

The Postal Stationery of Queensland 1880 – 1917

Part II – 1898 – 1912

Post Cards; Newspaper Wrappers; Letter Cards; Postal Notes.

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Government Lithographic Office Lucas Lane between George and William Streets

1913 Post Card of Queens Park with the Executive Building in George Street. Later named the Lands Administration Building, now Treasury Casino Hotel. Lucas Lane can be seen at the end.

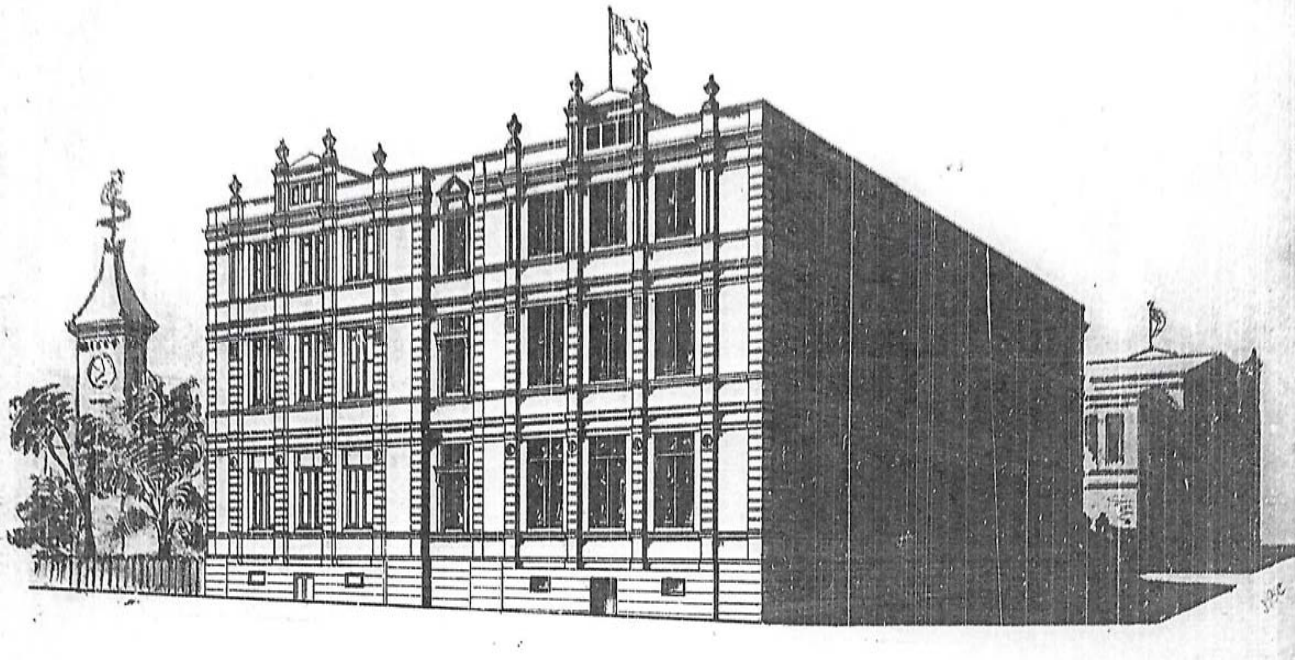


Government Lithographic Office

Architects 1887 Drawings of Building

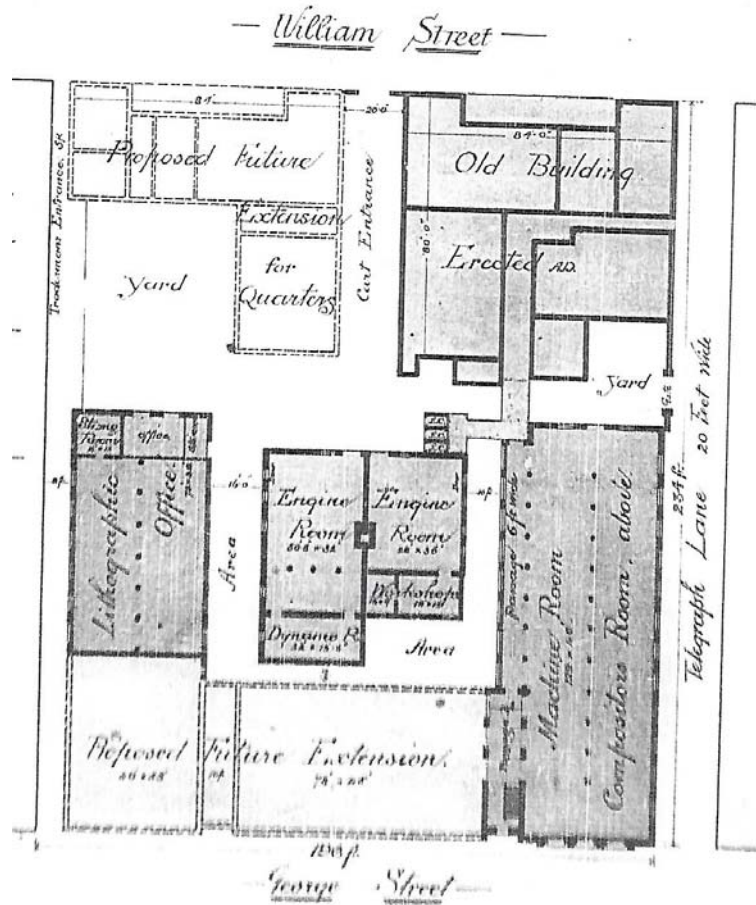
— GOV' PRINTING OFFICE. —
— BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND. —

— ERECTED 1887 —
— FOUNDATIONS CONCRETE —
— WALLS BRICK WITH CEMENT DRESSINGS —
— ROOF COVERING CORRUGATED IRON —
— COST £21000. —



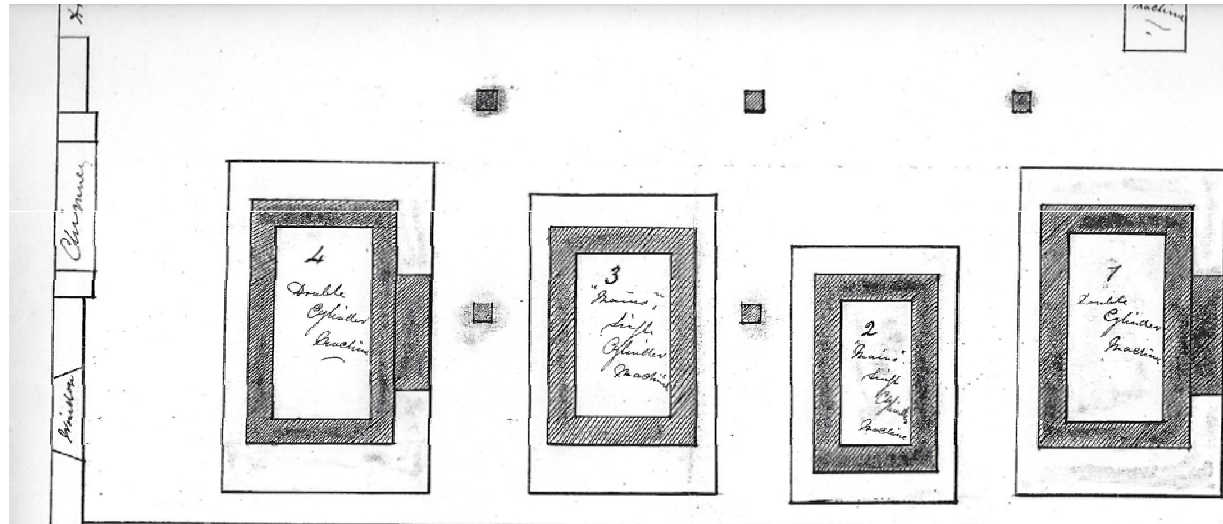
Government Lithographic Office

Printing Office Floor Plan 1



Government Lithographic Office

Machinery Layout in Printing Office



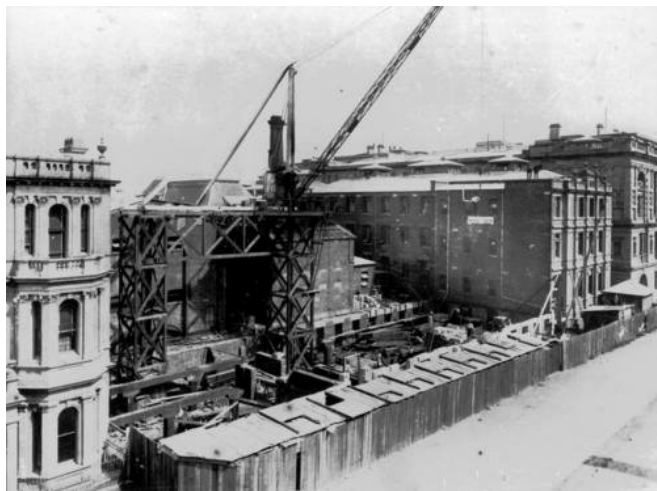


**Figure 1 1874 Government Printing Office
William Street/Telegraph Lane**



**Figure 2 1887 Government Printing Office
George Street/Telegraph Lane**

1910 -12 Government Printing Office George Street/Lucas Lane



Construction 1910



At work in the Printery 1912



Printers Devil



Gargoyles

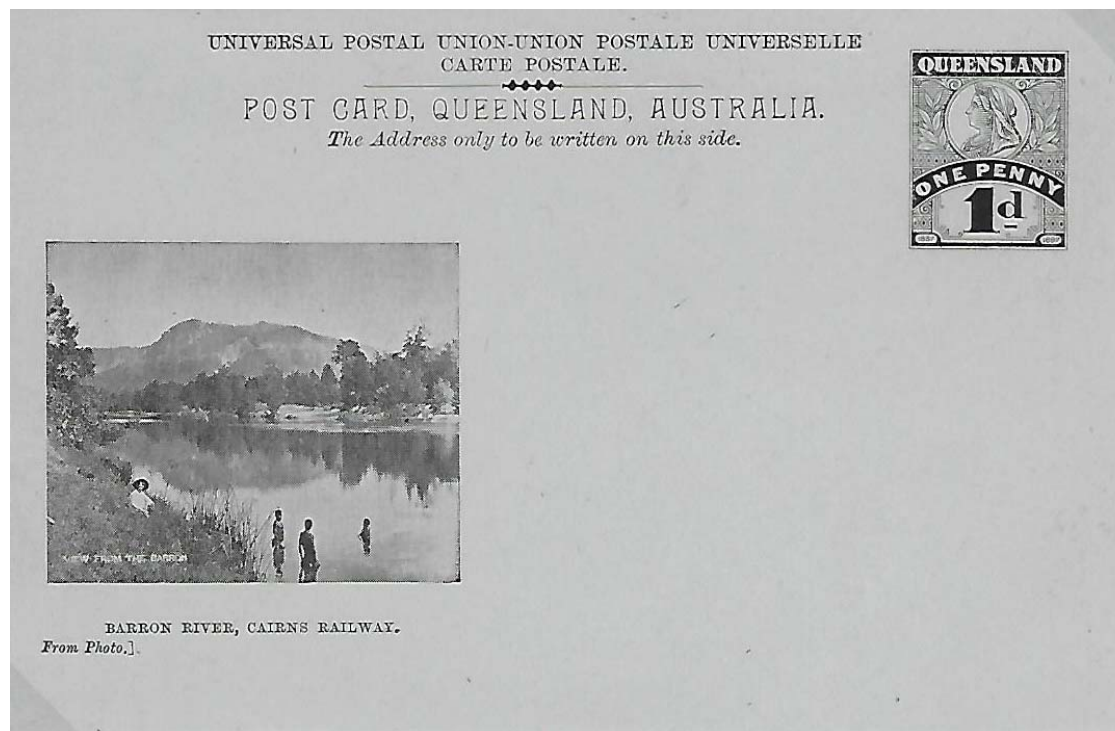
1898 View Post Cards

- A proposal was made to the Postmaster General in 1897 to promote the Colony by the issue a series of Postal Cards featuring views of the Colony.
- These Cards were first issued in June 1898, and were printed on a new Cottrell Machine purchased expressly for that purpose. The cards are printed in one colour on buff and yellow stock, printed in either:
 - Chestnut,
 - Brown or
 - Plumb
- Tenders were called from Brisbane Private Printers, and seven Tenders were submitted.
- No contract was ever awarded to the Private Industry and all cards were printed by the Government Lithographic Branch, Cnr Lucas Lane and William Street, Brisbane.

1898 View Post Cards

Proofs of a card with the View “Barron River, Cairns Railway” are recorded in Blue, Green and white. The stamp Indicia is the original design for the Queens Jubilee with a 1d value. The French wording was entirely unnecessary for the domestic 1d rate, but design not used for 1½d cards.

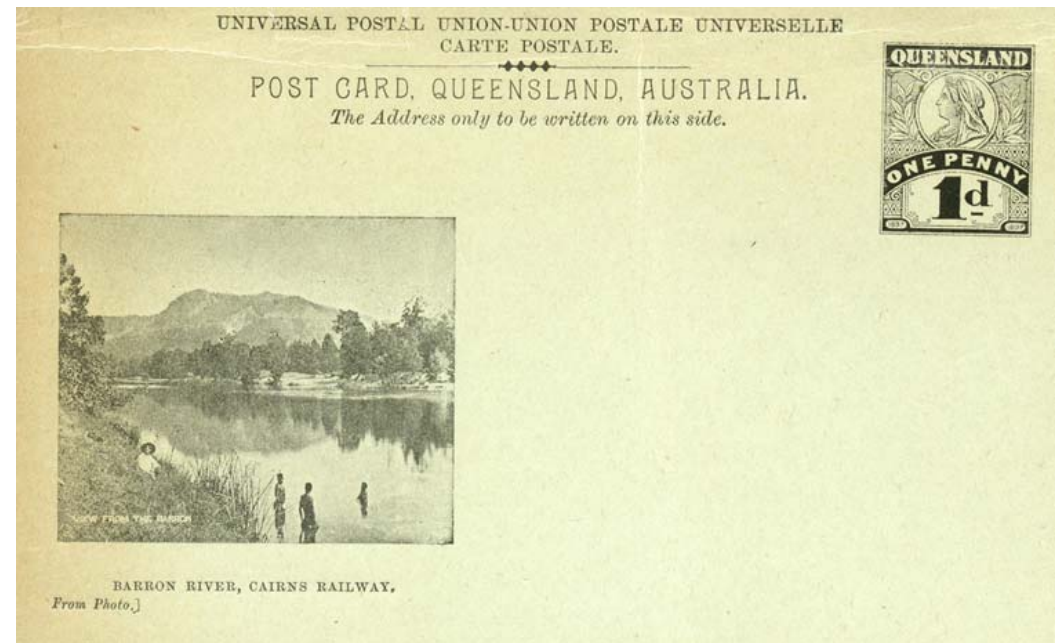
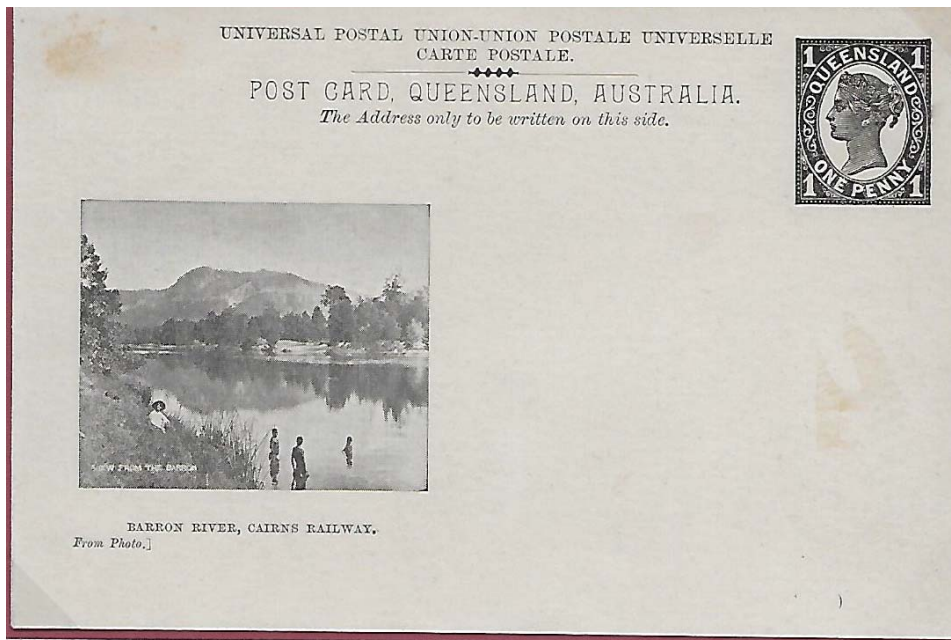
Note the description on the card which was remained in the final Post Card.



