

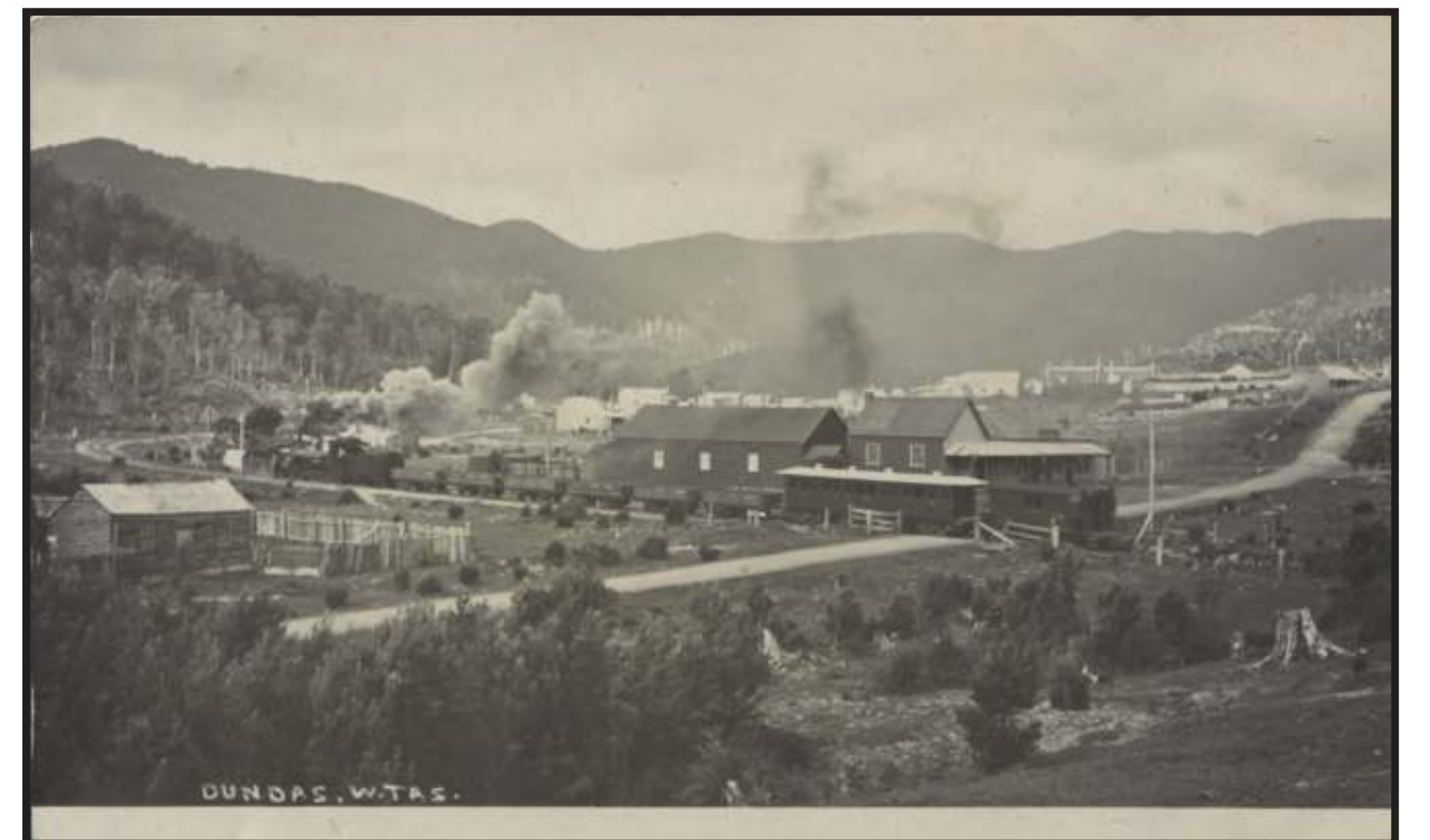
# Western Tasmania - Prospectors and the Post Office



Prospectors

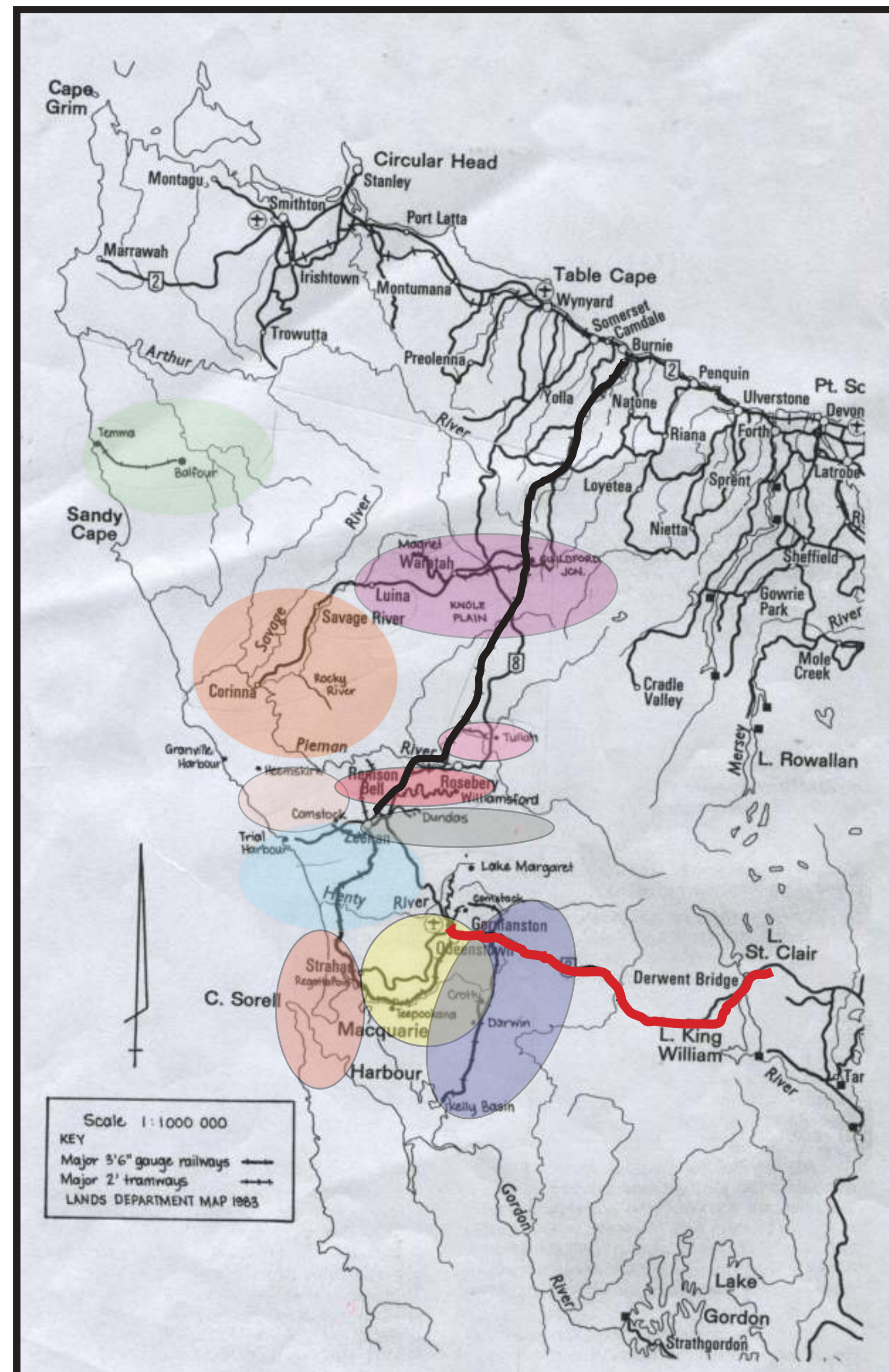


Circa 1900 Tullah Post Office

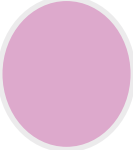

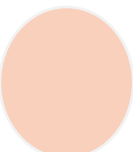






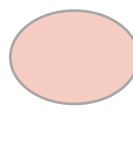



Dundas Junction - NE Dundas Railway





## Western Tasmanian regions

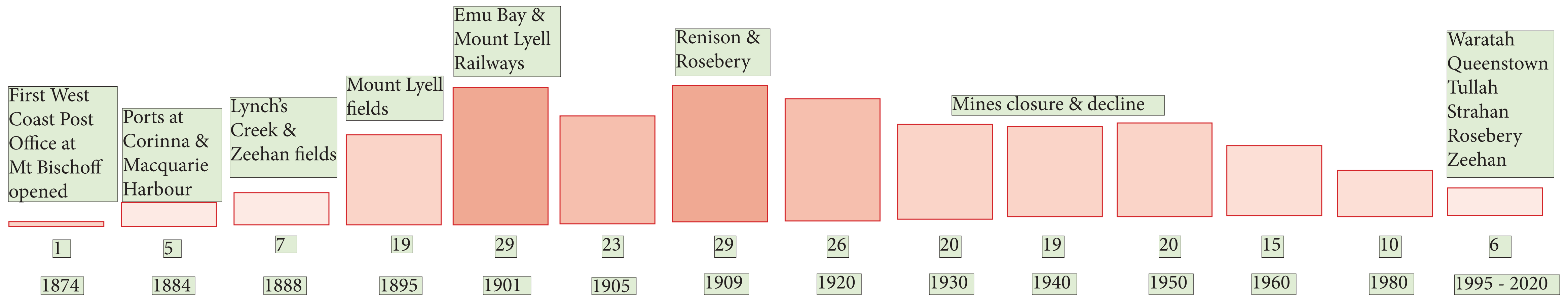
-  Mount Bischoff/Waratah, Magnet, Heazlewood, Guildford Junction
-  Balfour/Temma
-  Corinna Track, Pieman River & Savage River
-  Mt Heemskirk
-  Zeehan district
-  Mt Farrell/Tullah
-  Renison Bell & Rosebery
-  North East Dundas & Williamsford
-  Strahan & TGR Zeehan to Strahan Railway
-  Queenstown & Abt Railway through Teepookana
-  Mt Lyell, Gormanston, Darwin & Kelly's Basin

