type 5

10

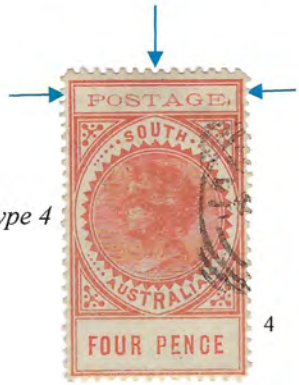
type 4 *type 5*

9 10

type 4 *type 5*

19 20

14 value page numbers recorded for this printing, but neither of these



type 4

4

stamp position no. 4 shows small 'excavation flaws' in the 'POSTAGE' tablet resulting from a heavier 'make-ready'

paying double-rate postage to Tasmania for ½-1 ounce

The Detmold order showed only two reams of 4d paper were ordered – a quantity grossly insufficient to satisfy the demand for the 4d value. This meant that the last part of the 4d printing had to be made on **3d paper**.

cancelled to order:

type 5 15

short left leg of 'N'

type 4 *type 5*

9 10

type 4 *type 5*

19 20

17 value page numbers recorded for this printing

4d (printing **F**) with additional 3d (printing **D**) on registered cover to U.S.A.
Registration fee 3d; postage 2½d for 0-½oz; possibly 1d late fee, if so overpaid by ½d.

6 pence perf 11½ (A, 4 Dec. 1902 – *blue-green*) De La Rue paper

1

9 10

8 value page numbers have
been recorded for this printing

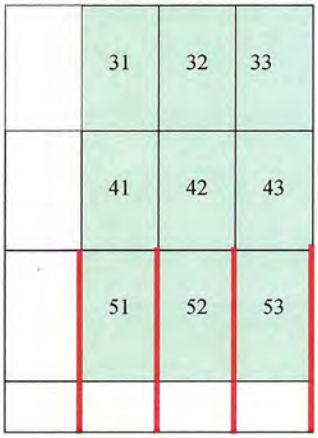
31 32

41 42

40

6 pence perf 11½, 12½ (**B**, 26 Apr. 1903 – *deep bluish green*) De La Rue paper

This was *another of the four* printings where the **perf 12½** gauge was employed (see p.5). As with the 4d printing (**C**) there was a 2.3mm gap between the two gauges, with a similar perforator feed arrangement.



The red lines on this diagram show the sections of perf lines on the block opposite where the 12½ gauge was used.

The gap between the gauges is emphasised by the red discs underneath.

Purves [ref. (1)] noted the rarity of mint blocks of this printing, having found only one (a block of 4).

. The **red** lines below indicate the sections of perforation gauging **12½.**

32

46

57

A,B (*continued*):

Printing **A** with additional 2d paying 3d registration fee
plus 5d postage for ½-1oz letter to U.S.A.

Printing **B** paying interstate postage on 1-1½oz letter
(stamp is perf 12½ at base)

6 pence perf 12 (C, 27 Oct. 1903 – *bluish green*) De La Rue paper

4 value page numbers recorded for this printing

cancelled to order →

Purves (reference (1) p.70) noted that multiples of this printing are scarce

Overpaying by ½d the 3d registration fee plus 2½d postage to Switzerland, 6 Jan. 1904.

8 pence perf 11½ (A, 29 Oct. 1902 – *ultramarine*) De La Rue paper

Note: This was one of the seven early printings where a separate *electrotype* plate provided the *value* overprints. Consequently *three* printing operations were needed – main frame, 'POSTAGE', and value.