1898 View Post Cards

Issued 1d card square corners List A

Proof unissued designs with unissued stamp Indicia



1898 View Post Cards

Proof of proposed card for the View “Mulgrave River, North Queensland; and 1898 use from Hughenden with 1d Railway parcel stamp for Late Fee.

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE CARTE POSTALE,
QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA.

The Address only to be written on this side.



Mulgrave River, North Queensland. [From Photo.]

Date stamp on reverse side.]



POST CARD, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

The Address only to be written on this side.



Mulgrave River, North Queensland. [From Photo.]

Date stamp on reverse side.]

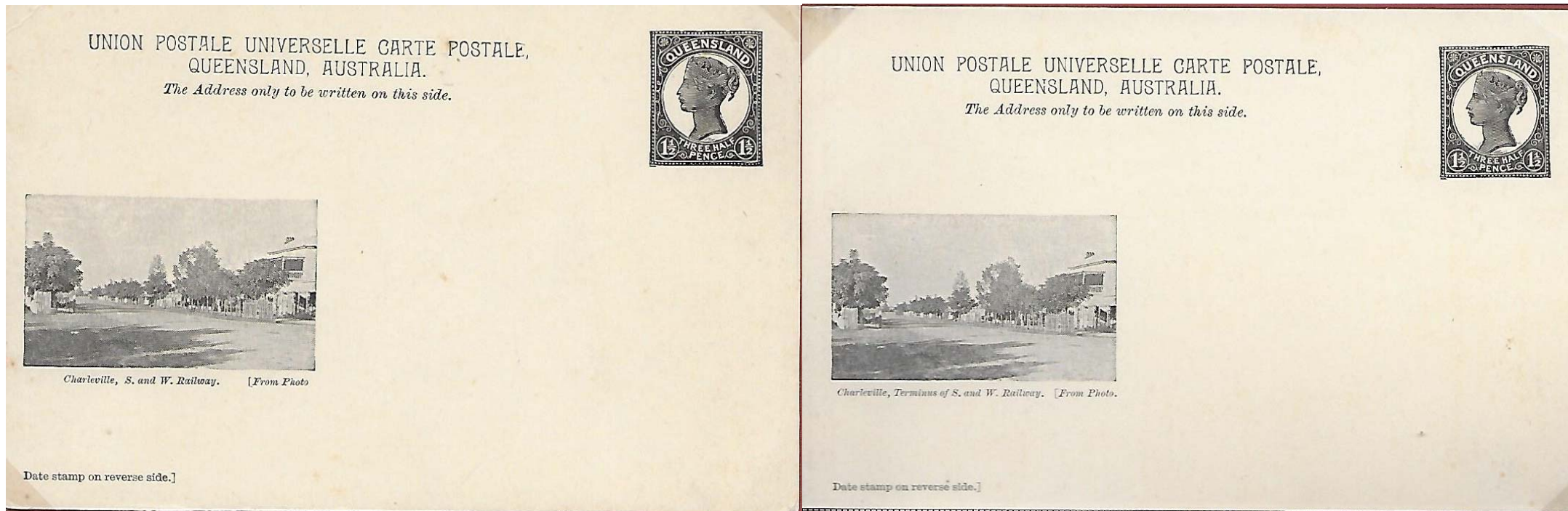


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Fairlight*

1898 View Post Cards

In the A series a 1d card is captioned "Charleville, S & W Railway". This is repeated on the 1½d value card; and a new card captioned "Charleville, Terminus of S & W Railway" added. .

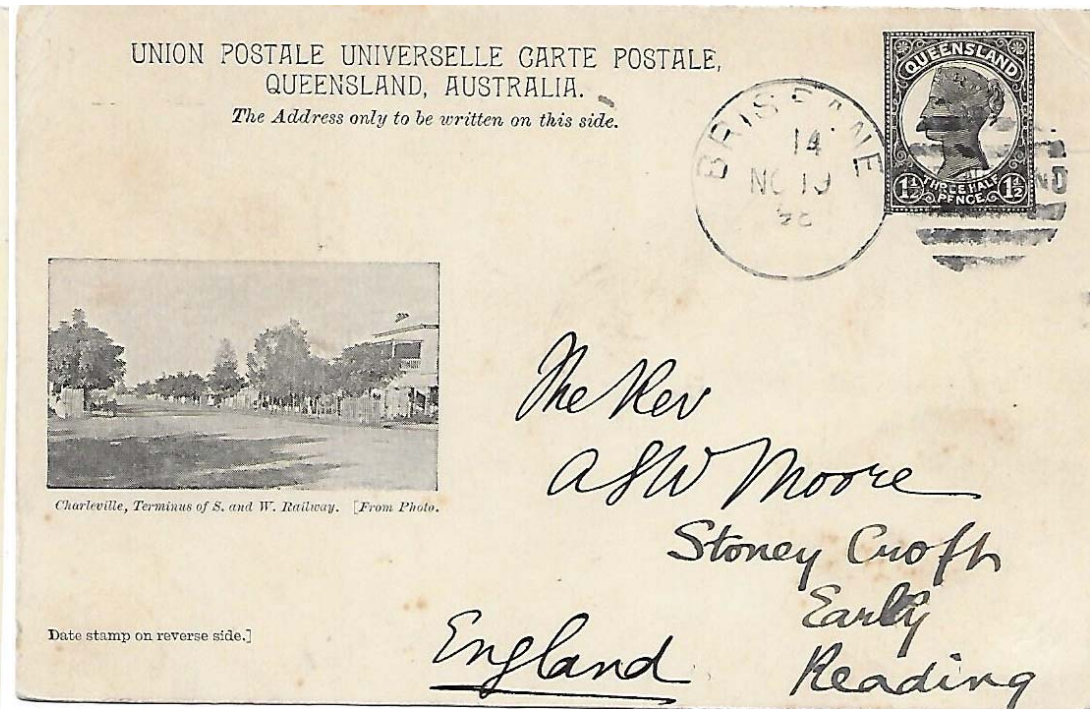
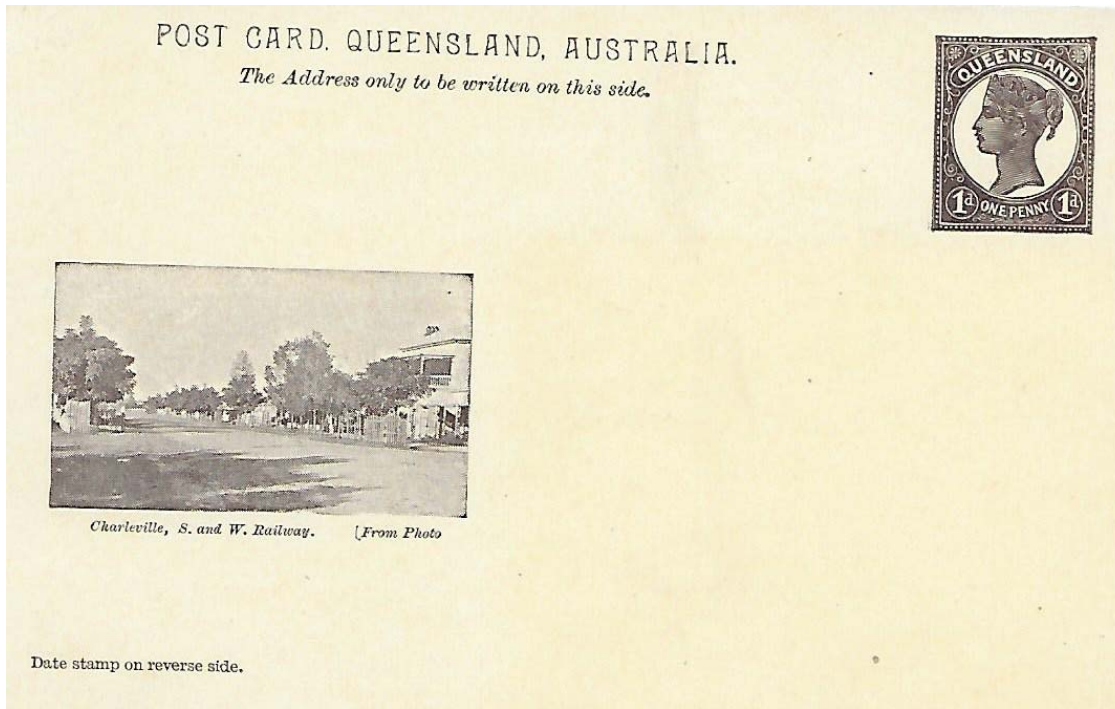
1d card without the word Terminus is recorded used; the 1½d card without the word Terminus is not



1898 View Post Cards

1d S & W Railway

1½d Terminus S & W Railway



1898 View Post Cards



Charleville, S. and W. Railway. [From Photo



Charleville, Terminus of S. and W. Railway. [From Photo.

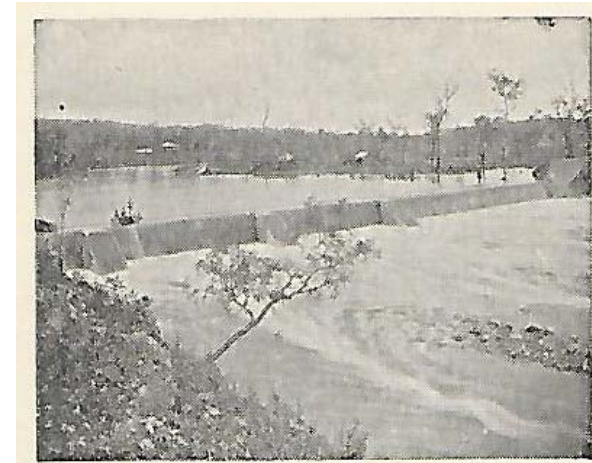
1898 View Post Cards

A LIST

All of these views have rounded upper corners

1. A Queensland Schoolhouse
2. A Queensland Station
3. A Western Station
4. Barron River, Cairns
5. Bullock-ploughing, Darling Downs
6. Cane-field and Selector's Home
7. Charleville Bore
8. Charleville, S. and W. Railway
9. Fitzroy Bridge, Rockhampton
10. Loading Cane at North Isis Sugar Mill
11. Mulgrave River, North Queensland
12. On the North Coast Railway Line
13. Overshot Dam, Mount Morgan
14. Pineapple Field
15. Sheep Drinking at an Artesian Stream
16. Sheep under a Bottle-tree, Western Queensland
17. South Brisbane and Coal Wharves
18. View of Works, Mount Morgan

37 mm X 48 mm



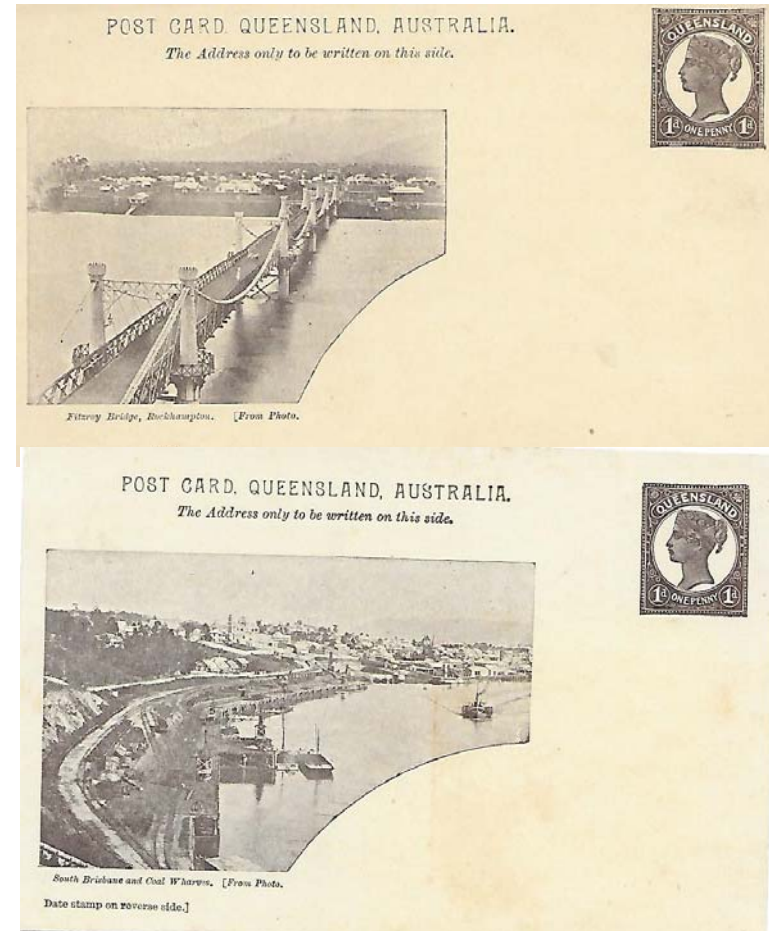
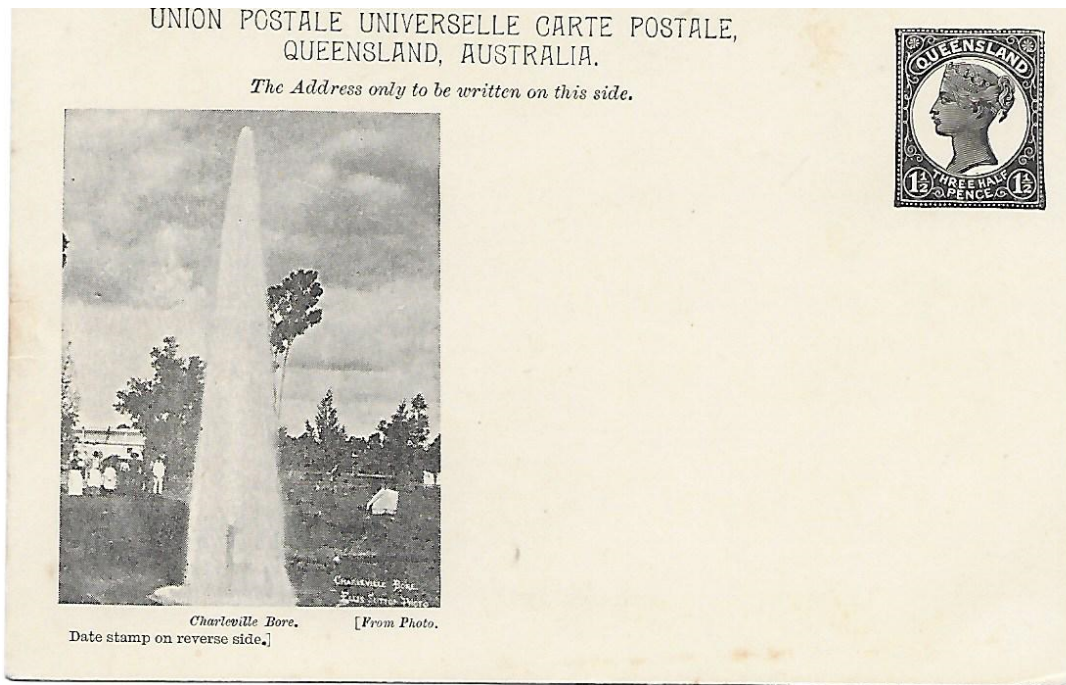
75 mm X 50 mm



1898 View Post Cards

As you can see the size of the images was no consistent.