West Coast Road

## Emu Bay Railway through Guildford Junction to Zeehan

# Population and Post Offices - the rise and fall of post offices in the region

	1874	1881	1891	1901
Gormanston	-	-	-	1,760
Pillinger	-	-	-	637
Queenstown	-	-	-	5,051
Strahan	-	-	561	1,504
Waratah	80	874	1,420	1,265
Zeehan	-	-	1,965	5,014
Rosebery				100
Emu Bay Railway construction			100	50
Dundas			50	100
Other West coast settlements (estimated)	50	200	500	1,000
TOTAL	130	1,074	4,596	16,481
Tasmanian population	99,328	115,705	146,667	172,475
West Coast % of the total	0.1%	0.9%	3.1%	9.6%





## Classification of Post Offices

Official Post Office (Hobart & Launceston only)  
(Zeehan was the West Coast Post Office closest to this classification)

Non-Official Post Offices (none until 1912)

Allowance post offices - the majority in Tasmania incl. the West Coast

Receiving Houses (from 1843 to 1907)

Telegraph & Telephone Offices (from 1859)

Railway Telegraph Offices (from 1872)

Free Bags (from 1908)

# Postmasters & Postmistresses



William Byrne - first postman on the Corinna to Waratah mail route 1874-1911  
Weekly Courier June 1911



Frank Gaffney - postmaster Mount Balfour  
1908-1914

## The period from 1874 to 1976

78 post offices had 435 separate appointments

283 postmasters and 140 postmistresses

12 were administered by Tasmanian Government Railways

Average tenure in office was 46 months

Tenure ranged from three weeks for Daisy Wedd at Crotty in 1914 to 30 years (1901-1930) for Mrs HJ Hetherington at Renison Bell who died in office

A number of postmasters died in office

Four were arrested - Mount Magnet (1906), Queenstown (1912), Williamsford (1916) and Dundas (1930)

The postmaster at Tullah is recorded as 'disappeared' in 1925



Roy Cartledge - postman on the Balfour tramway 1922  
Circular Head History Room



# 1822 - 1833 Convict settlement at Macquarie Harbour

1832 Letter carried by brig 'Tamar' to Hobart Town for placing into the postal system. No postal service existed from Macquarie Harbour at the time

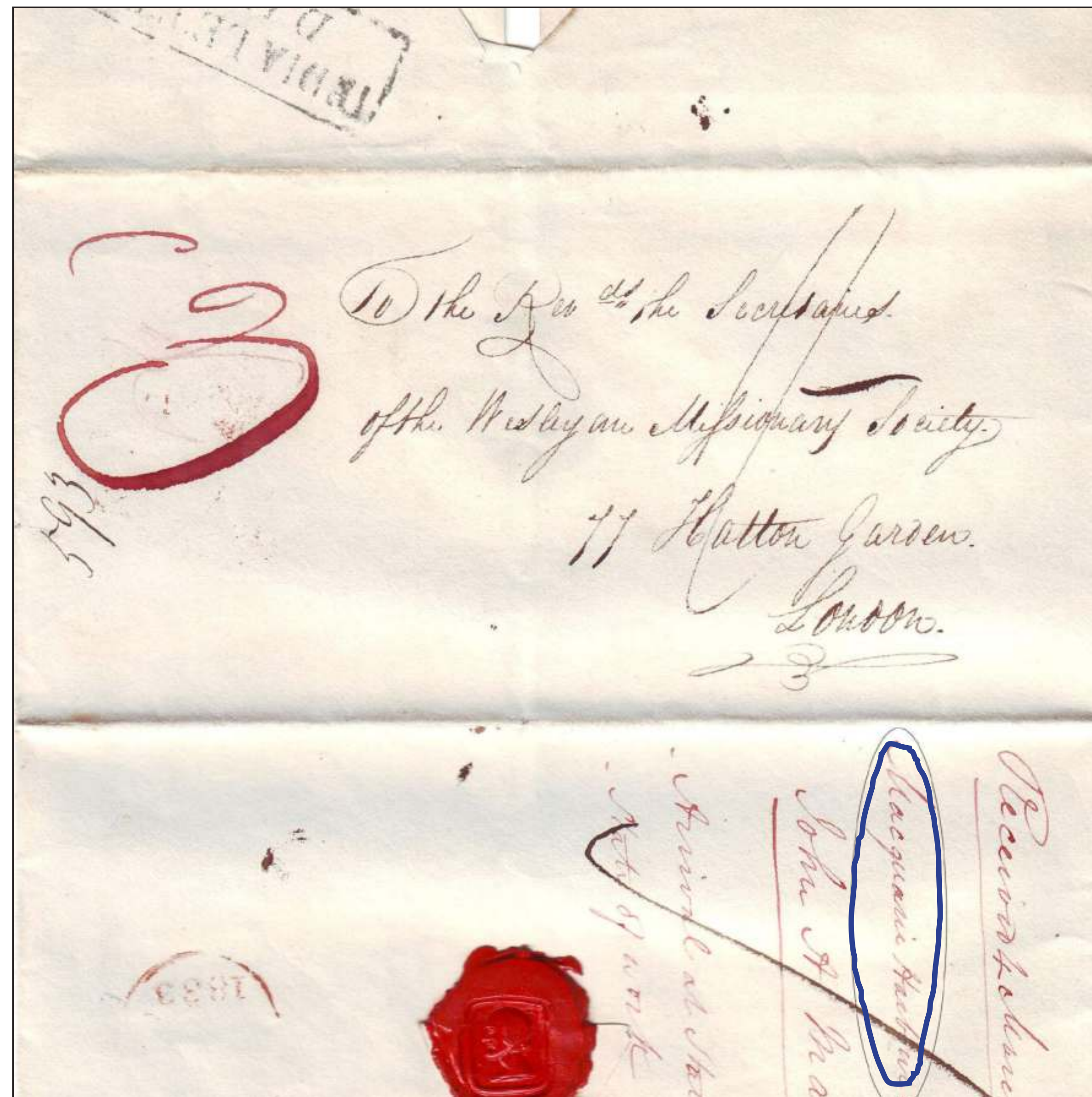
1832 Macquarie Harbour to London from John Manton of the Wesleyan Missionary Society

3d(red) paying the outward ship letter fee (1832 Act).

Hobart to London through Deal with 1/- (black) payable by addressee ( 4d India letter + 8d inland letter rate (50-80 miles) Deal to London)

Reverends Manton and Schofield stationed at Macquarie Harbour for the Wesleyan Missionary Society

