth 924.6, and the fifth 924.0, of such florins to be, the first 923.5 and the second 924.3, of such shillings to be, the first 923.7, the second 924.3, and the third 924.2, of such sixpence to be 924.4, and of such threepence to be 924.4.

Dated the 9th day of May, 1916.

R. Williams (Foreman).

John B. Carrington.

Henry F. Bowles.

Aldenham.

Harrowby.

Chas. H. Townley.

H. C. Lambert.

Boverton Redwood.

J. F. W. Deacon.

H. Alston.

Fred. Huth Jackson.

H. A. Trotter.

H. W. Robinson.

Geo. H. Pite.

John Macdonell, King's Remembrancer.

TRIAL OF THE PYX OF THE PERTH BRANCH MINT.

VERDICT.

We, whose names are hereunder written, having been sworn on the seventh day of March, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, 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 fifteen, to the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, 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 eighty-seven 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