One is in Portrait; image has been cropped; majority are square or rectangle

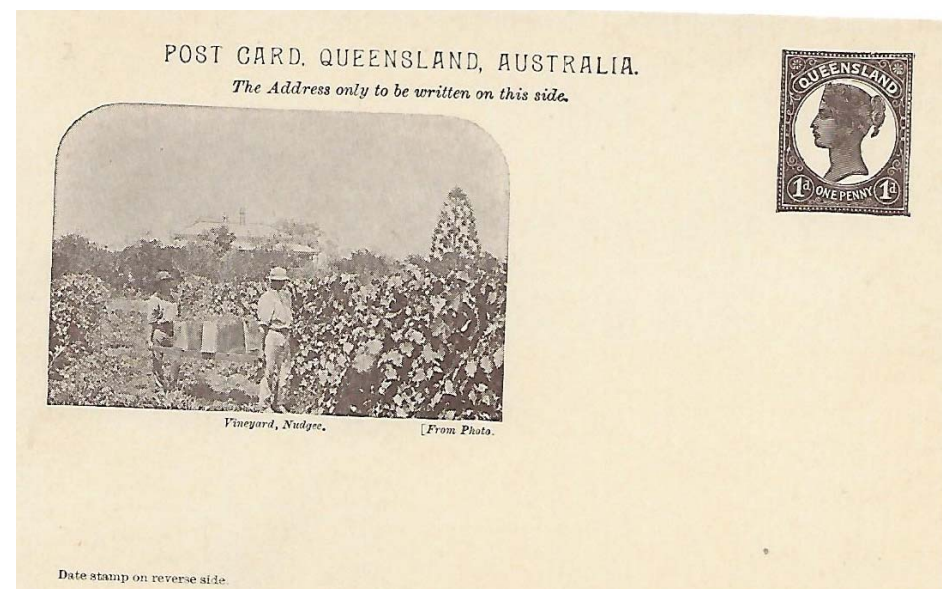


1898 View Post Cards

B LIST (note the B list is only 17 cards, which will be addressed)

All of these Views have square upper corners

19. Arrowroot Drying, Coomera River
20. Arrowroot Field, Coomera River
21. Arrowroot Field, Pimpama
22. Botanic Gardens, Brisbane
23. Brisbane River from Parliament House
24. Corner Queen and Edwards Streets, Brisbane
25. Glengallan Station, near Warwick
26. Gold Mine and Works, Charters Towers
27. Hambleton Sugar Mill, Cairns
28. Harvesting, Green Hills Farm, Warwick
29. Haystacks and Lucerne Strippers, Warwick
30. Jondaryan Woolshed, Loading Wool
31. Parliament House, Brisbane
32. Pineapple Plantation, Nundah, near Brisbane
33. Ploughing and Harrowing, Green Hills Farm, Warwick
34. Vineyard, Nudgee
35. Wheat Stripping, Canning Downs, Warwick



1898 – 1908 View Post Cards

It is presumed that both the A and B List of cards were printed 72 to a sheet.

The B List comprised only 17 Views, and in this configuration the View *Parliament House* is repeated four times in the sheet.

One such Half sheet [36 Views], showing both the positions of the various Views and the repeated Parliament House, Brisbane [31] View is known. There may be a second similar sheet in existence.

This sheet is the B list with Views with rounded corners. Parliament House is No 6 and 9.

This sheet was exhibited in the Postal Stationery Section at Australia 99 by the late English Philatelist Ronald Butler RDP.

Sheet composition of 1898 1d Post Cards



1898 1d View Post Cards

Proofs are recorded with unissued stamp Indicia 1888 & 1898



Sugar Cane View was not issued



Bulloch Droving View was issued

1898 1½d View Post Cards

Proof in Green with issued card with obligatory French wording.

All proofs on green card are with the 1½d value with issued stamp Indica design

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QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA.

The Address only to be written on this side.



Pineapple Field.

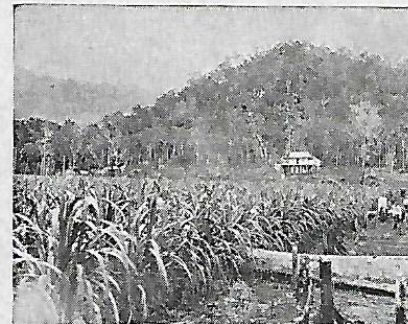
[From Photo.]

Date stamp on reverse side.]



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The Address only to be written on this side.



Cane-field and Selector's Home. [From Photo.]

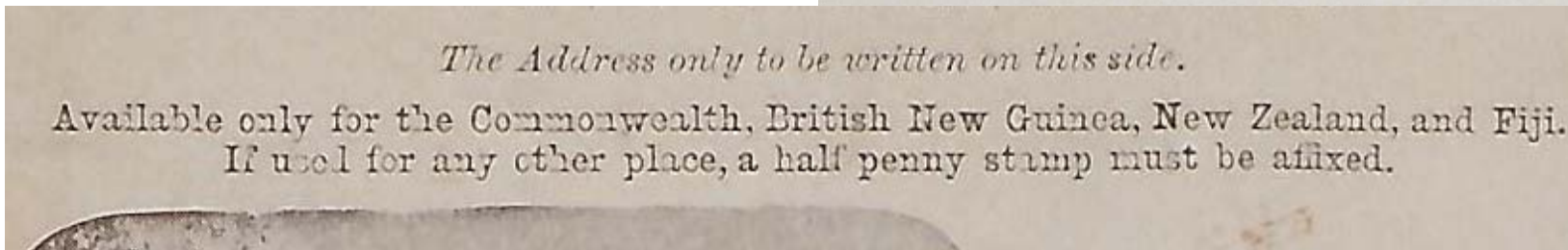
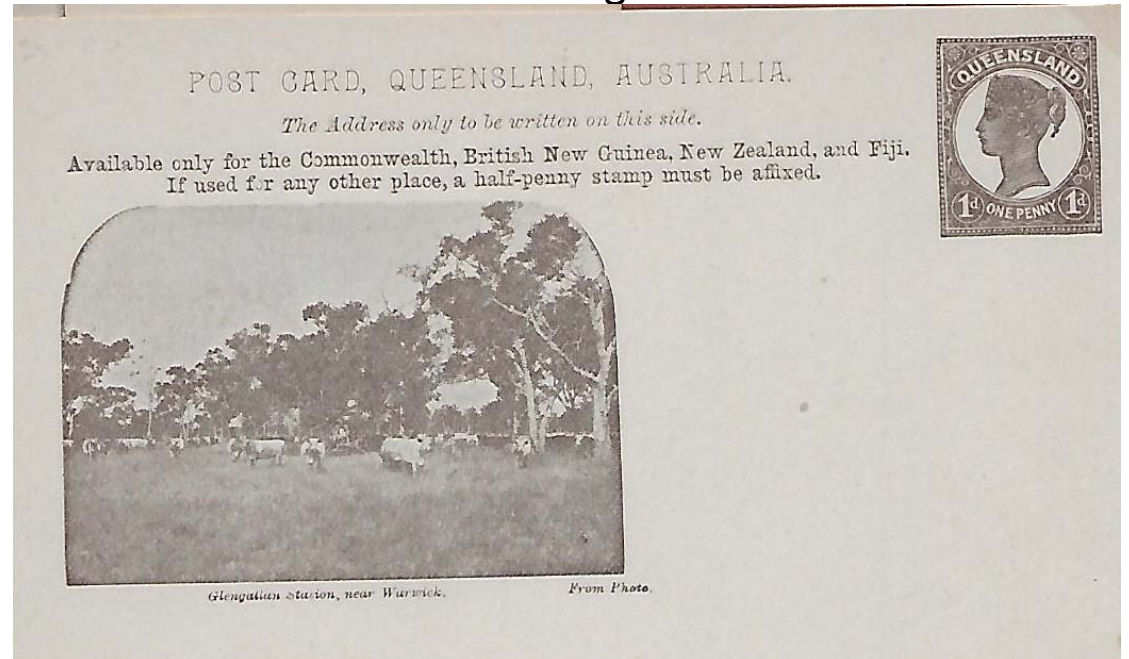
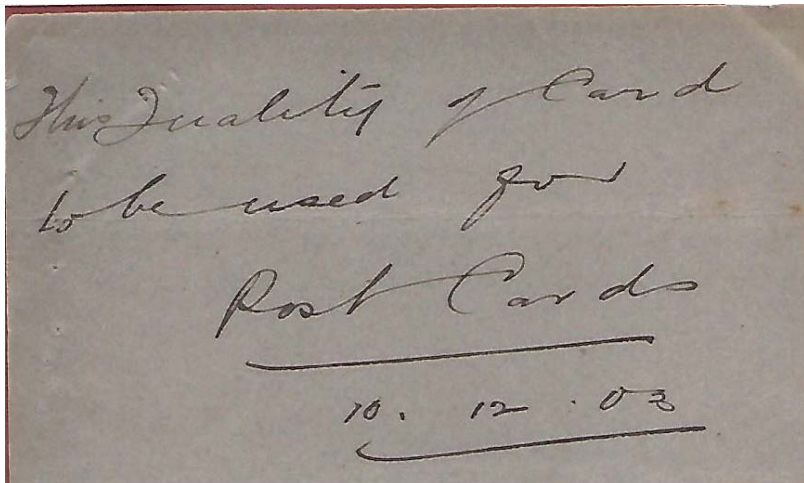
Date stamp on reverse side.]



1904 1d View Post Cards

B series Views of 17 cards with new heading for destinations of validity for 1d postage.

1904 card includes the words "British New Guinea" but not "United Kingdom"

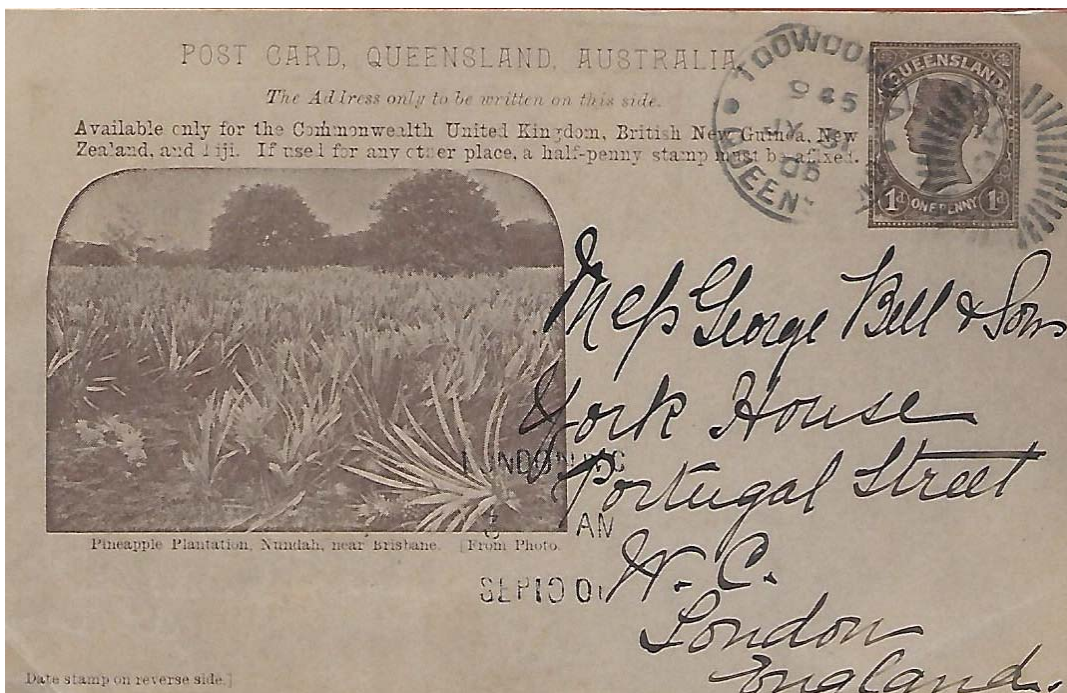


1905 1d View Post Cards

B series Views of 17 cards with new heading for destinations of validity for 1d postage.

1905 card includes the words “British New Guinea” AND “United Kingdom”

Surprisingly most of these cards are used to foreign addresses



1906 1d View Post Cards

B series Views of 17 cards with new heading for destinations of validity for 1d postage.

1906 card includes the words "COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA"

Printed in Brown, Chestnut and Plum Words **COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA** are 60 mm long

Words "**COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA**" measure 58 mm or 60 mm on Parliament House View



1906 1d View Post Cards

Words "**COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA**" measure 56 mm on Wheat Stripping, Canning Downs, Warwick
It have not yet seen a card with the 60 mm length



1895 - 1909 2d LETTER CARDS

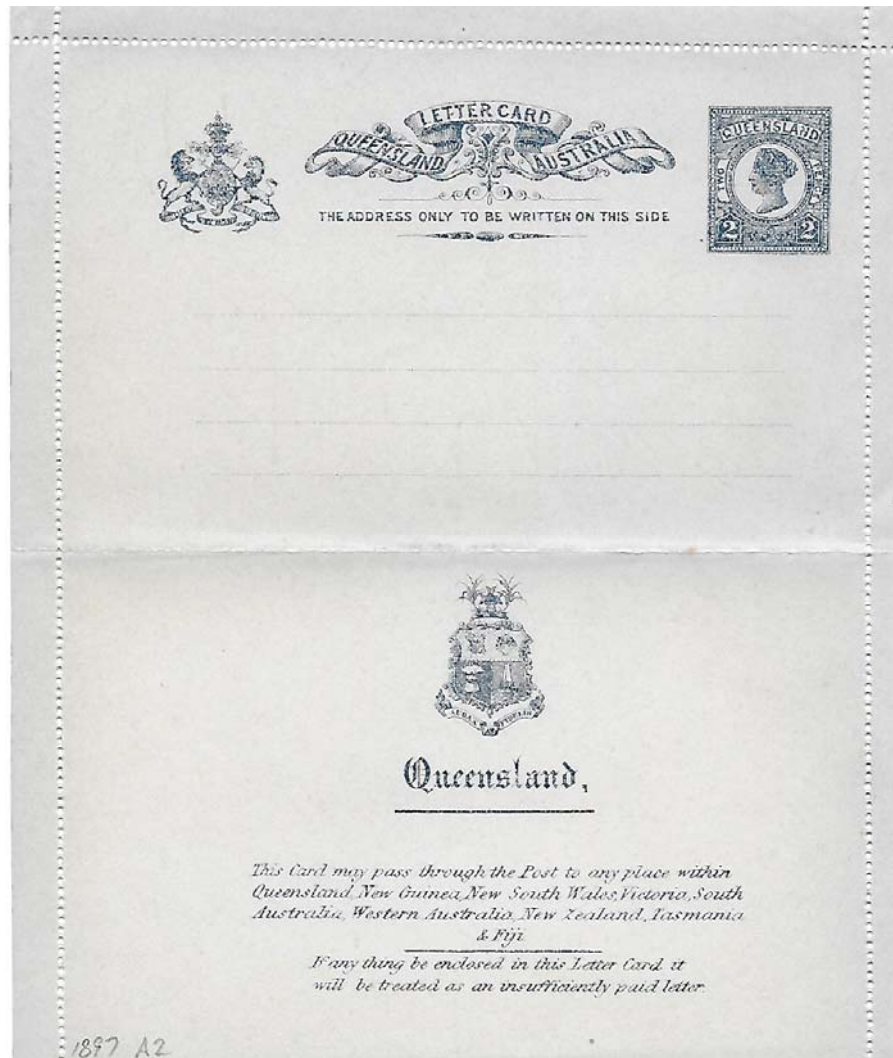
2d Letter cards were issued from 1895 to 1909. 1d Letter cards 1911

There are 5 distinguishing card features

1. Coat of Arms in upper left corner - with and without Wheat Sheaffe
2. Hair design on Queen Victoria - with and without inner circle line
3. Size of the Coat of Arms on reverse side; Direction of Ribbons
4. Continuous or paired perforations **(not a print variation)**
5. Colour of paper stock – Off white or blue
6. Unwatermarked or watermarked paper **(2 different watermarks known)**

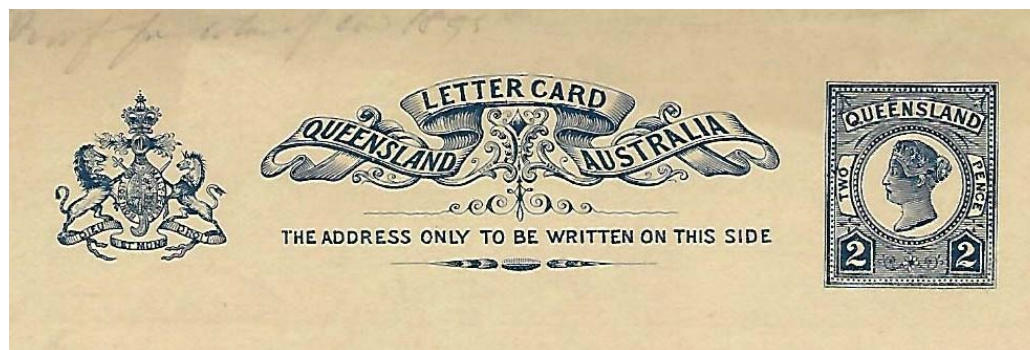
I have listed 10 different types of the 2d Letter cards

1895 - 1909 2d LETTER CARDS



1895 - 1909 2d LETTER CARDS

Stamp Indica of Head of Queen Victoria



STAMP DESIGN



DIE I
Thick 2, hair in bun,
and inner frame lines
[1 - 7]



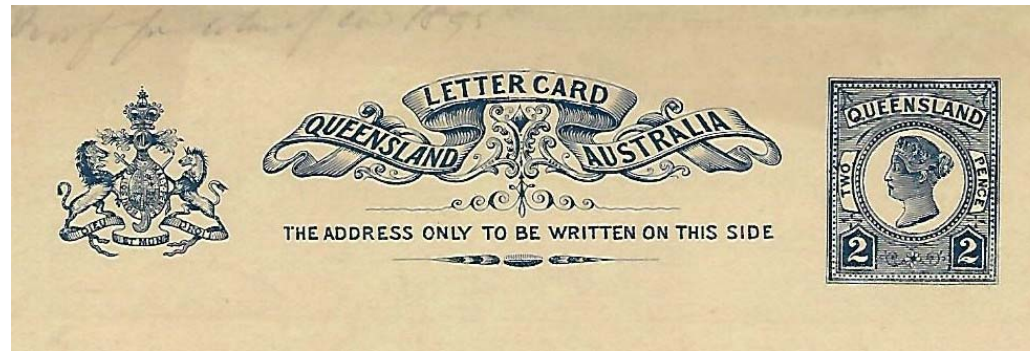
DIE II
Thin 2, hair in bun,
without frame lines
[8]



DIE III
Thin 2, hair in pony tail
without inner frame lines
[9 - 10]

1895 - 1909 2d LETTER CARDS

Royal Coat of Arms on face of cards



ROYAL COAT OF ARMS



DIE A
Uncrowned Lion with
with wheat and ribbons
[1 - 5]



DIE B
Crowned Lion without
without wheat or ribbons
[6 - 12]

1895 - 1909 2d LETTER CARDS

Coat of Arms on Reverse Types 1 – 5 Ribbon points Inwards



QUEENSLAND COAT OF ARMS (on reverse)



27 mm high
Die 1
[1 - 4]



32 mm high
Die 2a
[5]



32 mm high
Die 2b
[6 - 7]



34 mm high
Die 3a
[8]



24 mm high
Die 3b
[9 - 12]

1 June 1895 2d LETTER CARD

Admonition on reverse of Card

Types 1 - 5

*This Card may pass through the Post to any place within
Queensland, New Guinea, New South Wales, Victoria, South
Australia, Western Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania
& Fiji.*

*If any thing be enclosed in this Letter Card it
will be treated as an insufficiently paid letter.*

Types 6 - 10

This Card may pass through the Post to any place within the
Commonwealth of Australia, New Guinea, New Zealand, and Fiji.