Brian Peace collection

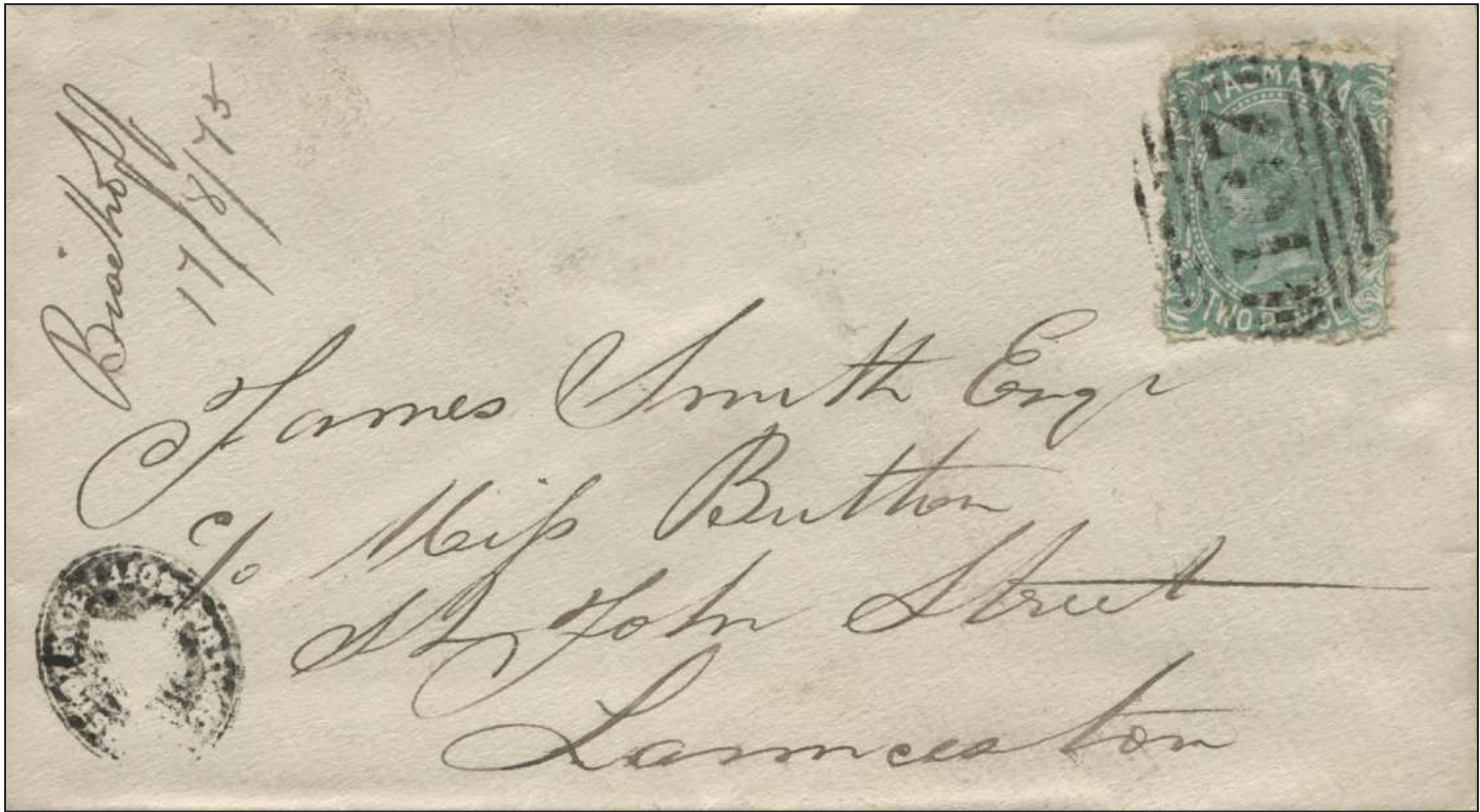




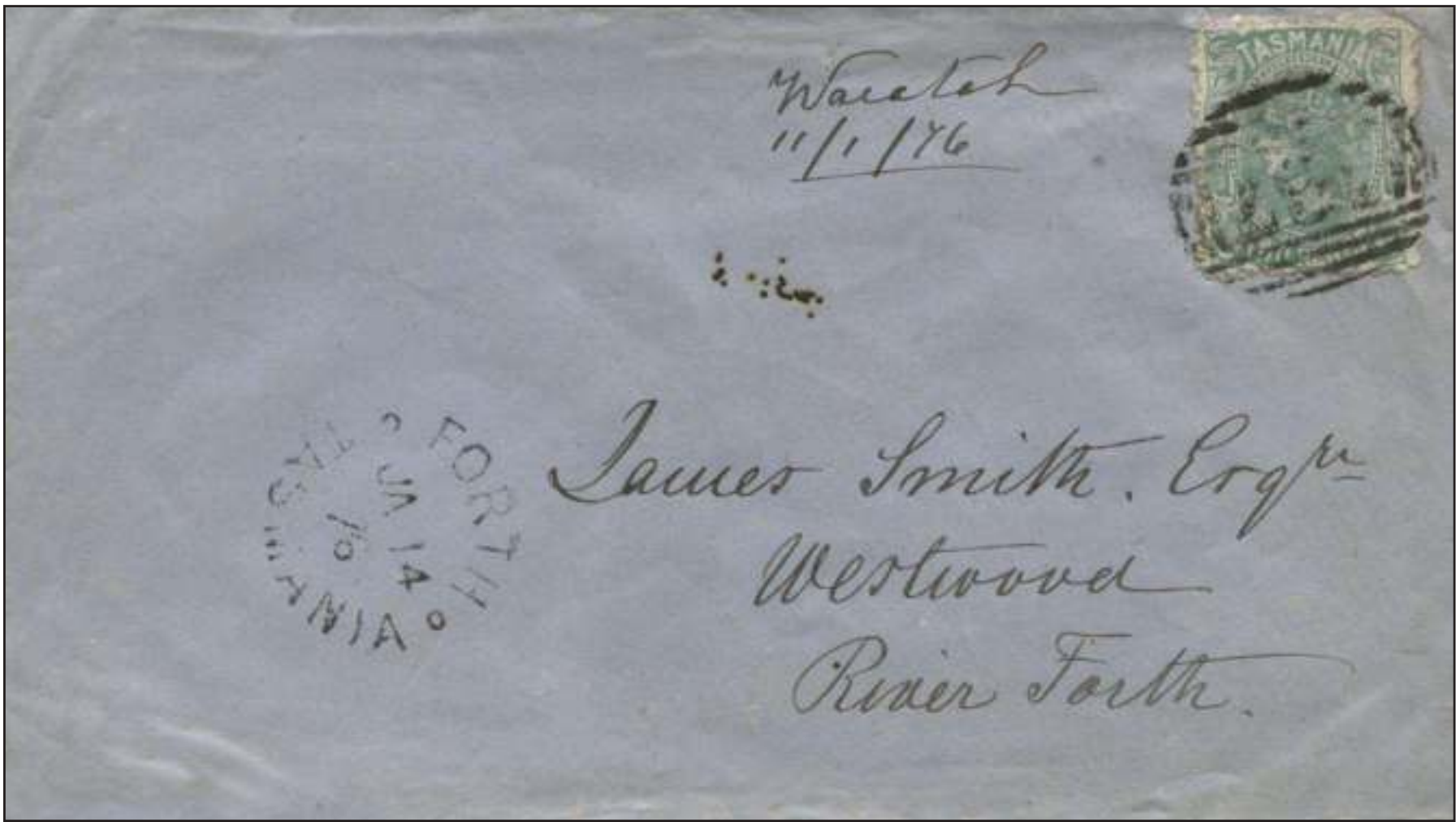
# Mount Bischoff - first post office on the west coast

Post Office name change to Waratah

 Mount Bischoff Renamed Waratah	1.09.1874	31.12.1881	 Waratah formerly Mount Bischoff	1.01.1882	Still Open
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1875 (August 17) Mount Bischoff to Forth addressed to James “Philosopher” Smith, discoverer of the tin deposit at Mount Bischoff.



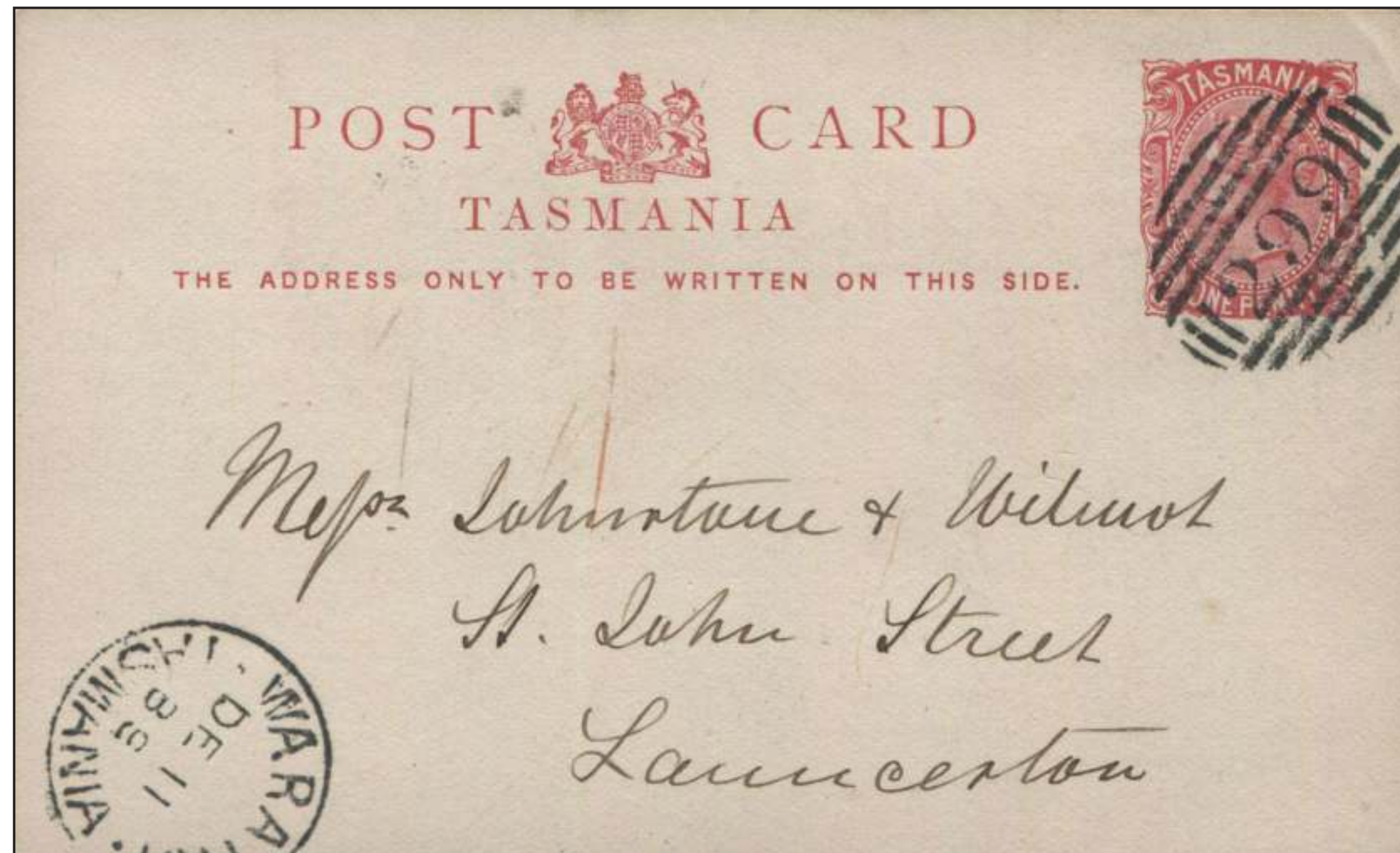
Postmaster’s endorsement “Waratah 11/1/76’



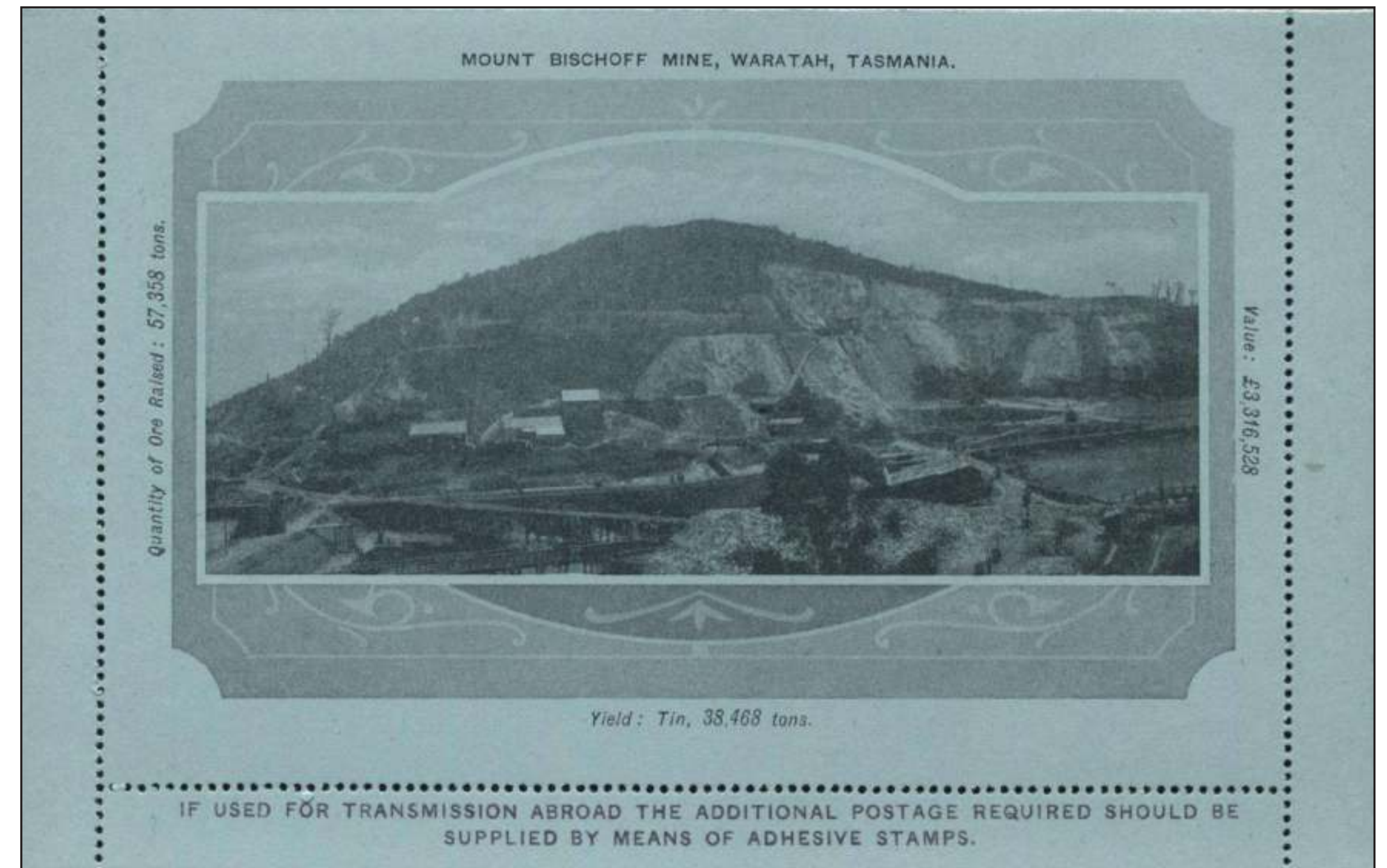
1877 (June 5) unframed date stamp of Mount Bischoff



