

TASMANIAN OFFICIAL POST OFFICES 1906

The following is a list of the most common Circular Date Stamps found on the Tasmanian Pictorials. The list comprises the 51 "Official" Post Offices as at 1906. These Offices serviced the larger population centres. The list is useful as a guide to the most common of the un-rated postmarks found on the Pictorials. With the exception of Alberton, which is less common, the Circular Date Stamps from these offices should be easy for collectors to come by and only a very a modest price should be paid. Note that other un-rated CDS not on this list can be considered the less common of the un-rated types. There are a number of points to note:

- Strikes on the higher values, 2 ½, 3d, 4d, 5d and 6d will be considerably less common than those on the 1d, 2d and to a lesser extent, ½ and may command a higher price
- Keen collectors will often pay more for a very high quality strike
- Among the larger Offices, Hobart, Launceston and Zeehan, there are still some scarcer types
- There are also some scarcer types amongst other offices. A detailed reading of "*Tasmania: The Postal History and Postal Markings*" Vols I (pp 112) and II (pp 86) will provide further information. A very rare type of Queenstown has also been identified since publication of these volumes.

These Offices were located where population and the volume of business warranted the setting up of a permanent establishment, staffed by permanent officers. The site and the building were, in most cases, owned by the Government. These offices, of course, performed every service - postal, telegraphic, telephonic, Savings Bank, Money Orders, old-age pensions. In 1901 there were 57 "Official" P.O.'s. and in 1912 44. Lesser classes of Offices include Semi-Official, Allowance, and Receiving Offices. At the end of 1906 there were 51 Official Offices, as follows:

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Alberton	Macquarie Plains
Bellerive	Mathinna
Bothwell	New Norfolk
Burnie	New Town
Campbell Town	Oatlands
Cressy	Ouse
Deloraine	Penguin
Derby	Perth
Devonport East	Pontville
Devonport West	Queenstown
Evandale	Richmond
Fingal	Ringarooma
Forth	Ross
Franklin	Sandy Bay
Geeveston	Scottsdale
Gladstone	Sheffield
Glenorchy	St. Helen's
Gormanston	St. Mary's
Hamilton	Stanley
Hobart	Strahan
Huonville	Ulverstone
Kempton	Wynyard
Latrobe	Waratah
Launceston	Westbury
Longford	Zeehan
Lovett	

Examples of the common cds on higher values



The above Office Classification and list of Offices has been summarised from: Philately from Australia. Vol II, No 1, March 1950. "*Tasmanian Town Name and Date Cancellations*" J. R. W. Purves