If anything be enclosed in this Letter Card
it will be treated as an insufficiently paid
letter, if not already prepaid at that rate.

1895 - 1909 2d LETTER CARDS

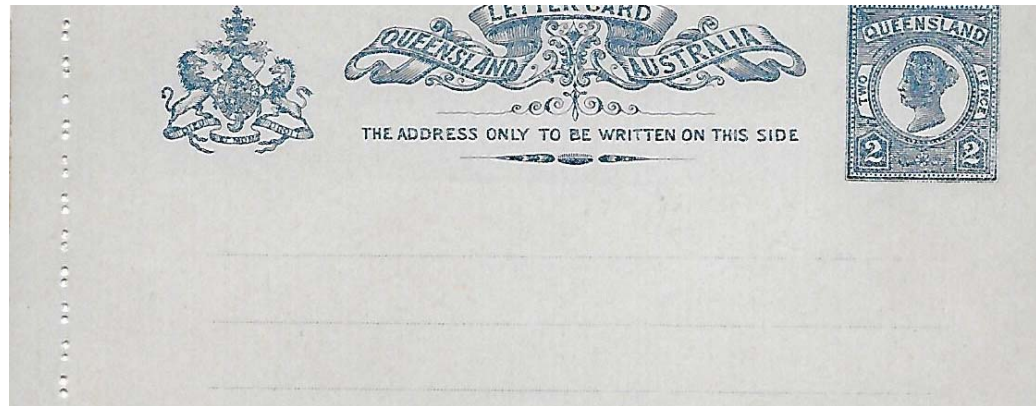
Address lines in dots 1 – 6; in dashes 7 – 10; Reverse wording 3 lines 1 – 6; 2 lines 7 - 10

1. 1 June 1895 blue green paper
2. 1 July 1895 off white paper
3. October 1895 Green blue paper
4. September 1897 Watermark Shield; paired perforations
5. Circa 1900 Watermark Shield; paired perforations (blue shade)
6. Circa 1900 Paired perforations
7. October 1903 Watermark Shield on cream of off white paper
8. July 1907 Watermark Monk Burns; Hair in bun with no inner circle
9. February 1908 Paired perforations
10. October 1909 Justified wording on destination validity

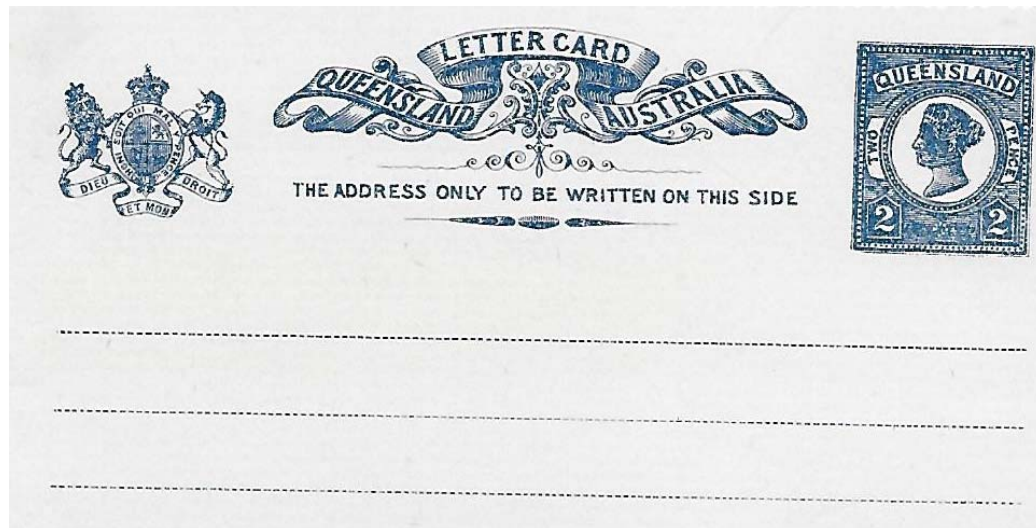
10 Different formats of the 2d Letter Card are known

1895 - 1909 2d LETTER CARDS

Dots



Dashes



1895 - 1909 2d LETTER CARDS

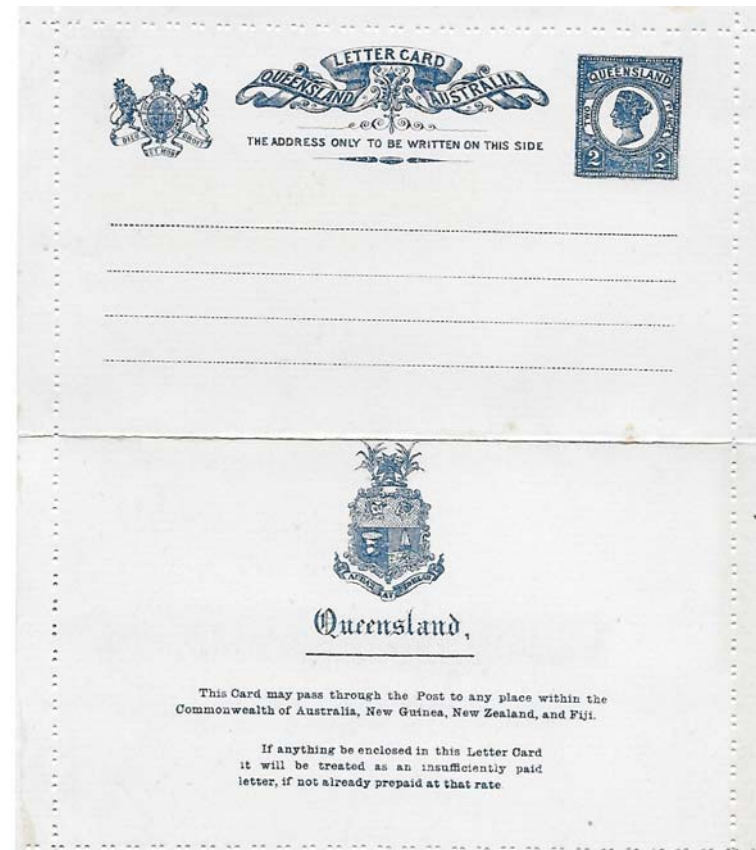
Single perforations

Single perfs 1 – 2; 10



Paired perforations

Paired perfs 3 - 9



1907 2d LETTER CARDS

Rare type 8



Only 3 used copies known

1911 1d Letter Cards

Watermark Strathdee Fine - Red on Grey laid stock - Address lines in dashes - Perforations end 8 mm from top

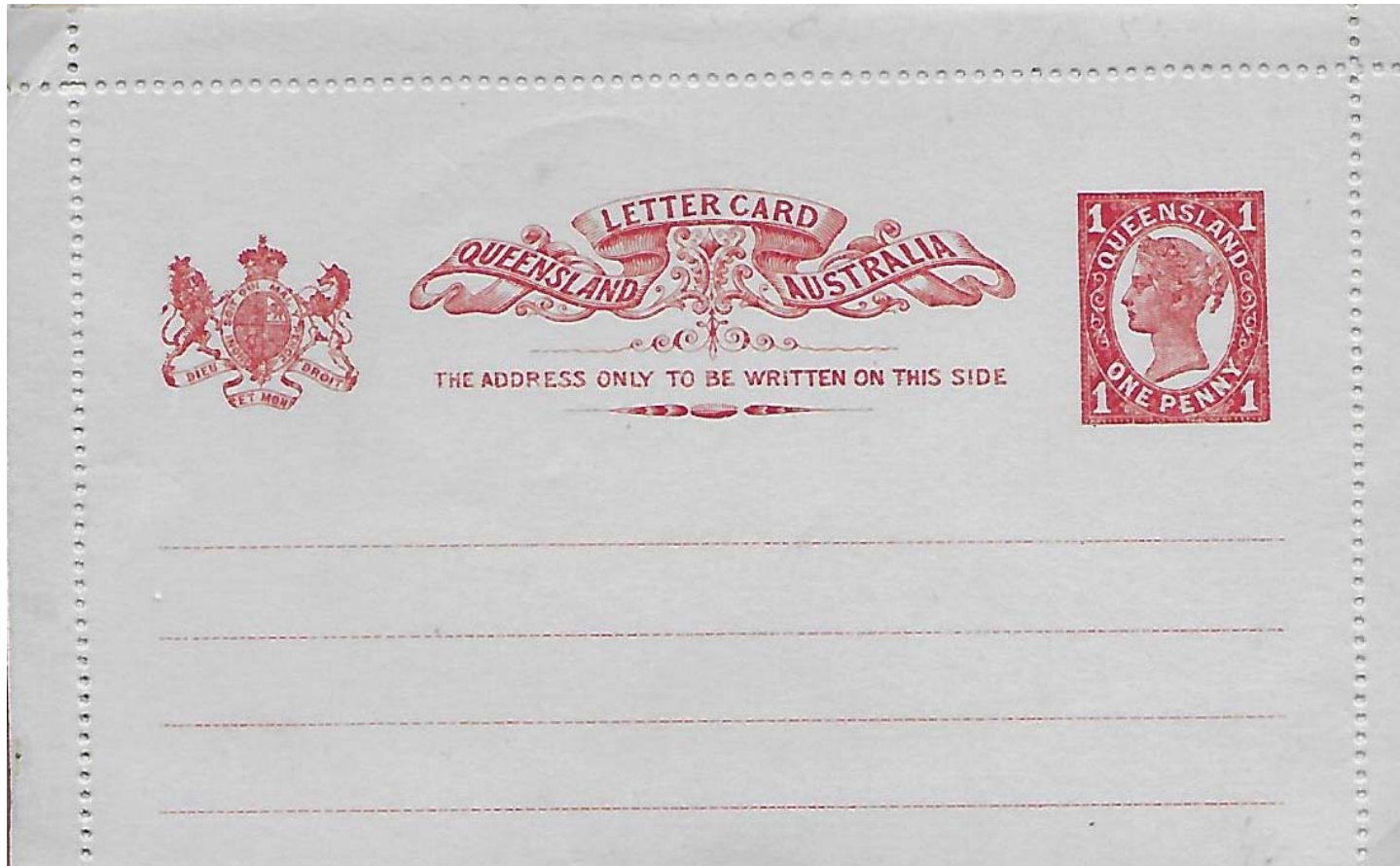


The 1d value is not as common either mint or used as the 2d which saw extensive use