# Waratah from 1882



Barred numeral 299 used April 1889 to May 1900



Mount Bischoff Mine featured on one of the six 2d letter cards issued in 1901

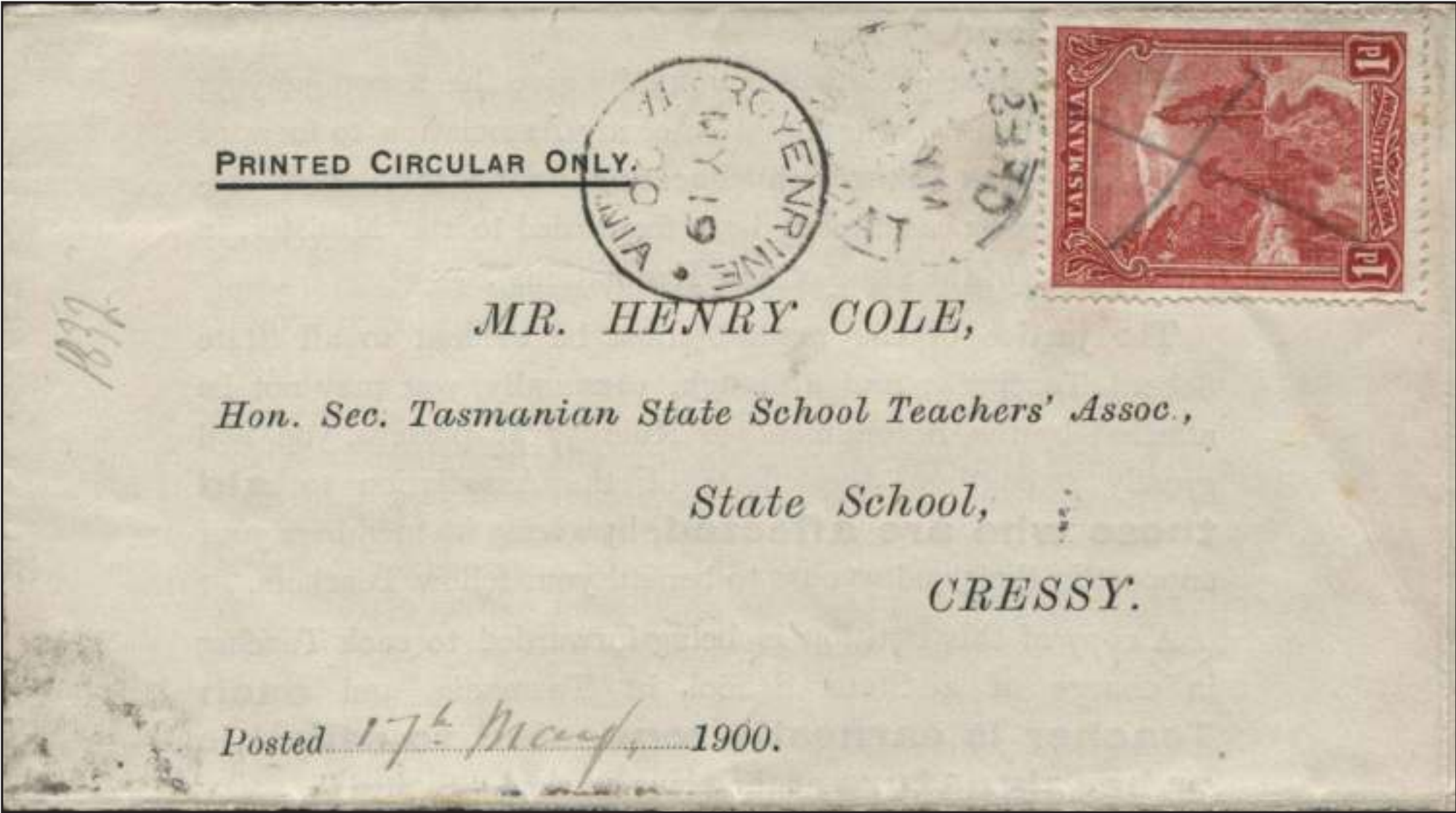


# Corinna Track to the Pieman River

Carried by pack horse along the Corinna Track to Waratah and Burnie to London



1887 (August 7) Corinna to London. Backstamped Waratah on August 9






1900 (May 28) State School circular posted from Cressy to Corinna



Corinna 1894



194 allocated to Corinna

	Pieman River renamed Corinna	1.10.1878	19.09.1881
	Corinna f	20.9.1881	31.12.1881
	Royenrine formerly Corinna	1.01.1882	31.07.1905





# Heazlewood Magnet, Whyte River & Balfour



1893 (Feb 12) to Forth the 2d inland rate.



Entrance to the Heazlewood mine





1910 (August 29) Magnet to Smithton




c. 1910 real photo post card Magnet Tramway


 Whyte River Telephone Office only	01.08.1907 12.12.1921	31.12.1912 31.08.1929
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 Mount Balfour <i>Renamed</i> Balfour	07.03.1908	15.07.1910
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 Temma <i>Renamed</i> from Whale's Head	24.05.1910	31.07.1960
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 Balfour <i>formerly</i> Mt Balfour RH 1.1.1927 to 30.6.1927	15.07.1910	31.12.1927
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 Mount Magnet <i>Renamed</i> Magnet	01.05.1902	31.03.1903
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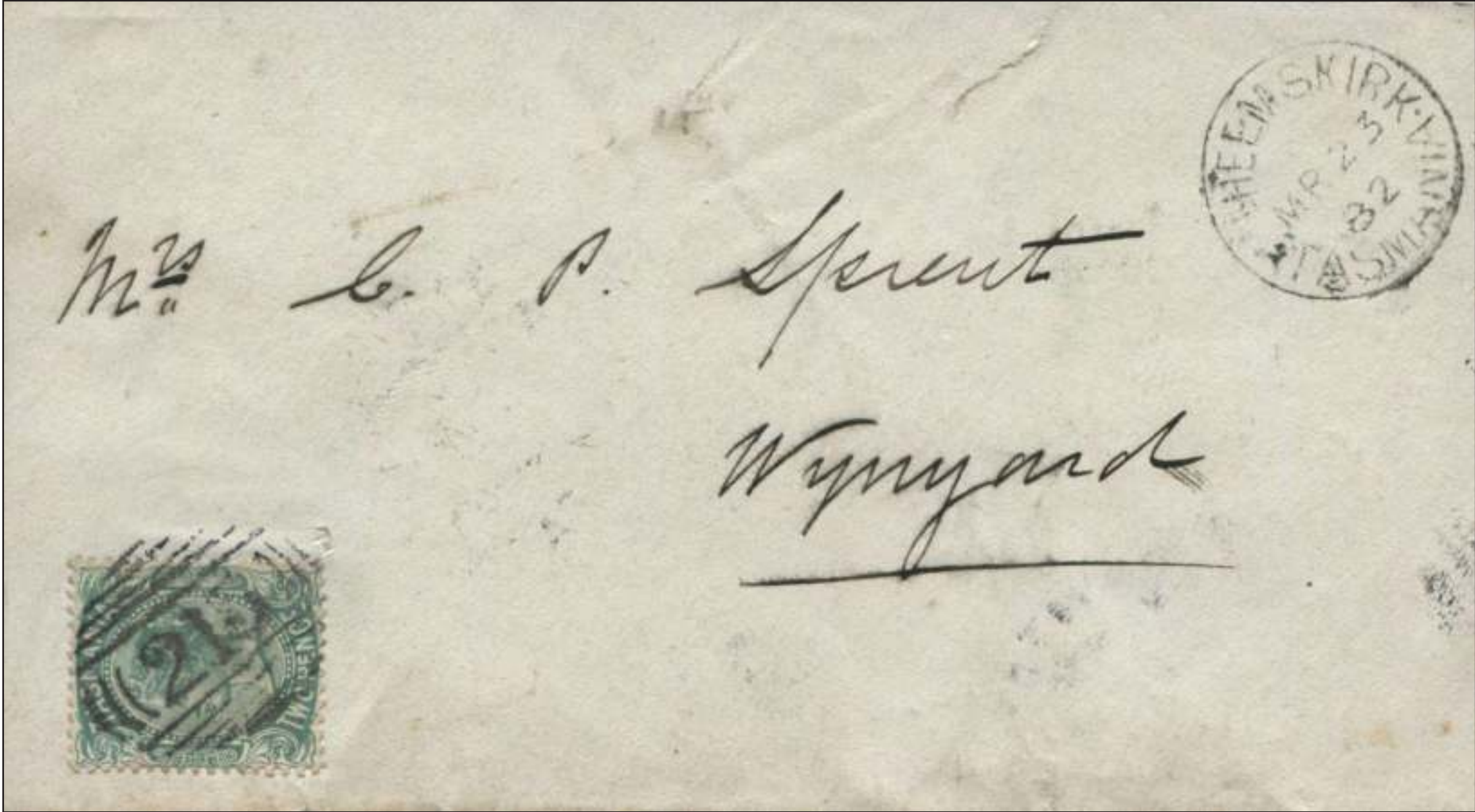
 Magnet <i>Formerly</i> Mount Magnet	01.04.1903	11.02.1939
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 Heazlewood	1.08.1888	31.12.1897
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# Mount Heemskirk field, Trial Harbour & Remine