9 10

9 value page numbers have
been recorded for this printing

17 18

27 28

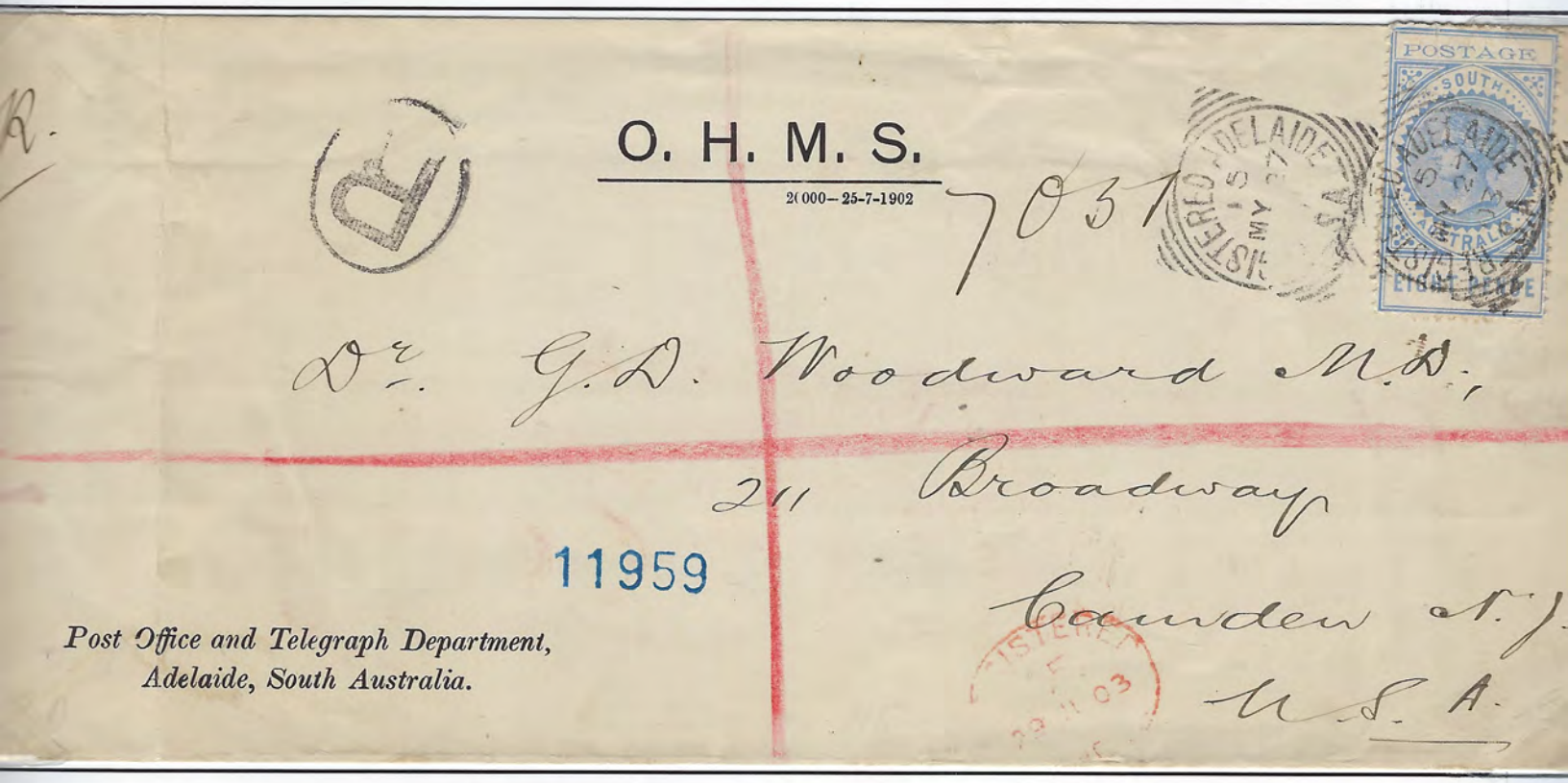
3

16

36

55

A (*continued*):



Paying 3d registration fee plus 5d postage on ½-1oz letters to U.S.A.

These letters from the Post Office were addressed by the same hand and almost certainly contained South Australian postage stamps for collectors in America.

B, 27 Feb. 1904 – *deep ultramarine* De La Rue paper

For this printing the 'values' were *stereotypes* inserted in the slots provided in the overprint forme, so only *two* printing operations were needed.