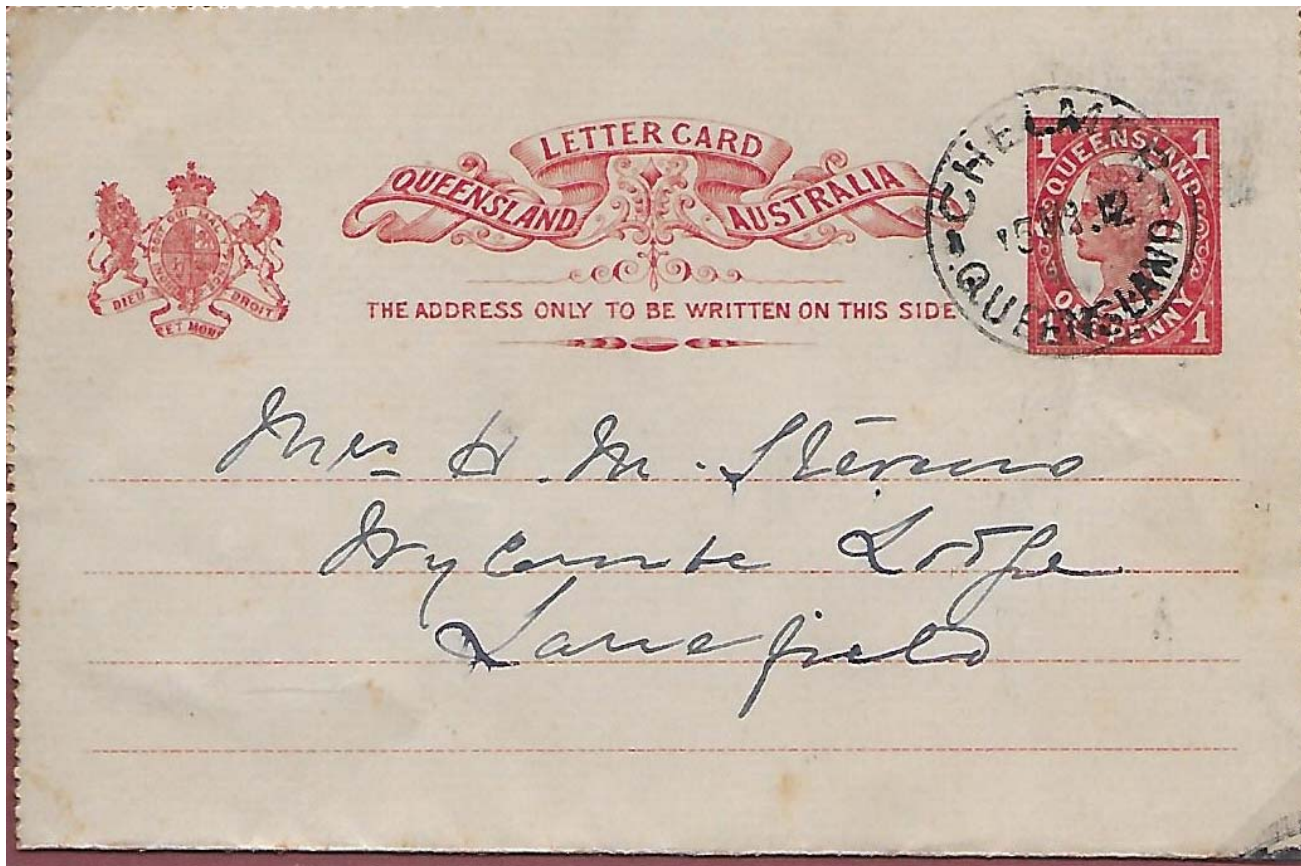
1911 1d Letter Cards

Perforations go to the top edge



1911 1d Letter Cards

Cream wove paper



1911 1d Letter Card with Reply

Red on grey laid card

Address Lines in dashes

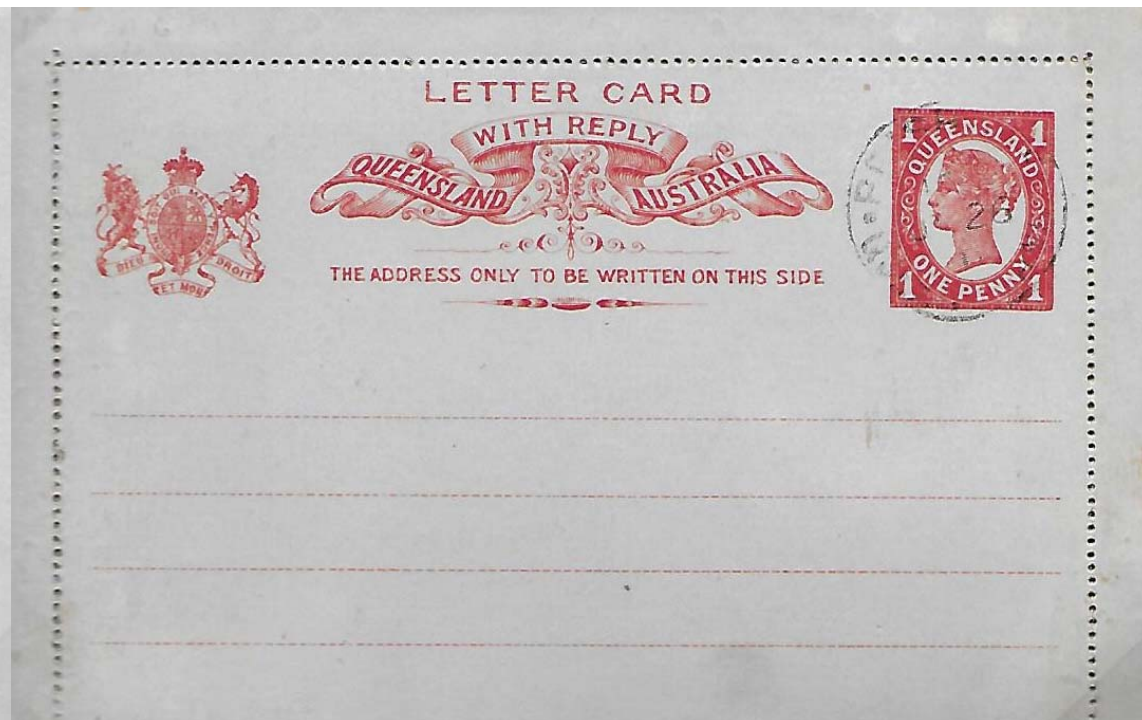
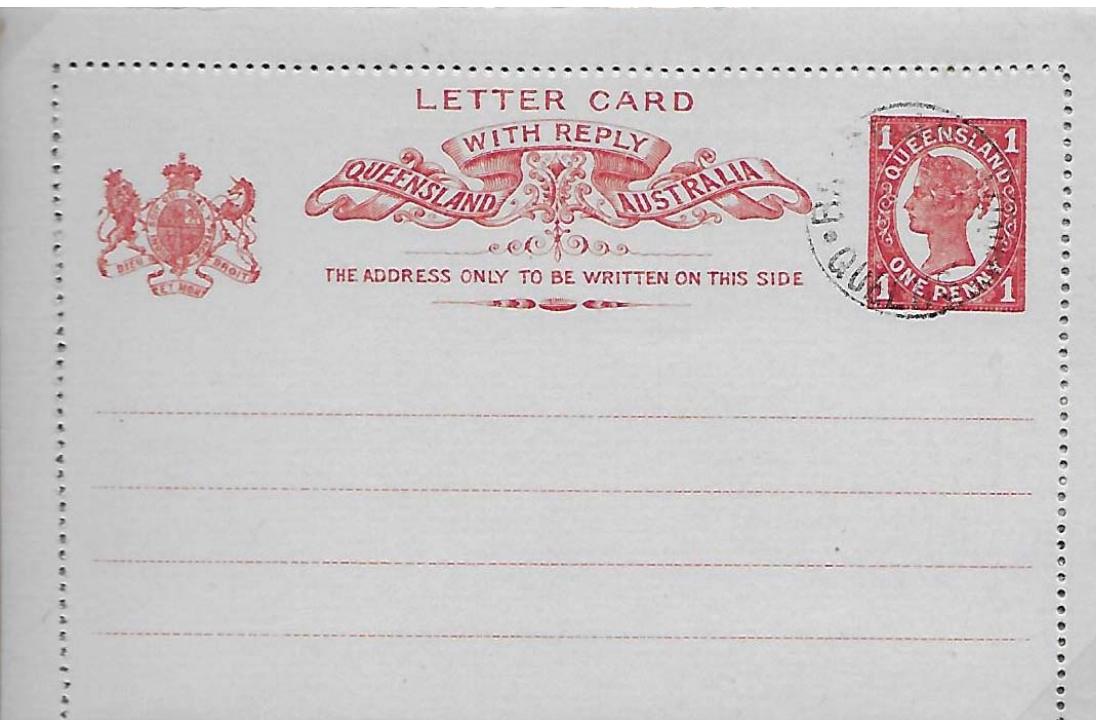
perforations are 10½ or 12½

Perforations stop 7 mm from the top

Perforations to the edge

Perf 10½

Perf 12½



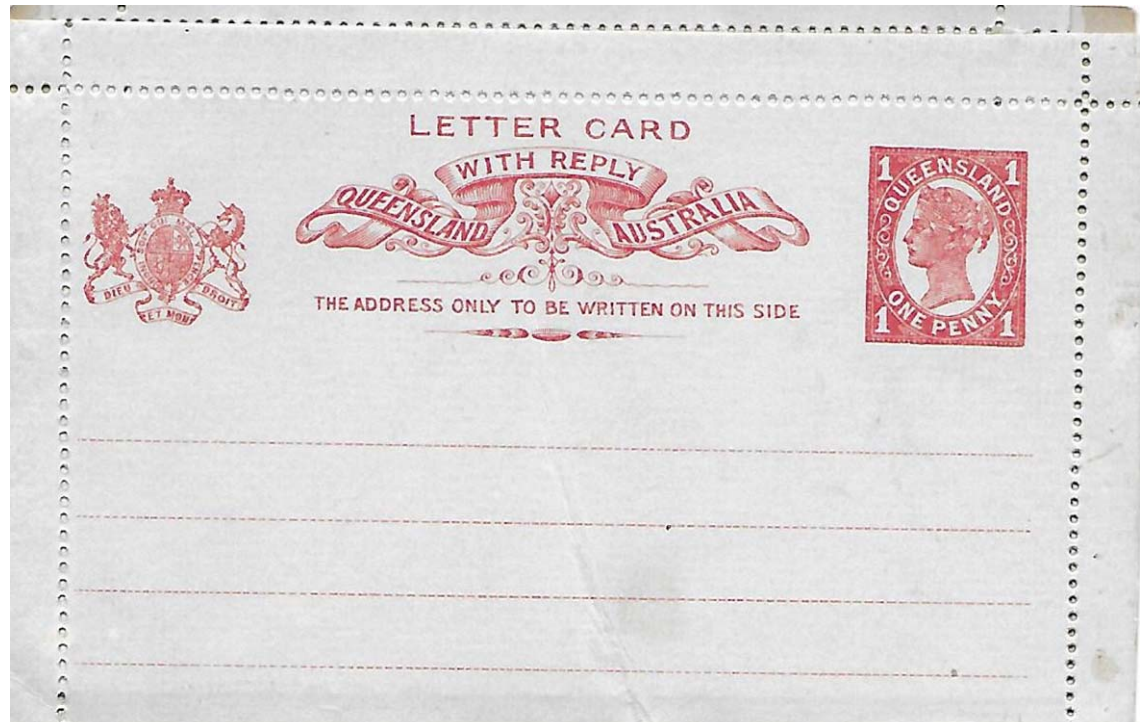
Both cards are postmarked 26 July 1911 as PECIEMNS for UPU

1911 1d Letter Card with Reply

Perf 10

Perforations extend to the edge

Perforation stop 7 mm from top



1911 1d Letter Card with Reply

Internal format of Reply Letter Card.

I have not sighted a used copy of Reply



1911 1d Letter Card with Reply

Red on cream card stock

Perforation 10

No used example yet recorded SPECIMEN



½d and 1d Newspaper Wrappers

There are 4 stamp indica designs for the ½d value; one for 1d value

November 1891



February 1895



October 1898



September 1899



½d Newspaper Wrappers

Proof in blue and red brown;

Two 2d Proofs were held in the Commonwealth Archive

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November 1891 ½d Newspaper Wrappers

Text Length 77 mm

wrapper width 122 – 131 mm

length 296 mm

Types 1 – 3

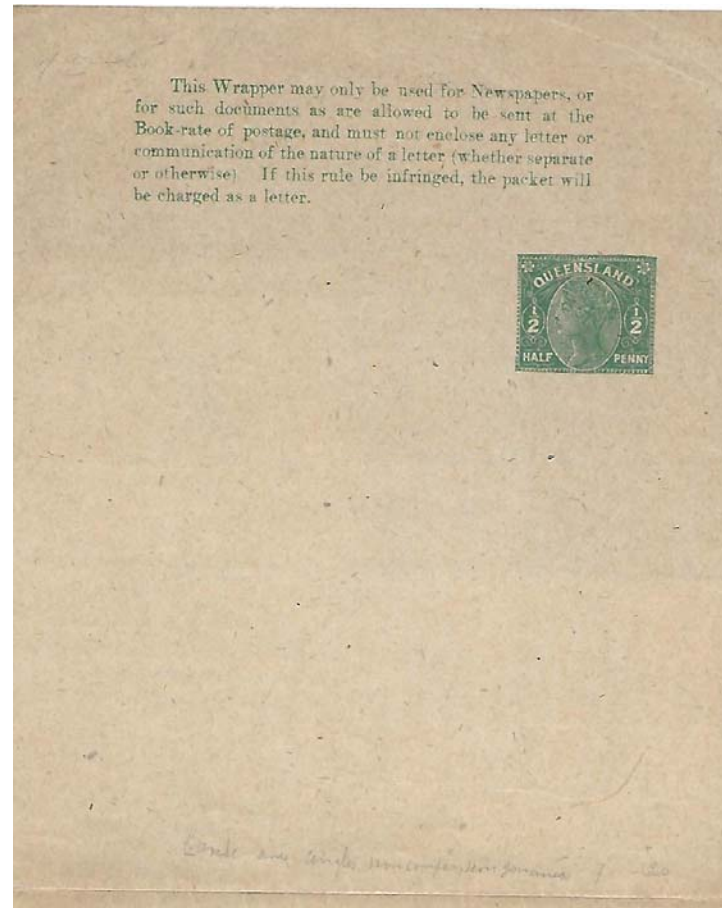
Printed Letterpress

Filled background

Text for types 1 – 6

Type 1 no gum; square corners

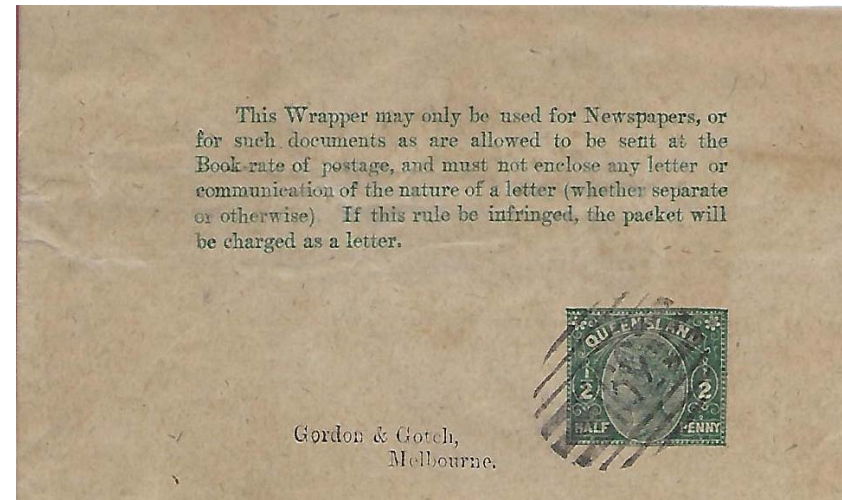
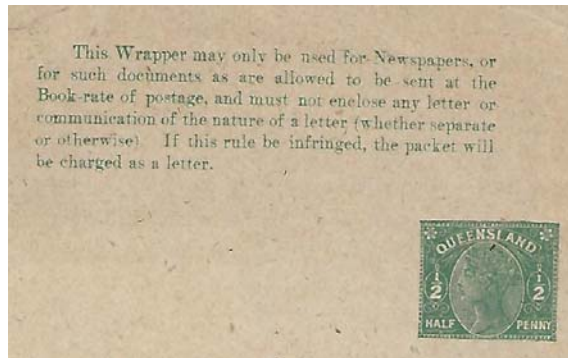
Type 2 no gum; mitred corners



1891 – 1993 ½d Newspaper Wrappers Letterpress

Type 3 showing repositioning of text to stamp

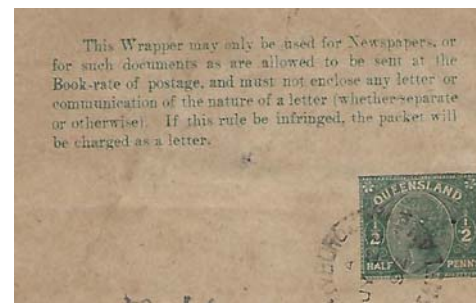
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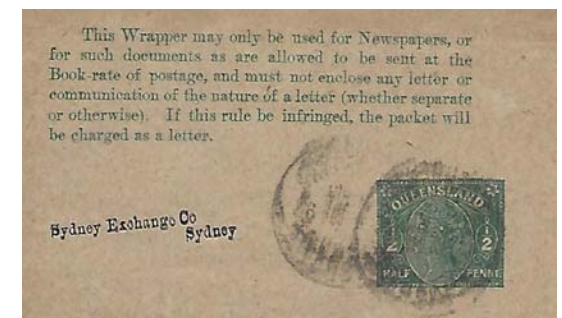
Type 3



Type 3a

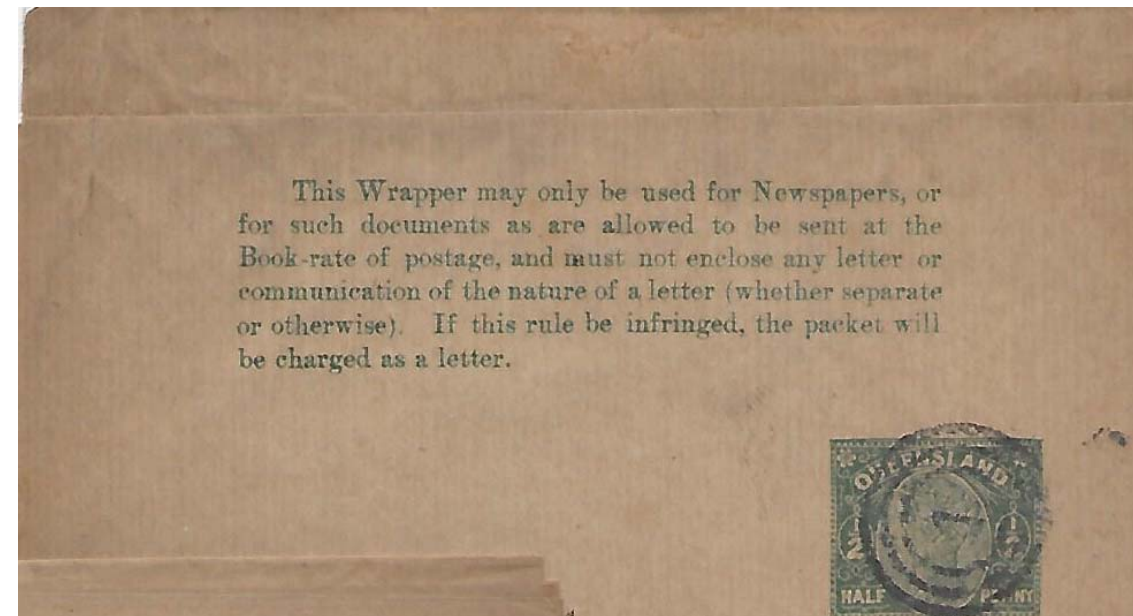


Type 3b



1893 ½d Newspaper Wrappers - Lithography

Type 4 indicates the altering gap (8 – 10 mm) between the text and the stamp



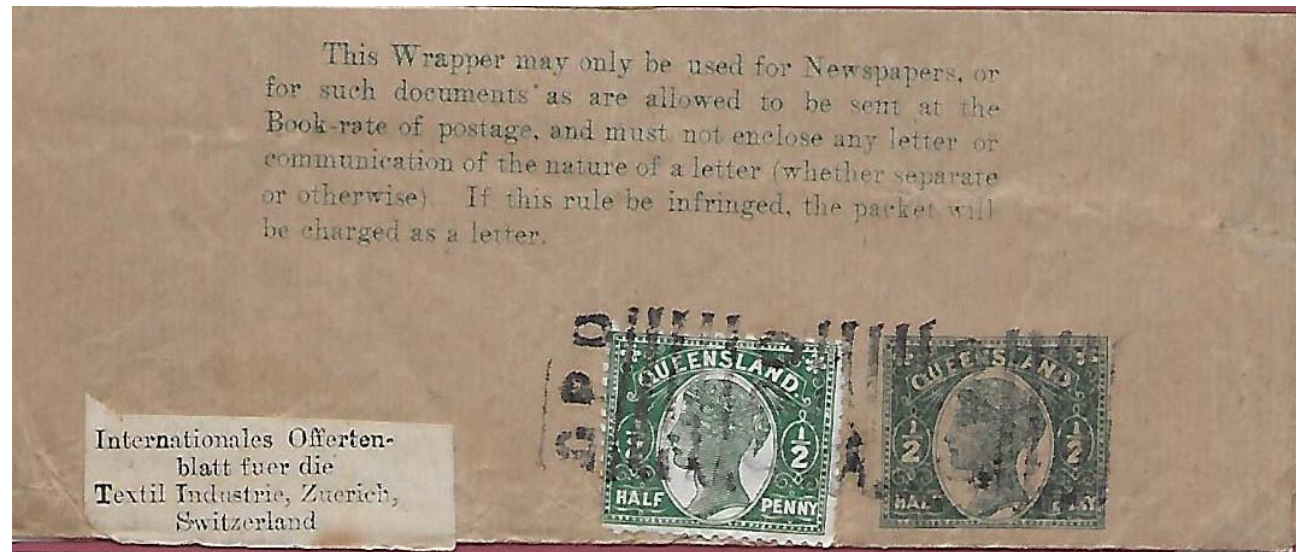
1895 ½d Newspaper Wrappers - Lithography