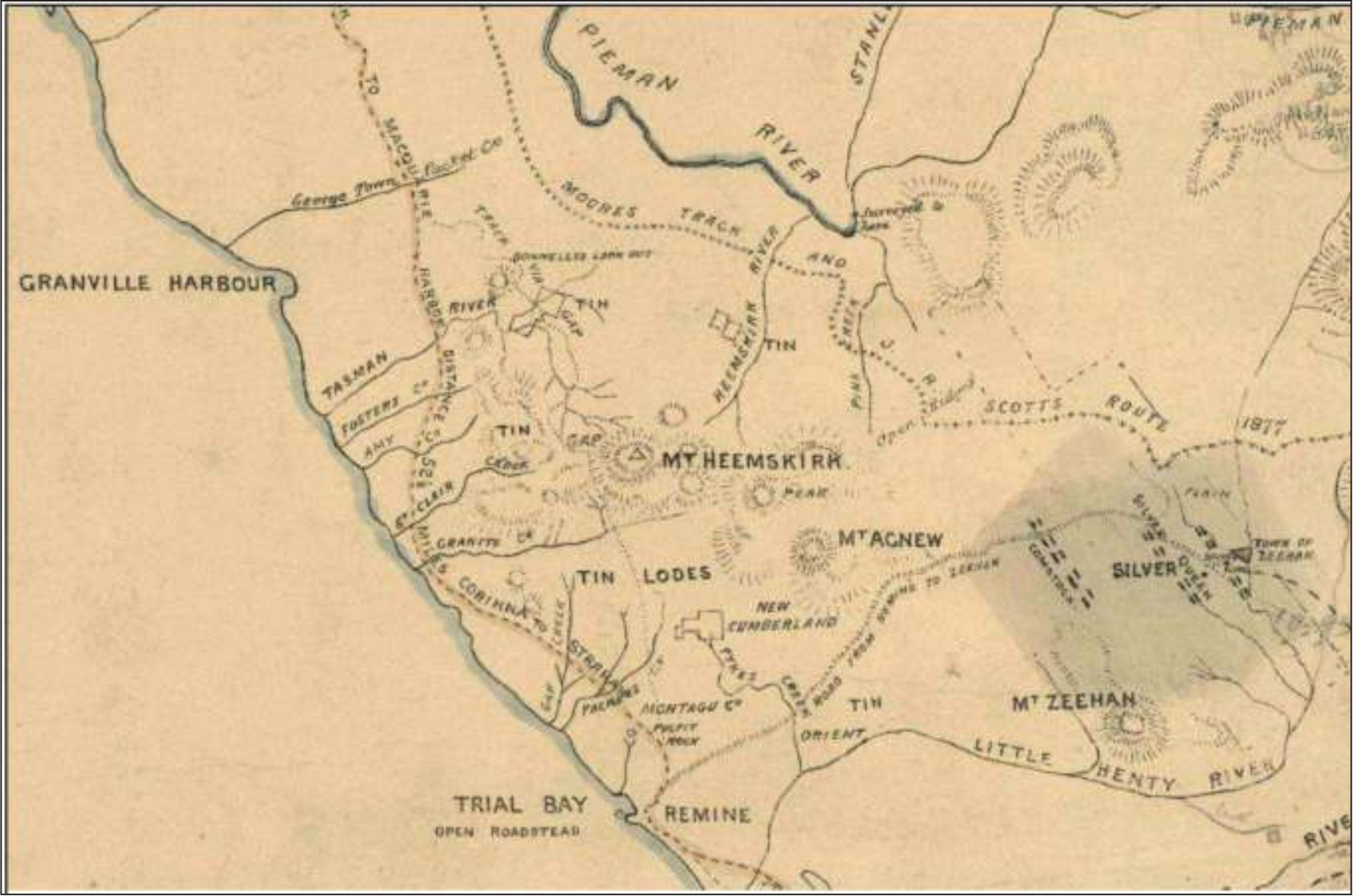
1882 (March 23) Mount Heemskirk to Wynyard



1891 (May 18) Remine to Wynyard

Mount Heemskirk Renamed Remine		05.04.1881	03.12.1888
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 Remine	01.12.1888	31.03.1896
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1888 Map of the Heemskirk district by George Lovett - TAHO



# Opening of the Zeehan fields

 Mount Zeehan Renamed Zeehan	01.08.1888 01.05.1892	01.12.1890 Still open	 Comstock	01.09.1890 12.08.1901 14.07.1913 01.01.1918	22.02.1896 31.03.1903 31.05.1914 30.06.1955
Free Bag Service only					



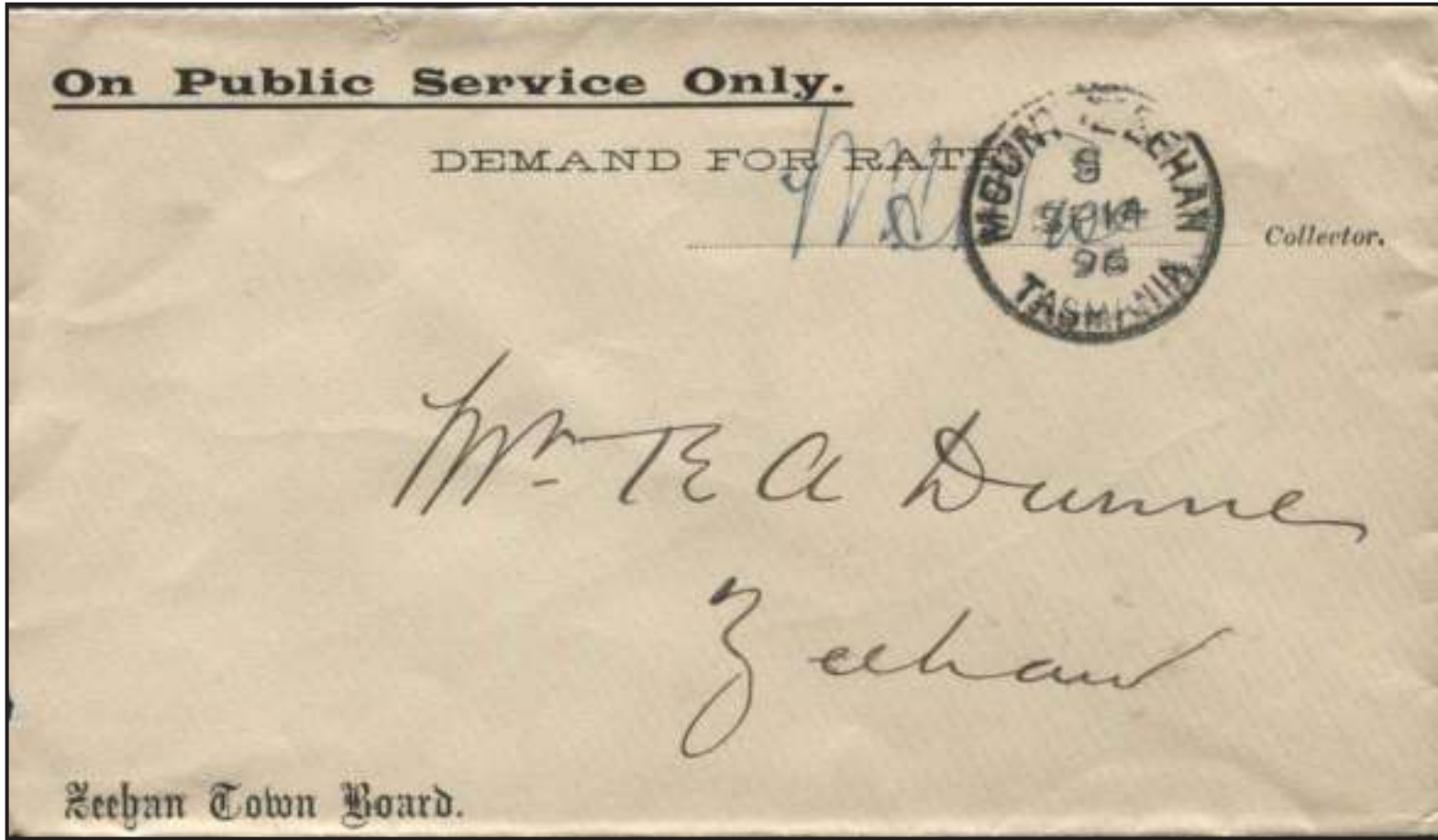
1891 (May 2) Printed circular from Mount Zeehan to Hobart  
Call notice for the Talune Silver Mining Co.