The 16½ mm value compared with the 19 mm of printing A. Number printed: 60 000

dropped first 'E' of 'PENCE' → 21

23

31 33 (raised 'N' in 'PENCE')

31 34

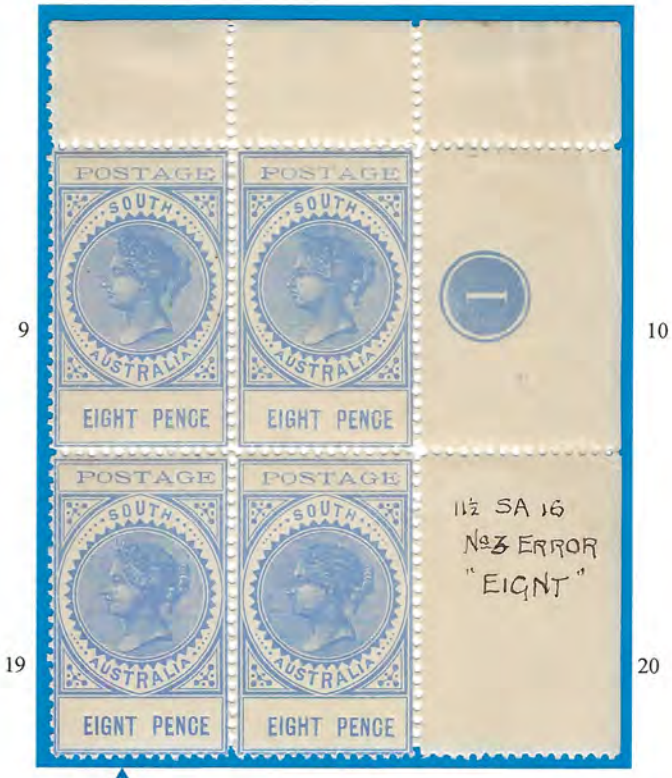
dropped first 'E' of 'PENCE' →

41 44

Purves [ref.(1)] was able to describe only two sub-types in the 'value' overprints, but material available to him was limited. One sub-type showed the 'E' of 'PENCE' dropped below the adjacent 'P' and 'N' (see nos. 21 and 41 above) He did not record the variety noted above in position 33.

B (*continued*)**:**

The **'EIGNT'** error (position no. 19 in the sheet):



ex Krichauff

"EIGNT"

no. (iii) in Kellow's listing

ex Purves; no. (viii) in Kellow's listing *****

***** this is the only example which Kellow recorded used outside the G.P.O., Adelaide

Geoff Kellow (*The Australian Philatelist*, Vol.3 No.1) recorded 8 used examples. Gary Diffen (*Philately from Australia*, June 2016) now has recorded **10** postally used examples and has estimated about **35** mint examples.

B (*continued*):

Error of marginal watermark **'SUOTH'**

10

20

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*See '**Note**' opposite

14 value page numbers recorded for this printing

Note: The bottom stamp (#20) shows straight edges to the left-hand perforations caused by the official cutting out and replacement of the **'EIGNT'** error stamp soon after its discovery.

SUOTH

25

47

Paying 3d registration fee plus 5d postage on a ½-1oz letter to Germany.

Note: the "O.H.M.S." insignia has been excised from the cover at top centre.

9 pence perf 11½ (A, 19 Sept. 1902 – *dull reddish-pink*) De La Rue paper

Note: This was another of the seven early printings where a separate *electrotype* plate provided the *value* overprints. Consequently *three* printing operations were needed – main frame, 'POSTAGE', value.

Number printed: 12 000. Purves [ref. (1)] rated mint stamps as *scarce*, used examples as *rare*.

19

23

54

48 50 58 60

25

32

51

B, 10 Nov. 1902 – *deep reddish pink*

For this printing the 'values' were *stereotypes*

De La Rue paper

Variety:
imperforate between and at base

8 examples recorded
(including one in the Vickery collection)

10 value page numbers recorded for this printing, but neither of these

B (*continued*)**:**

Over the duration of this printing **secondary varieties** arose on six *value* clichés at positions 9, 12, 16, 55, 56 and 60. Three of these varieties are shown here:

shaved top of first 'N'

coloured spot inside 'C'

short leg of first 'N' (# 12)

cto

Overpaying by 1d the combined registration fee (3d) plus postage (5d for ½-1oz) to U.S.A., 24 Dec. 1902

9 pence perf 12 (C, 19 Dec. 1903 – *rosy-lake*)

De La Rue paper

This was the only printing with **two types of value page numbers**

4 numbers recorded on 9d paper, but not this one
19 numbers on 2d paper

Error of marginal watermark: '**SUOTH**'

This block of six is one of only two in the sheet to show all six sub-types of the value stereotypes

overprinted '**ULTRAMAR**' (see p4)
(signed on reverse by Sergio Sismondo)