Types 5 – 6

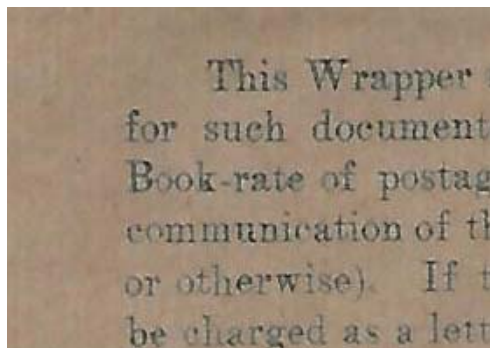
Void background

Font variations

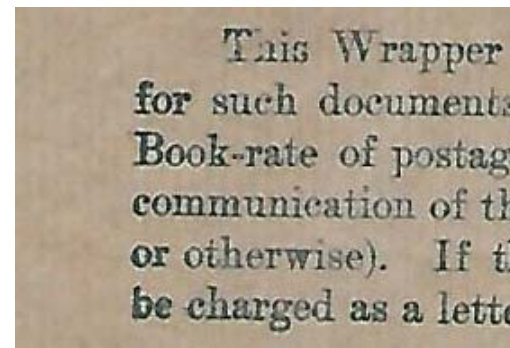
- i. d under W
- ii. d before W



Type I

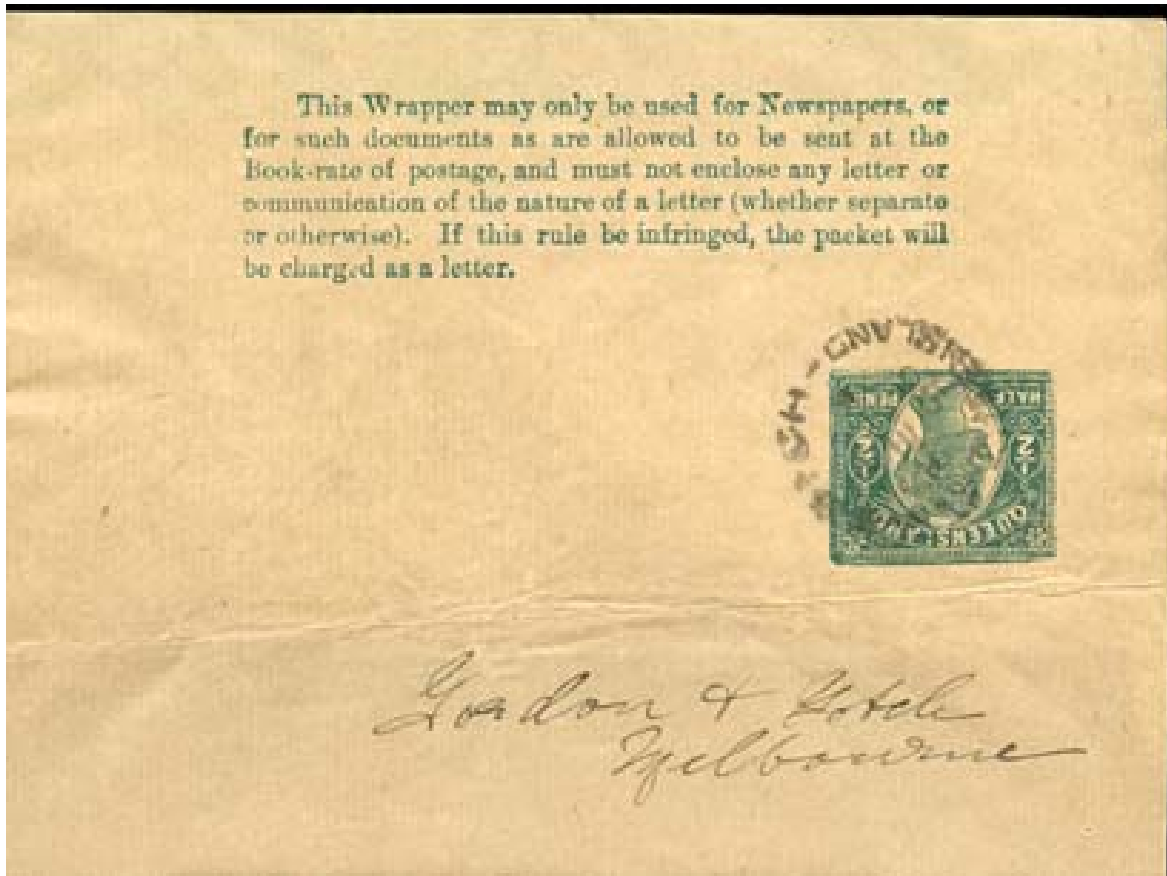


Type ii



1895 ½d Newspaper Wrappers - Lithography

Inverted stamp Indicia **only one example known**



1898 ½d Newspaper Wrappers Letterpress

New variation of wording which now ends in “enforced.” Stamp beside the text

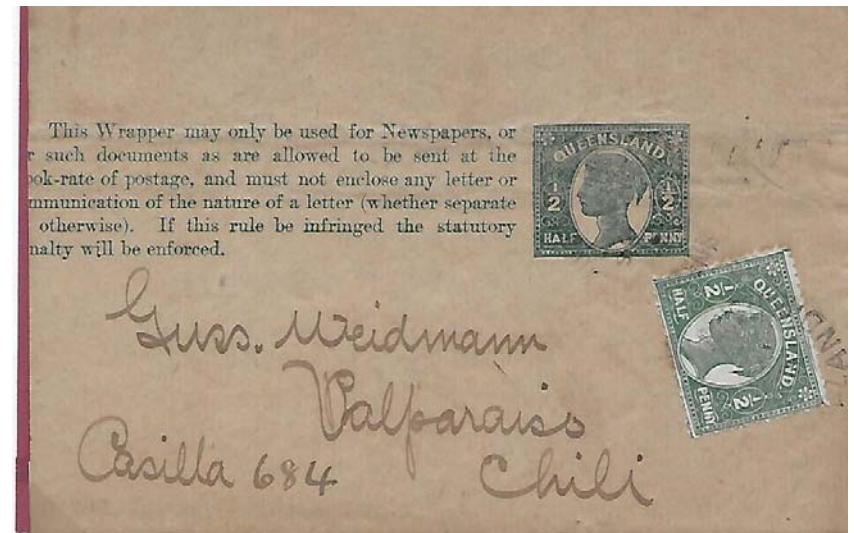
Type 7 a. Normal y b. Redrawn Y (by hand)

a. Normal y

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b. Redrawn y

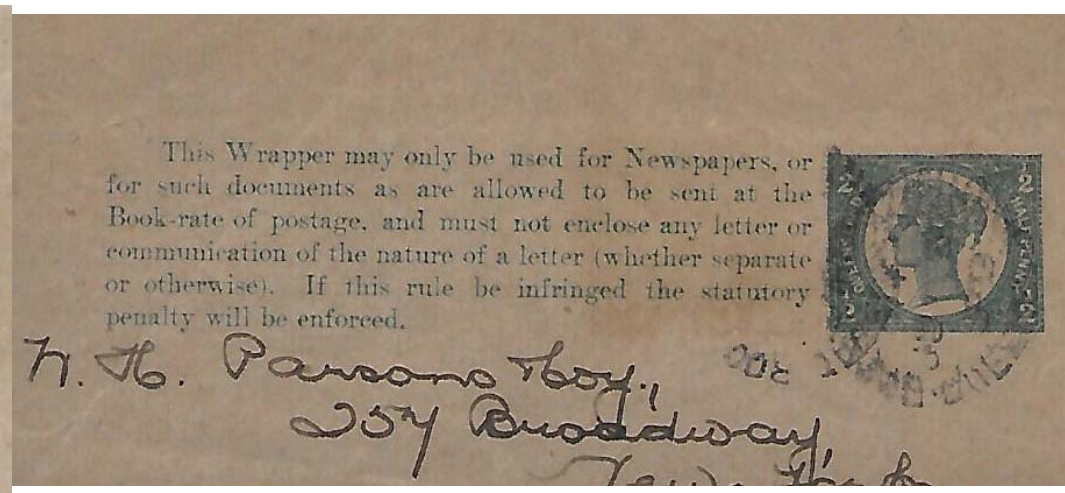
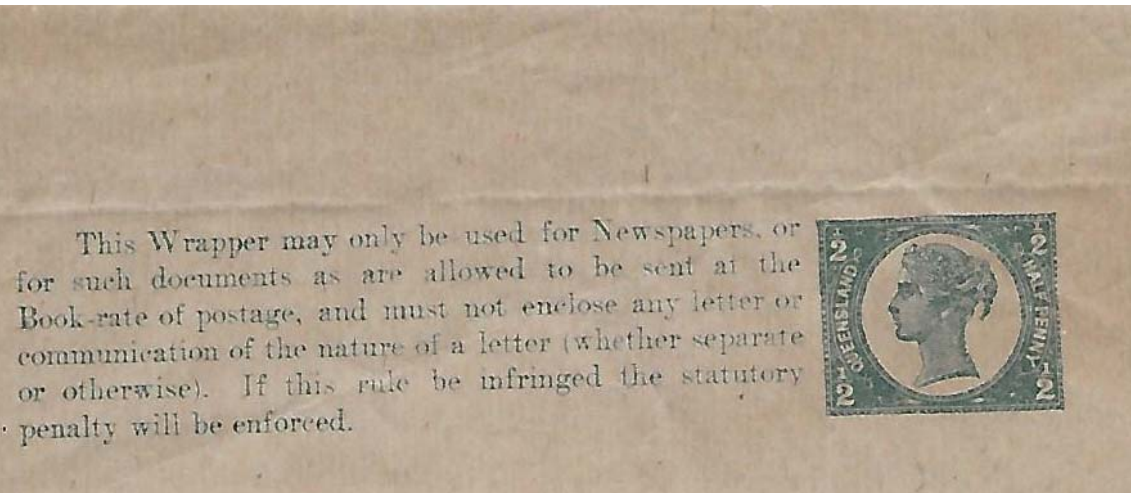
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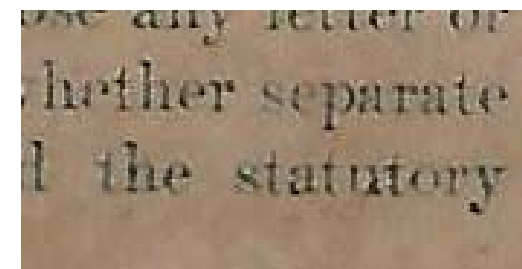
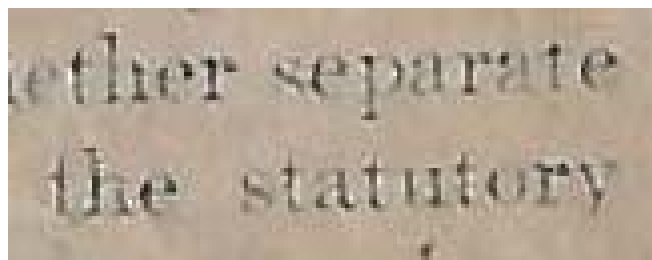
1898 ½d Newspaper Wrappers

Type 8 Letterpress
Short Y

Type 8 Lithography
Standard Y

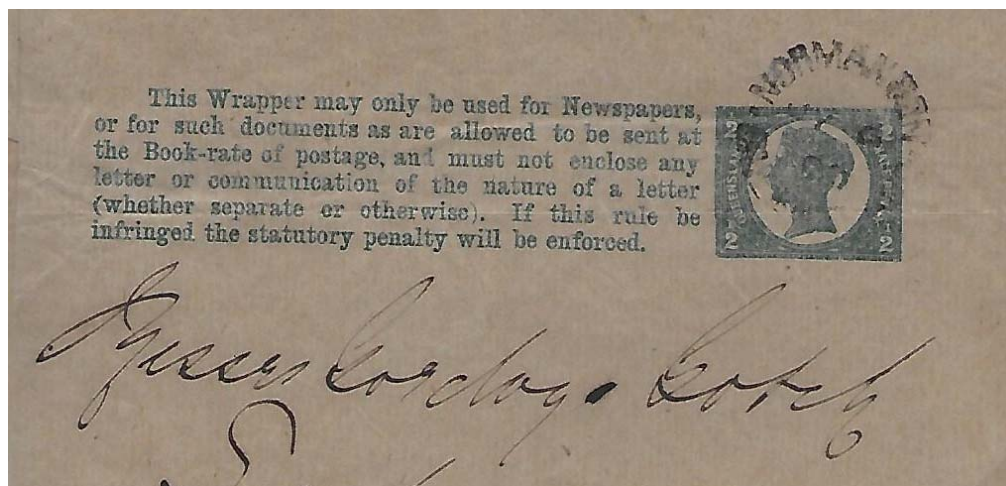
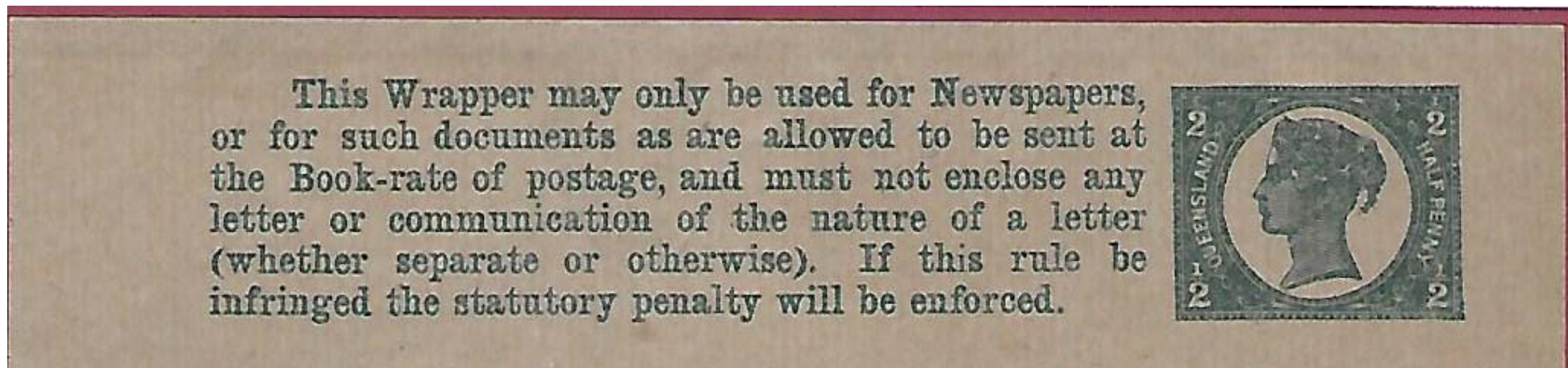


The word “enforced” ends at the left of text below “If this rule”



1898 ½d Newspaper Wrappers Lithography

New stamp design with Text from Type 8 beside the stamp Numerals in all four corners