1901 (Sept 19) Tasmanian Smelting Co. envelope



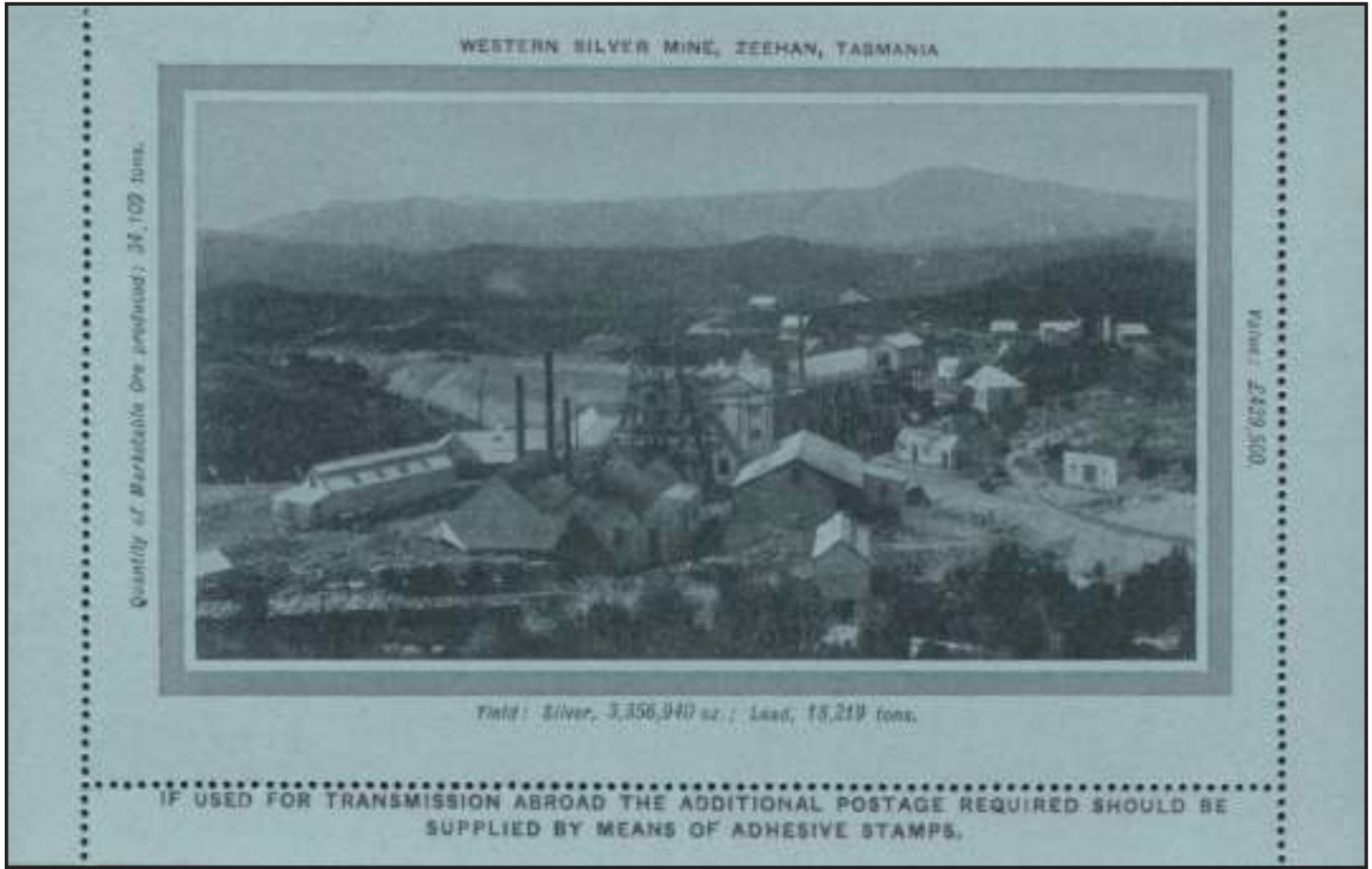
1891 (August 17) Comstock to Swansea



1896 (Sept 14) OPSO Demand for Rates sent free





1895 (April 27)Post card with Zeehan duplex code A



1901 Mines series of six showing Western Silver Mine, Zeehan




# Zeehan to Strahan along the route of the TGR Railway

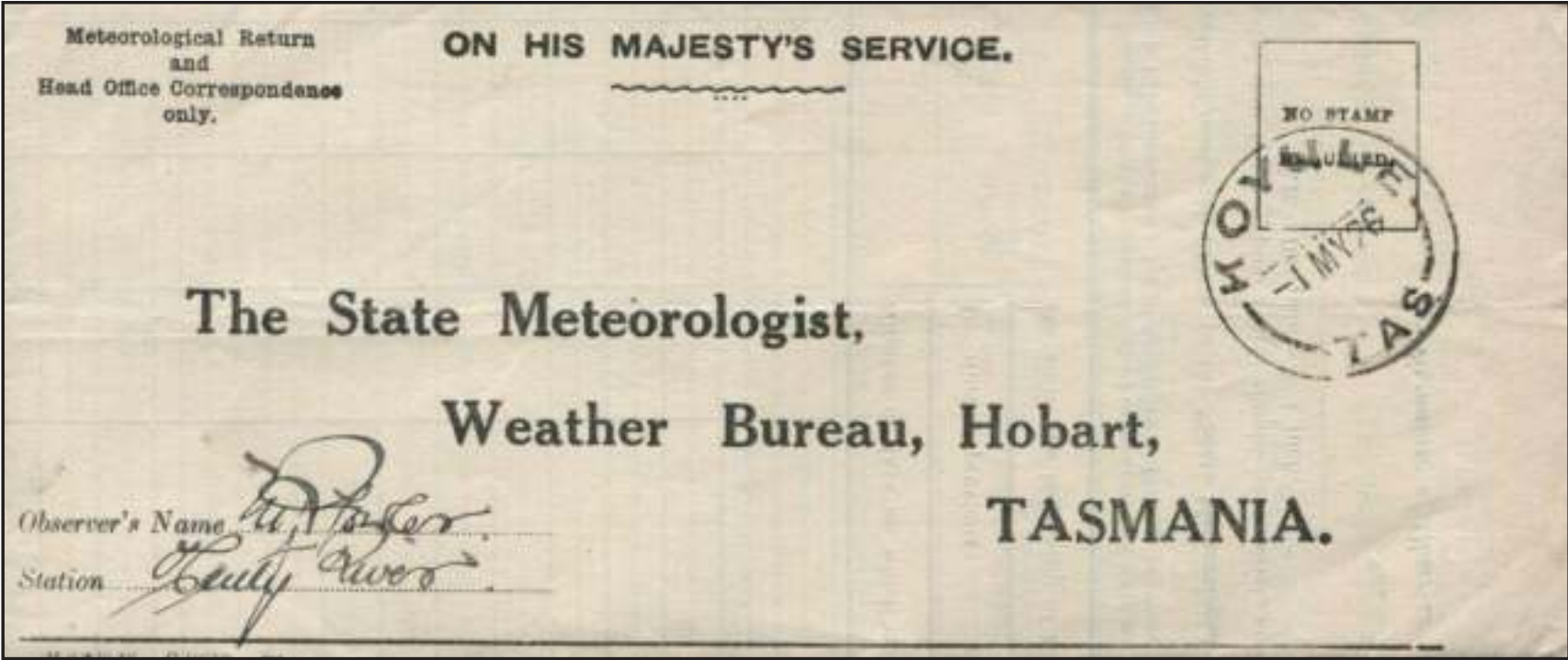
	Henty	01.04.1890	31.12.1891
	Strahan Wharf Railway Telephone Office	01.07.1901	04.03.1953

	Koyule	01.05.1926	13.12.1941
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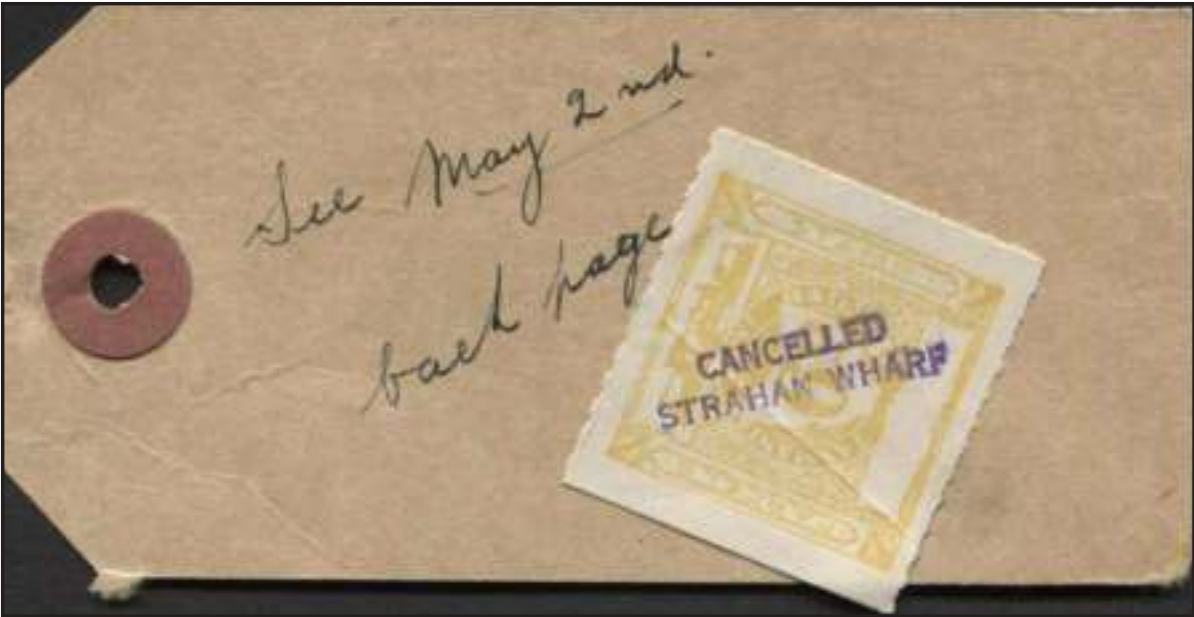


1890 (Sept 8) Henty to Forth with BN 308

 Pave some berry seeds & drop them for you. There are plenty of the large purple ones like those on the Mt. also some scarlet, pink & pretty blue ones. There are parts of the bush where the large old man ferns are almost as pretty as fern tree Bower. I saw one last night - as I was coming through the bush growing out of the stem of a hollow tree



1926 (May 1) Meteorological Report Koyule to Hobart



1930 6d Garrett meeting fee for bakery goods exceeding 7lbs to Koyule.





