

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 six sovereigns and weighed and assayed them separately, and we found that such sovereigns weighed respectively, the first 123.292 grains, the second 123.355 grains, the third 123.221 grains, the fourth 123.331 grains, the fifth 123.304 grains, and the sixth 123.230 grains. We then assayed the said six sovereigns separately, and we found the millesimal fineness of such sovereigns to be, the first 916.70, the second 916.64, the third 916.77, the fourth 916.67, the fifth 916.56, and the sixth 916.83 respectively.

Dated the 8th day of May, 1917.

*R. Williams (Foreman).*  
*Alfred Dent.*  
*John B. Carrington.*  
*Hy. F. Bowles.*  
*Aldenham.*  
*Harrowby.*  
*Chas. H. Townley.*  
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*H. Alston.*  
*H. A. Trotter.*  
*C. T. Heycock.*  
*H. W. Robinson.*  
*Geo. H. Pite.*

*John Macdonell, King's Remembrancer.*

#### TRIAL OF THE PYX OF THE MELBOURNE BRANCH MINT.

##### VERDICT.

WE, whose names are hereunder written, having been sworn on the sixth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, 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 sixteen, to the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and sixteen, 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 four or all if there were less than four coins from each of such packets of gold coins, amounting altogether to eighty-six 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 nil 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 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 four sovereigns and weighed and assayed them separately, and we found that such sovereigns weighed respectively, the first 123.230 grains, the second 123.313 grains, the third 123.342 grains, the fourth 123.382 grains. We then assayed the said four sovereigns separately, and we found the millesimal fineness of such sovereigns to be, the first 916.68, the second 916.78, the third 916.80, the fourth 916.84 respectively.

Dated the 8th day of May, 1917.

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*John Macdonell, King's Remembrancer.*

#### TRIAL OF THE PYX OF THE SYDNEY BRANCH MINT.

##### VERDICT.

WE, whose names are hereunder written, having been sworn on the sixth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, 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 Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, 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 sixteen, to the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, 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