September 1899 ½d Newspaper Wrappers Letterpress for all future ½d and 1d issues

New Queen Victoria stamp design by A.R. McKellar

Text length 77 mm

Position of the Text varies

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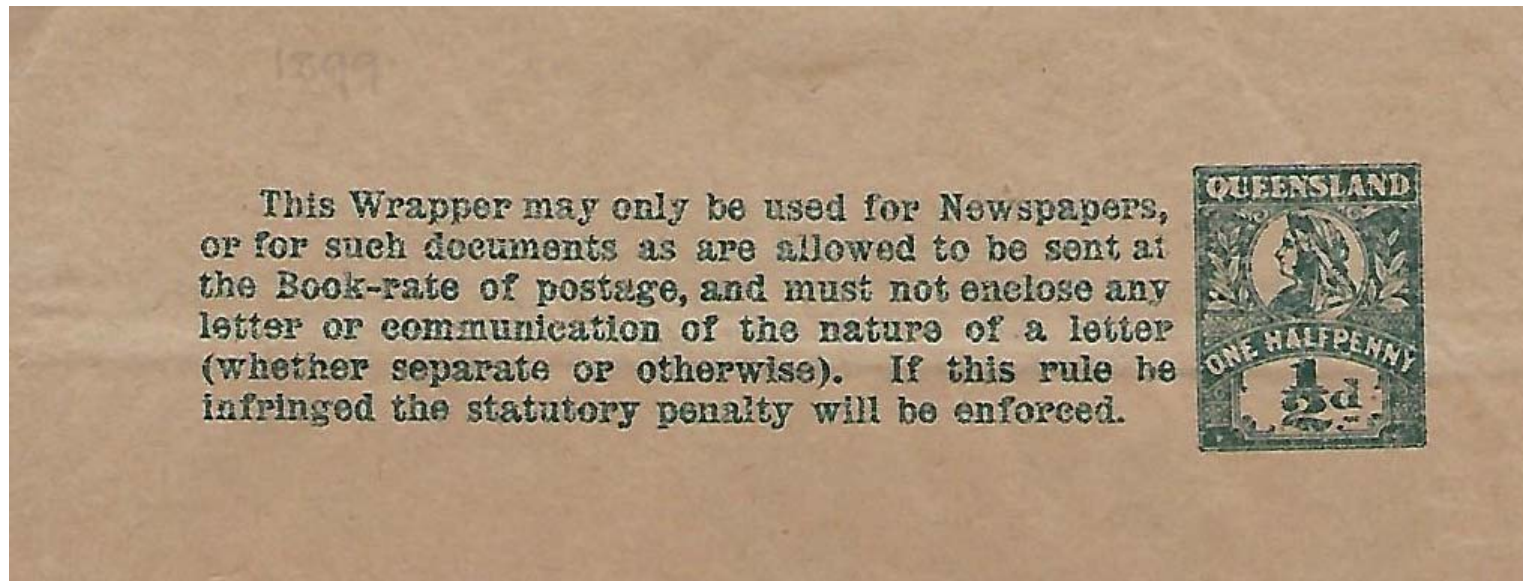
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Australian Christian World
301 Pitt Street, Sydney

1910 ½d Newspaper Wrappers

Text length is now 81 mm



New layout of Text for Types 10 and 11

1910 ½d Newspaper Wrappers used BNG

No complete wrapper is known used in BNG

Queensland stamps were valid for use in British New Guiana, being supplied from Cooktown. It is presumed that postal stationery was also officially issued, but no official records have been discovered. A Post Card and Lettercard are known.

TYPE 2

These are the only recorded examples of Queensland Newspaper wrappers used in British New Guiana



Port Moresby 23 May 1892

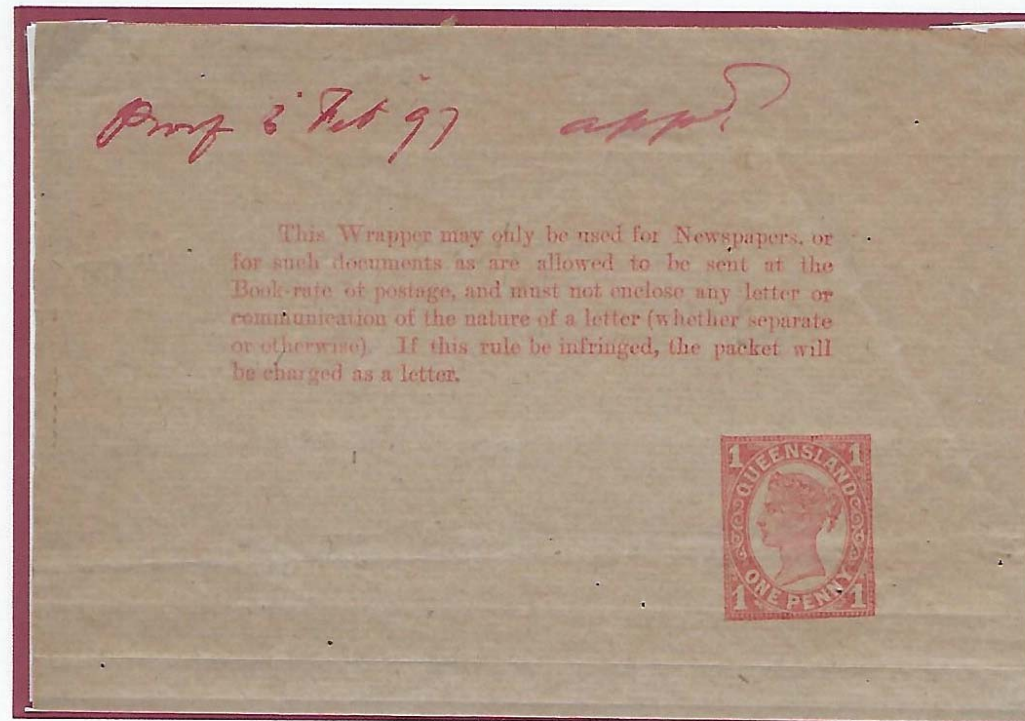
TYPE 5



Port Moresby B.N.G.

1898 1d Newspaper Wrappers

Proof approved 8 Oct 97

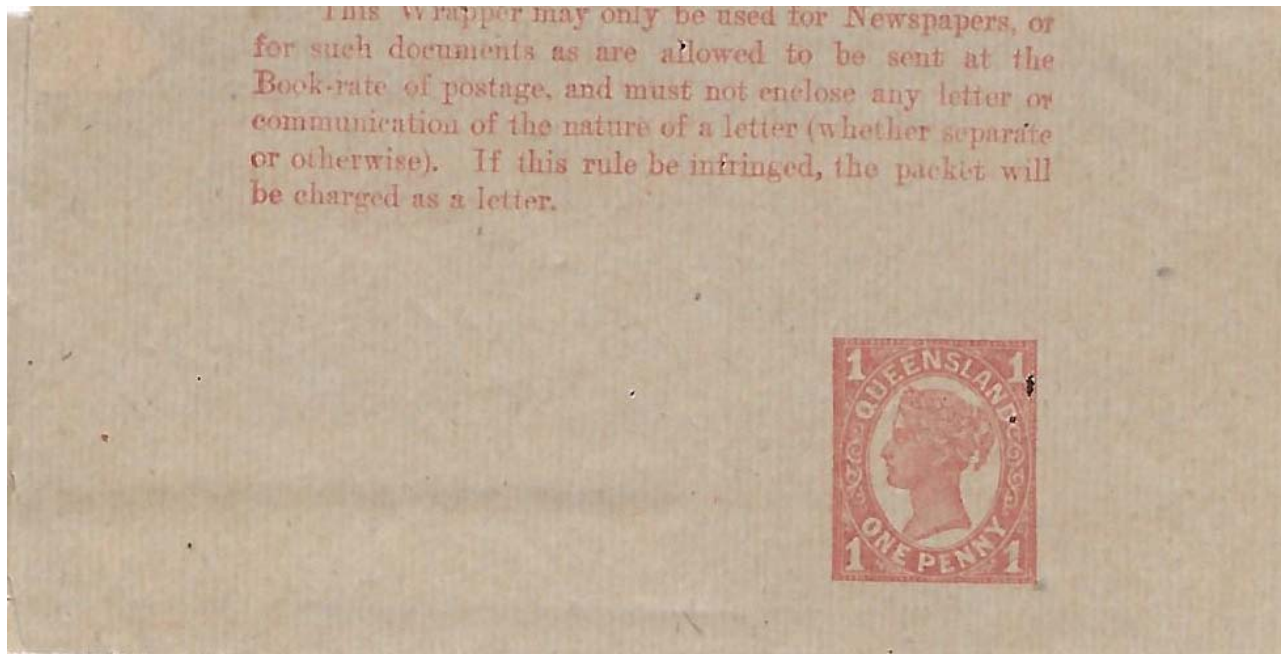


In the proof the stamp indicia is 10 mm below the penultimate text line

1898 1d Newspaper Wrappers

Type 1

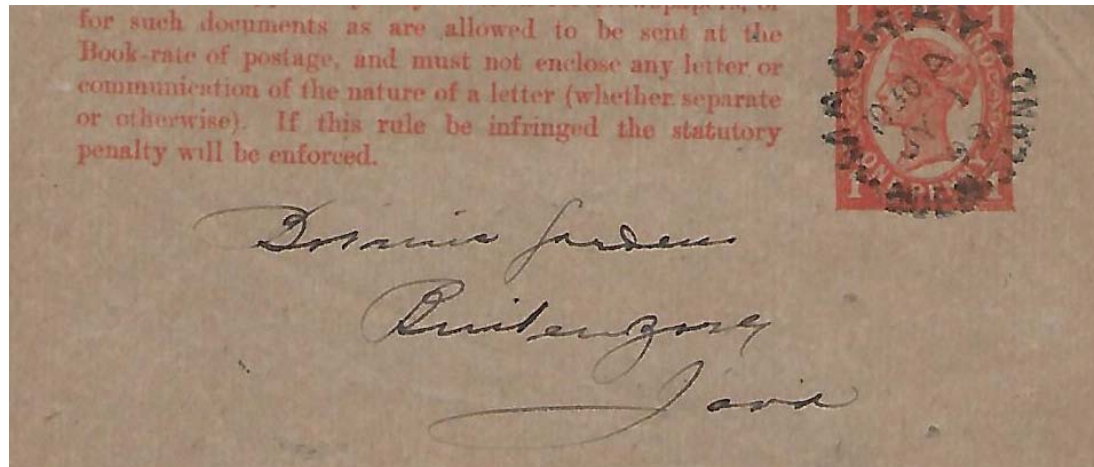
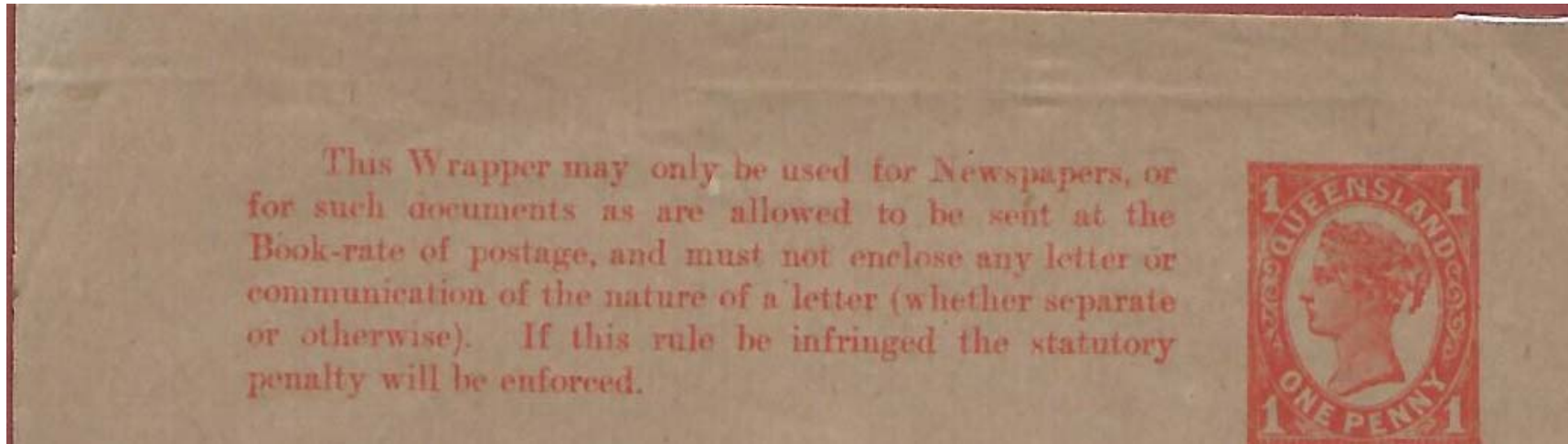
Text ends with the word "letter"



1898 1d Newspaper Wrappers

Type 2

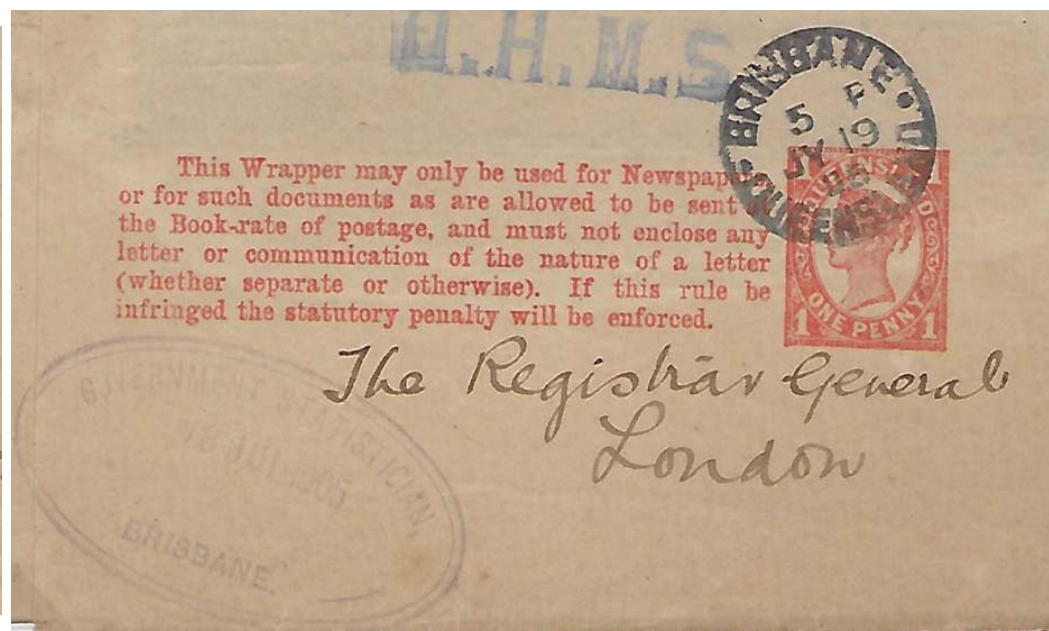
Text is now beside the stamp and ends in enforced



1898 1d Newspaper Wrappers

No official Newspaper wrapper was issued but the 1898 wrapper was handstamped OHMS

Type 2



1905 1d Newspaper Wrappers

Type 3 New Text with the admonition concluding with the word “enforced”

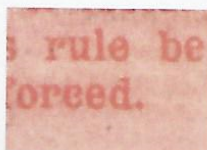
Positions of the word enforced in the text

Laid paper

Text layout 1

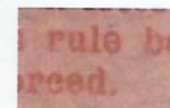


3 text formats have been recorded
Text layout 2



d of enforced is below e of rule

Text layout 3



d of enforced is before e of rule

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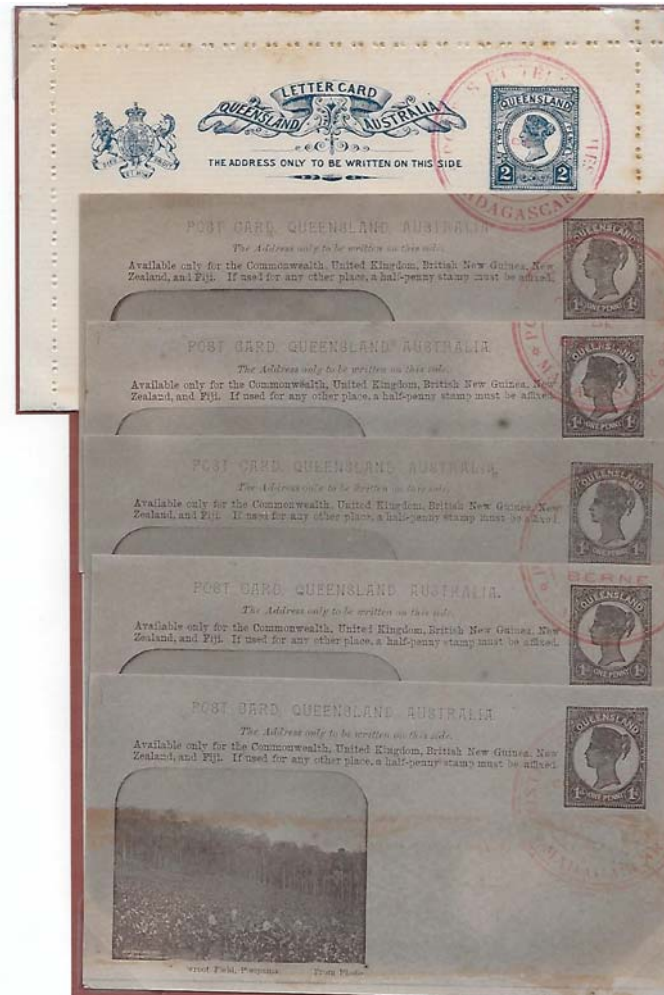
Madagascar Specimens

After 1888 no Queensland Stationery was impressed with the word SPECIMEN

Usually the stationery was postmarked In Brisbane. This is not the case here.