# Emu Bay Railway construction camps & sidings



1901 (March 1) Guildford Junction to Hobart 2d inland rate and registration fee



1903 (July 6) Guildford Junction to Launceston with Stirling transit mark

	Guildford junction	01.08.1900	30.06.1969
	Rosebery Station	01.02.1911	31.10.1931





Pieman Bridge 1899



Que TPO Sept 1898



Hillend 1900




	Que TPO	01.08.1898	01.01.1899
	Orrville	25.03.1898	21.03.1900



Rosebery Station 1911



Orrville May 29 1899

	Pieman Bridge	01.09.1898	01.03.1900
	Hillend	20.10.1899	13.12.1900
	Farrell Siding	15.05.1897	02.12.1908



1907 (December 4) Farrell Siding to Hobart



# Rosebery, Renison Bell, Mount Farrell & Chester



1904 Dunkley Bros. at Mt Farrell to Hobart



1900 Tullah Tram with Post Office nearby



1910





1913






1901 North Mount Farrell envelope used at West Devonport



1912 (Aug 12) Renison Bell to Hobart

 Mount Farrell <i>Renamed Tullah</i>	01.04.1900	07.09.1910
 Tullah <i>from Mount Farrell</i>	08.09.1910	still open

 Rosebery	01.11.1897	still open
 Chester	01.07.1910	31.05.1914
 Renison Bell	01.07.1908	30.04.1976





# North East Dundas Mines & Railway

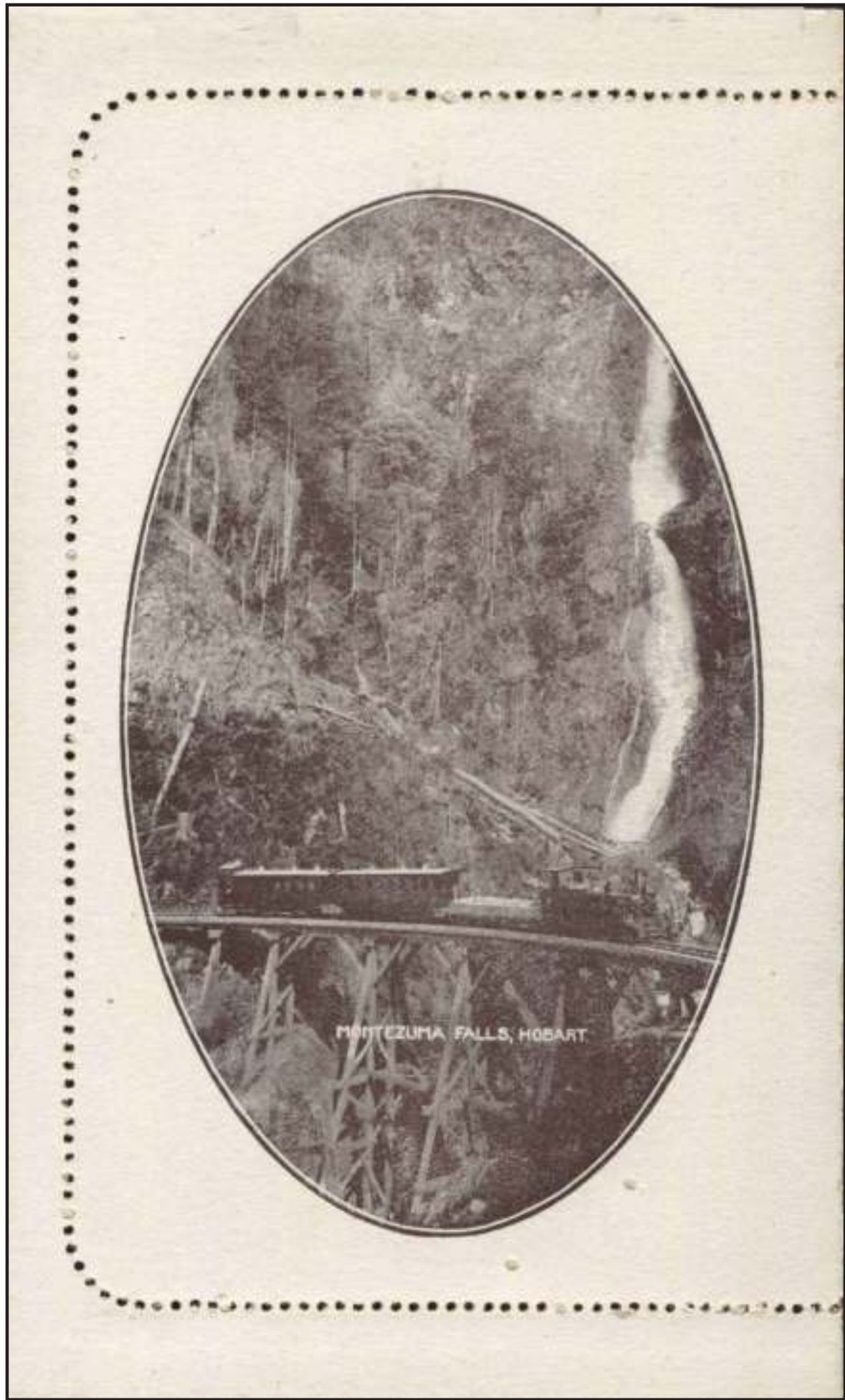


1896 (Sept 7) Ringville to Germany tied to BN 357 at foreign letter rate



1907 (May 27) Montezuma to Hobart

	Ringville <i>Renamed Montezuma</i>	01.05.1896	15.11.1897
	Montezuma	16.11.1897	18.12.1907



Montezuma Falls & railway scene on Commonwealth letter card

	Mount Dundas <i>Renamed Dundas</i>	22.11.1890	30.04.1892
		01.05.1892	29.11.1919



1902 (December 6) Mount Dundas to London



1911 Dundas to East Meander with altered date stamp



# North East Dundas Mines & Rail Junctions



Deep Lead 1898

## Moore's Pimple



BN 341

Believed to have been allocated BN 341







## Mount Read



Incorrect spelling REID



Manuscript 'Mount Read'

	Deep Lead	21.03.1898	31.03.1899
	Williamsford	01.04.1899	18.06.1976
	Dundas Junction	21.06.1891 01.09.1895	31.10.1894 31.10.1897
	North Dundas Road	09.02.1898	31.07.1919
	Moore's Pimple	01.05.1892	04.10.1892
	Mount Read	01.10.1896	18.12.1907
	<i>new datestamp with smaller letters</i>	05.12.1901	20.11.1907
	<i>Reopening</i>	22.11.1909	13.05.1914