1903 2d Letter Card

1905 View Post Cards with “United Kingdom”



Queensland Postal Stationery Envelopes.

Queensland issued no postal stationery envelopes

However both during the Colonial period and the Commonwealth period it provided a facility to imprint stamp on envelopes (cards and wrappers) supplied by the consumer. This service was provided by the Government Lithographic Branch; were subject to a Fee and a minimum quantity of envelopes. The most prolific user of this service were the Mount Morgan Gold Mining Company, New Zealand Insurance Company, and B.D. Morehead, PMG. Only 2 wrappers and one Post Card are known to have been submitted.

The PTO envelopes will form the Programme for Part III

PTO Wrapper Burns Philp

Only known example

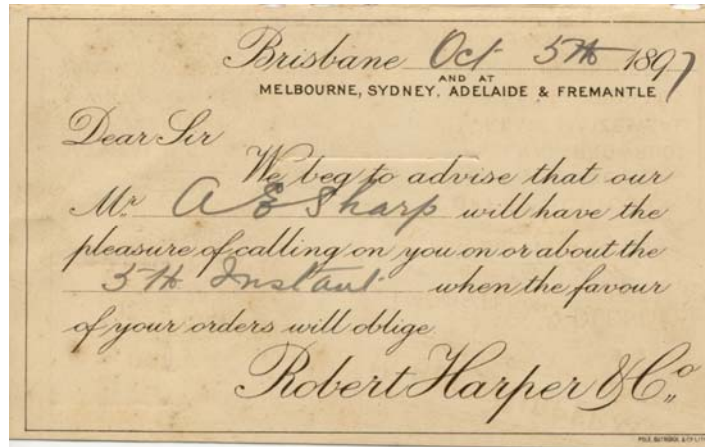


PTO Wrapper Robert Harper & CO

Only known copy

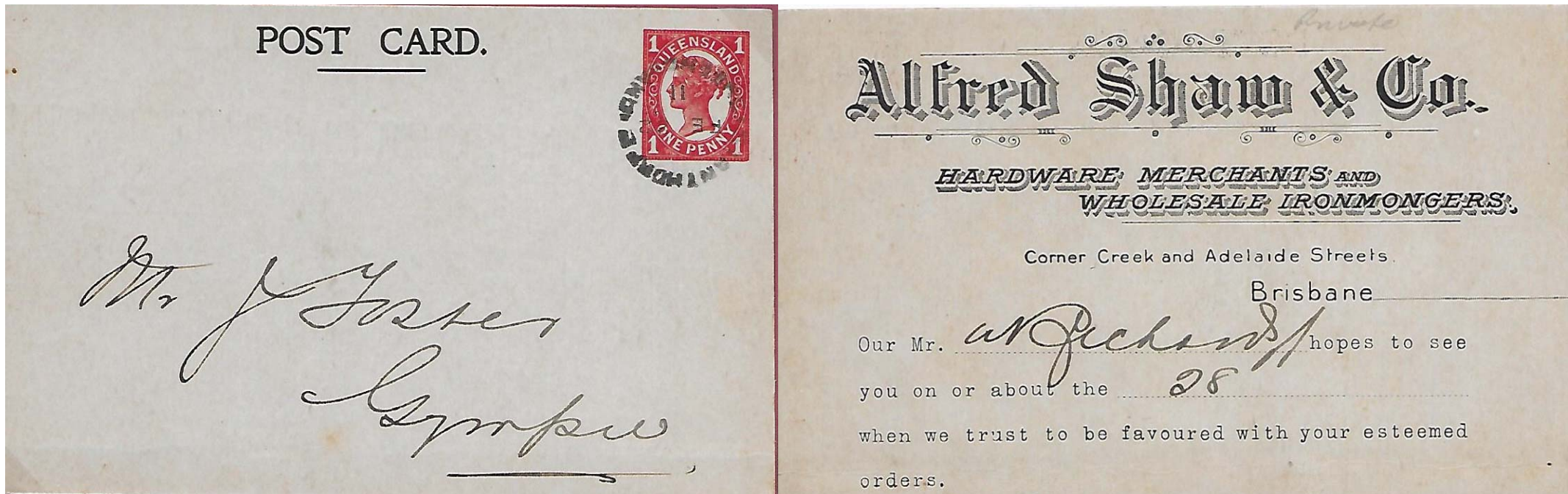


Courtesy of Ian Mc Mahon



PTO Post Card Elliott Bros

Only known in use condition



1880 Postal Notes



1880 Postal Notes

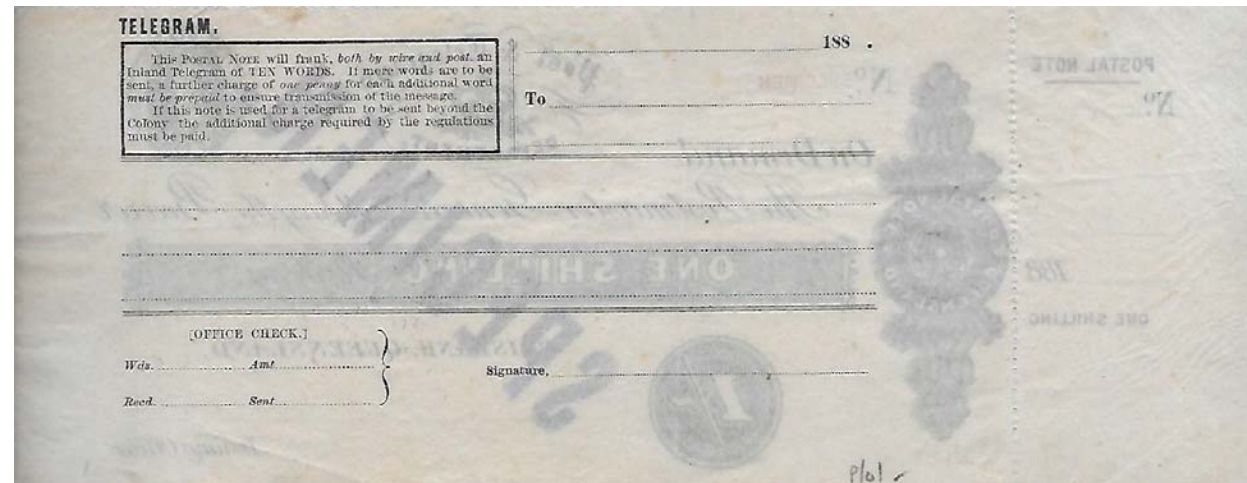


Issued at Southport 1 March 1883 by J. W. O'Sullivan contrary to the provisions of the Postage Act 1871.



Issued at Brisbane General Post Office by J. W. Lawry but unused

1883 Postal Notes



1891 Postal Notes

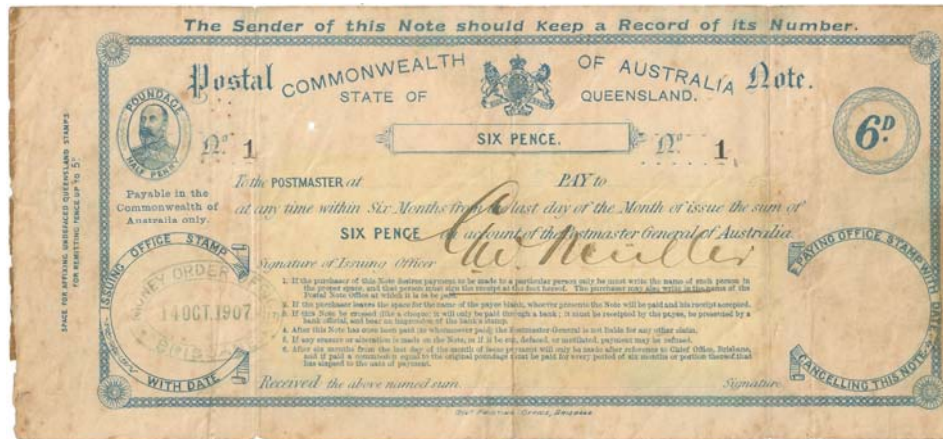
Issued with new Design – 13 values to 20/-



Reissued in 1893 to include the added destination of New South Wales

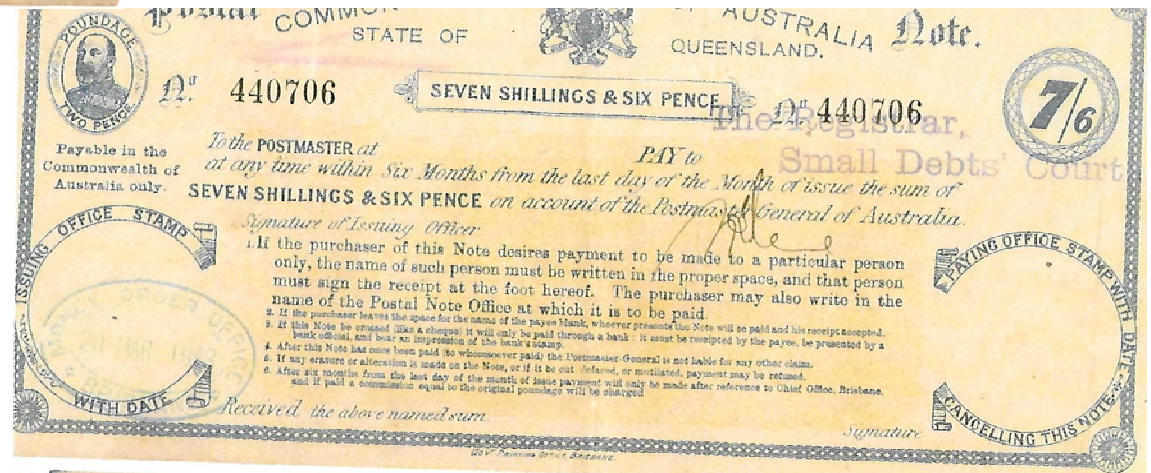
1902 Postal Notes

Note issued with Edward VII Portrait



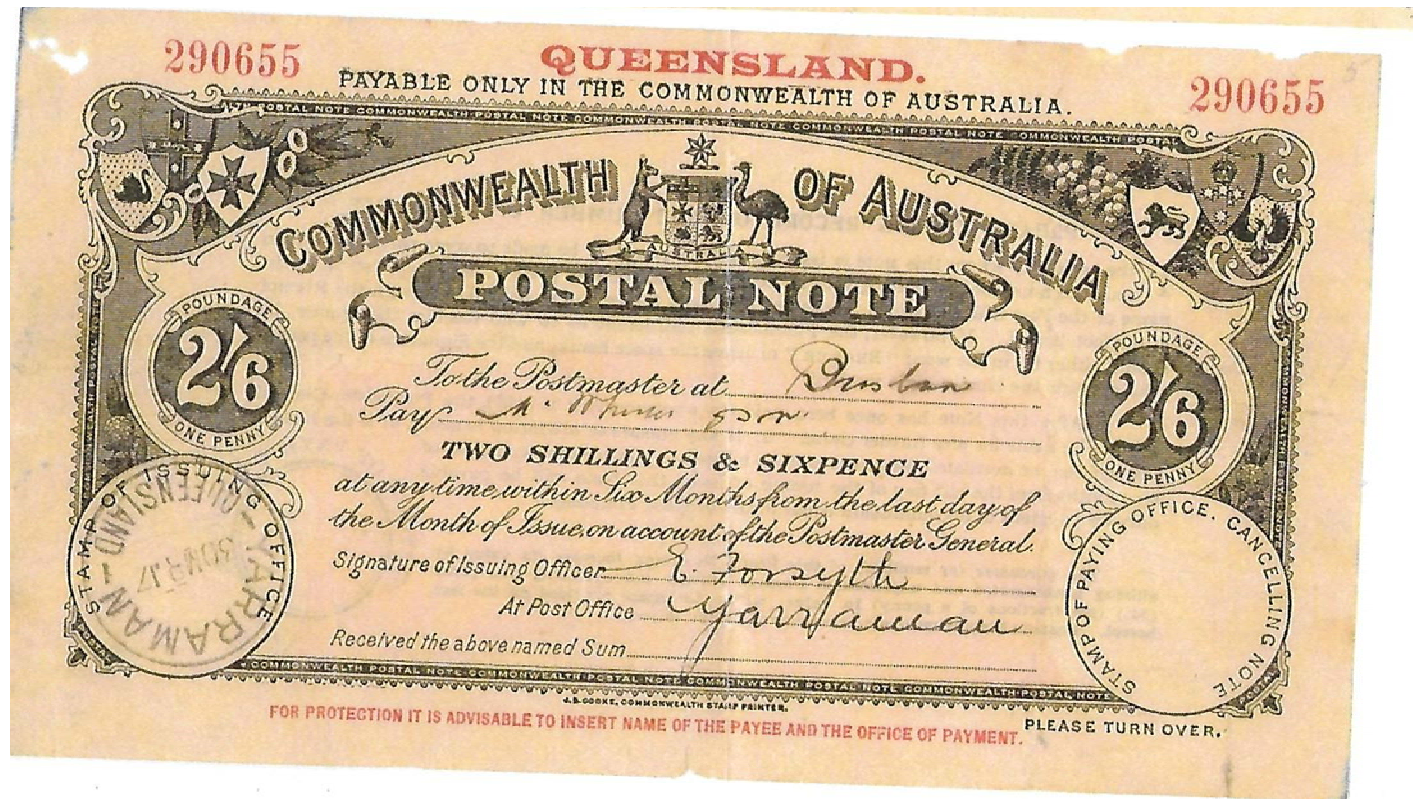
Courtesy Martin Walker

Commonwealth Archive



1917 Postal Notes

First Note issued during the Commonwealth Period





Stamped Telegram Form

Stamped 1/- Telegram



This Form will frank, both by *wire and post*, an Inland Telegram of Ten Words. If more words are to be sent, a further charge of one penny for each additional word *must be prepaid* to ensure transmission of the Message. If this Form is used for a Telegram to be sent beyond the Colony, the additional charge required by the Regulations must be paid. Any extra charge can be prepaid in postage stamps.


Electric Telegraph, Queensland.



Message to be transmitted from _____

Dated _____ 188 .

Addressed to _____

5				
10				

(Office Check.)


Wds. _____ Amt. _____ }
Recd. _____ Sent _____ }

Signature _____

1882 Delivered Telegram

Delivered Telegram

URGEN T.



26 Electric Telegraph Queensland.


Wds. _____

Amt. 4/8

From Townsville 11:13 m.

Dated July 5th 1886

Message for Secretary



Delivered

5	Duke	of	Westminster	dies	today
10	What	precautions	do		
15	you	wish	me	to	take
20	if	she	is	healthy	ought
25	she	to	sail	under	yellow
30	flag				
35		Thor	Kidgley		
40			H. O.		
45					
50					
55					
60					

(1155)

1900 Delivered Telegram

Electric Telegraph, Queensland

Words 67
Amount 5/9 ^{cents} Electric Telegraph, Queensland.
From Nanango h. 10 50 am
Dated 30. 11. 1900
MESSAGE for Police
12/8 DALBY

9411 A
5/12/1900
Police
Kachn

5 Warrant issued nanango bench twenty
10 met arrest of Jack Aboriginal for illegal
15 using a cheamut pony gelding branded
20 V seven Z, near shoulder small blaze and
25 face slightly hollow backed description height
30 five feet nine or ten inches slight
35 smart active appearance moustache
40 only may let beard grow twenty seven
45 years age left ~~from~~ Burrandowan riding
50 stolen pony on evening twenty eighth inst.
may go Dalby O. Nugent Actg Sec

The End of Section II

In the next Section III the Printed to Order envelopes

date to be advised

Thank You