Deep Lead crown seal



Williamsford 1936

## Dundas Junction



Dundas Junction  
1890

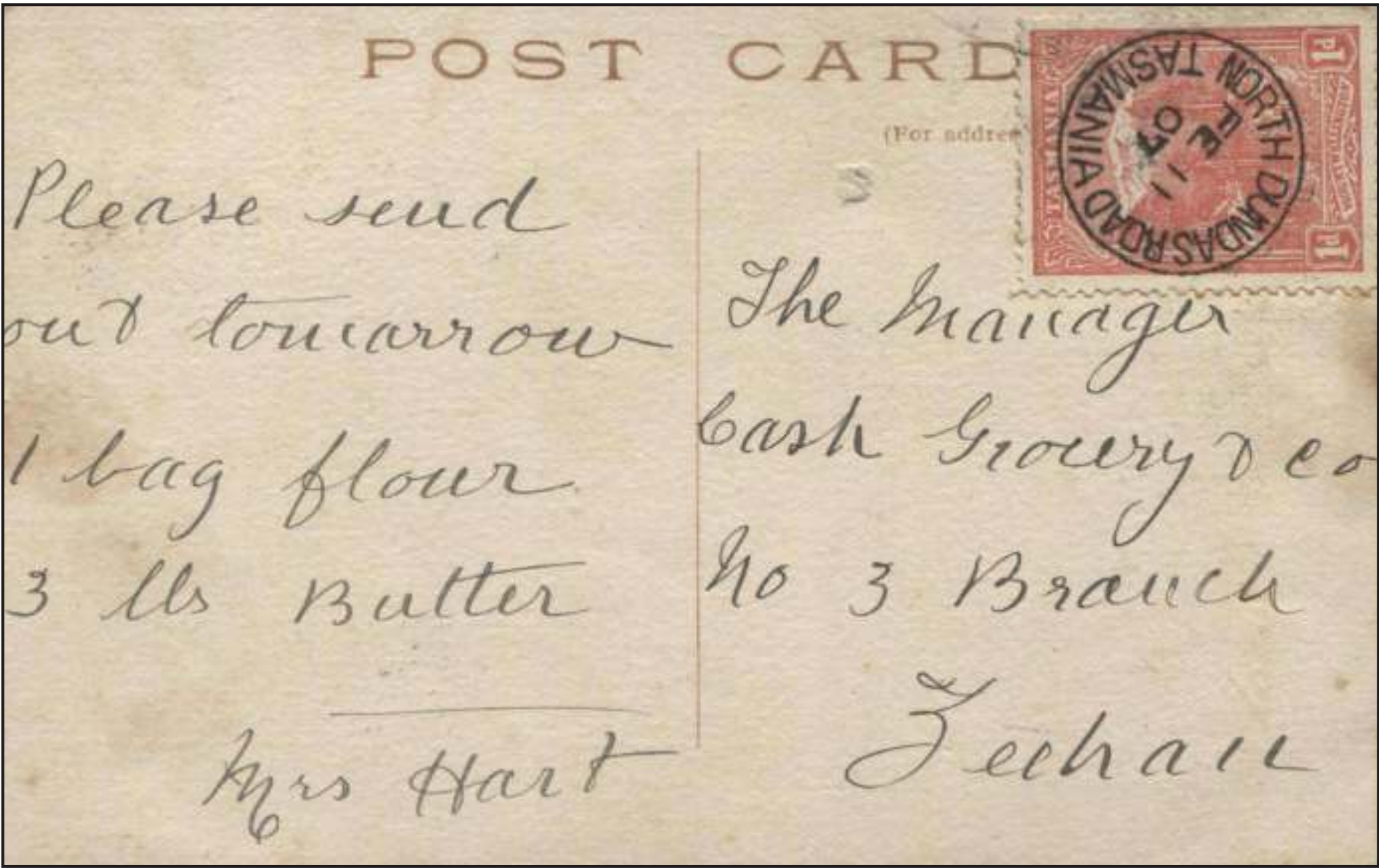


BN 213

On the slopes of Mount Read

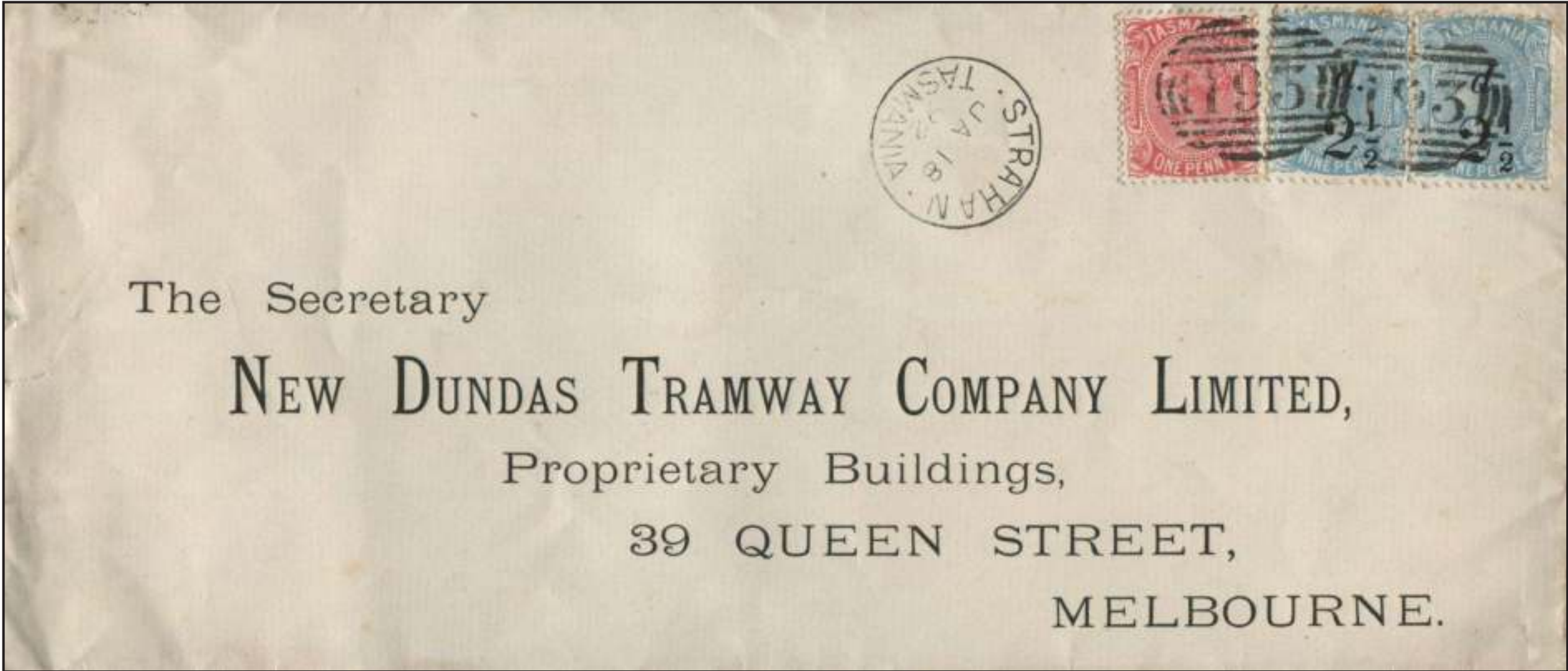


## North Dundas Road








# Macquarie Harbour & Strahan



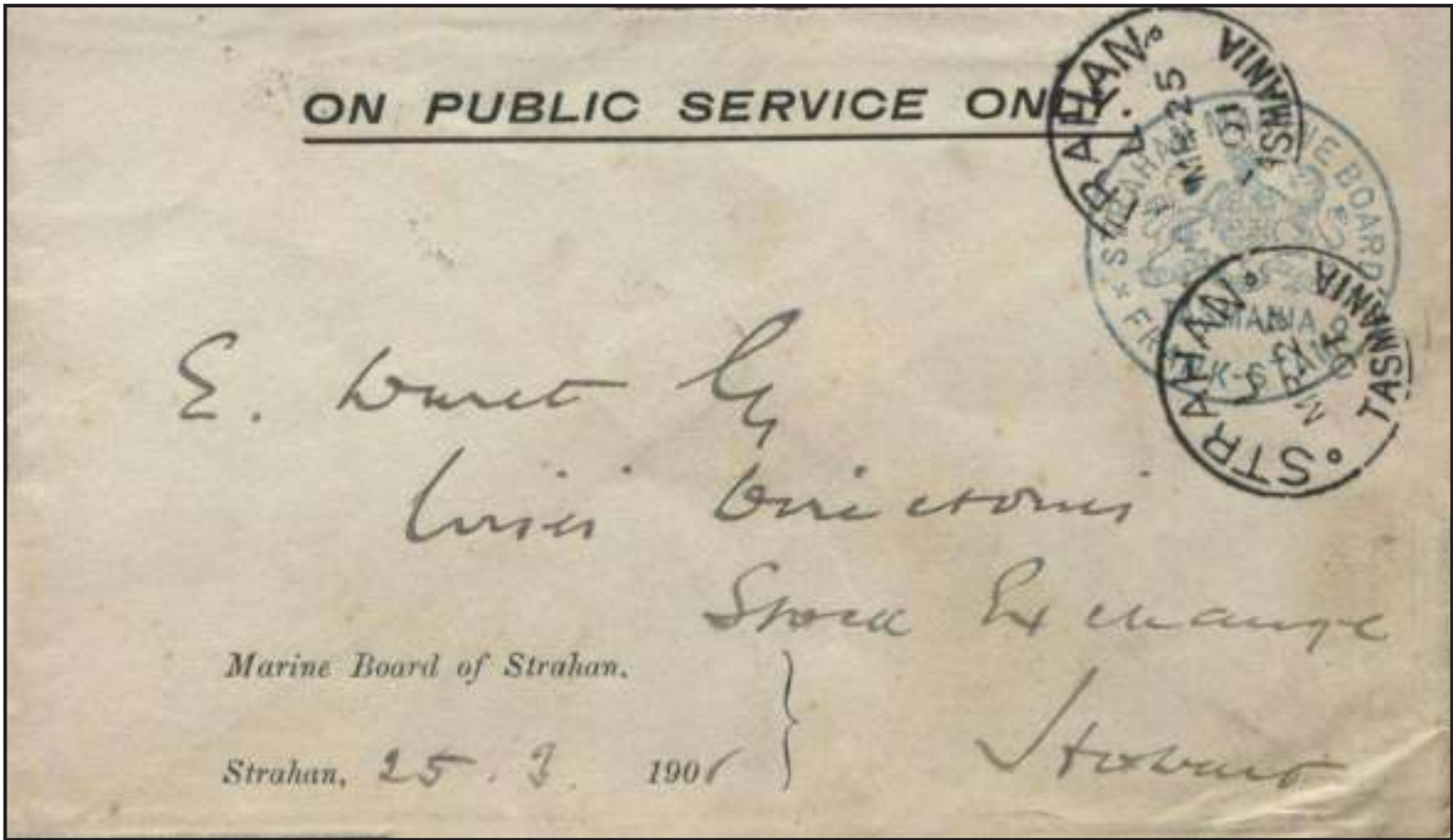
1892 (Jan 18) Strahan to Melbourne at triple letter rate

	Macquarie Harbour <i>Renamed</i> East Strahan	16.05.1878	31.09.1881
	East Strahan <i>Renamed</i> Strahan	01.10.1891	25.01.1893

	Strahan	25.01.1893	Still open
	Macquarie Heads	12.02.1900	30.09.1902



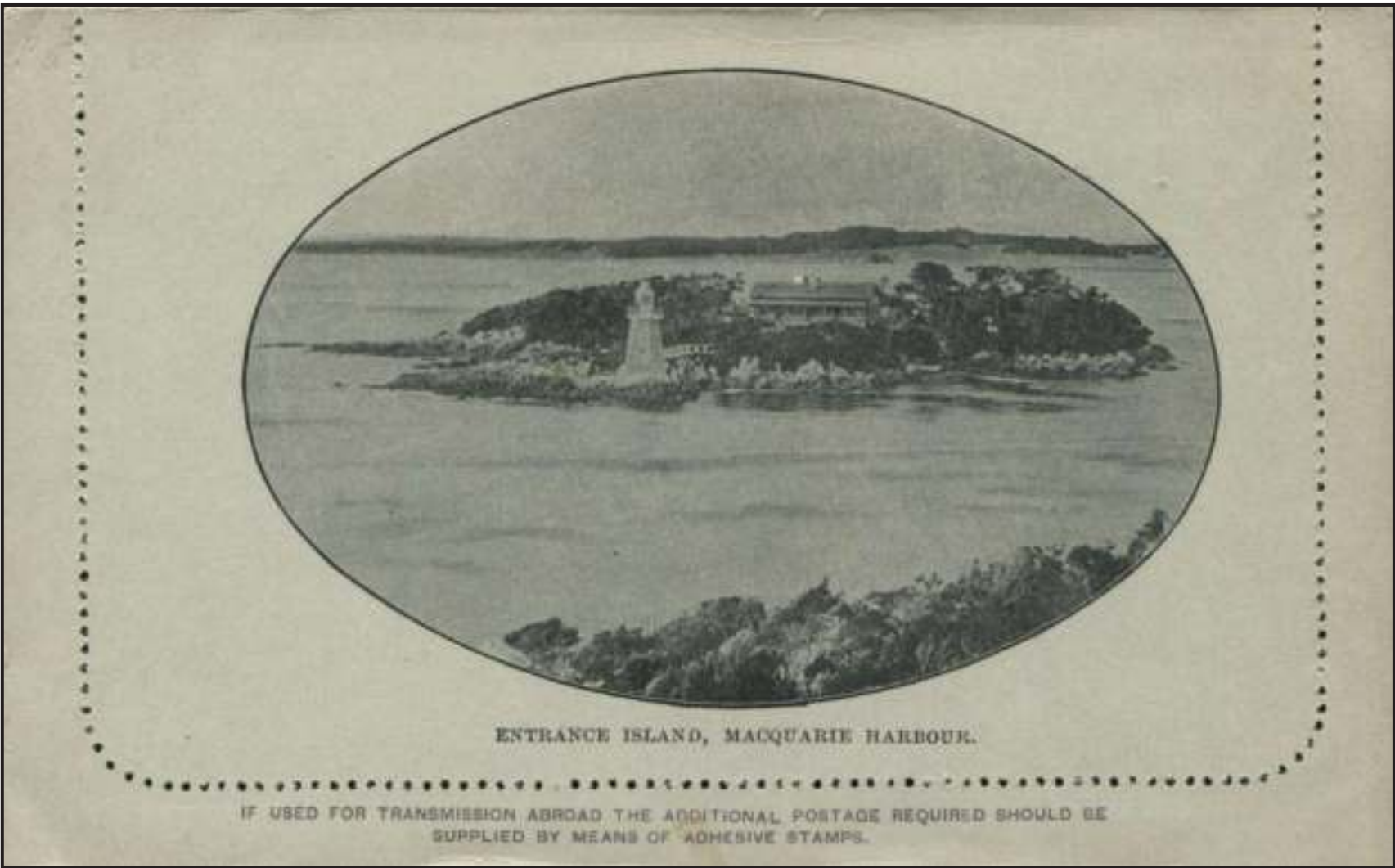
1900 BN 380 & Macquarie Heads date stamp



1901 (March 25) Strahan Marine Board frank to Hobart



1896 (Sept 5) Strahan to Zeehan BN 322



Entrance Island, Macquarie Harbour on 2d Melbourne printed letter card





# Strahan & rail connections



1901 (Jan 5) Strahan No 2 to Melbourne



C. 1910 Strahan Post Office real photo post card

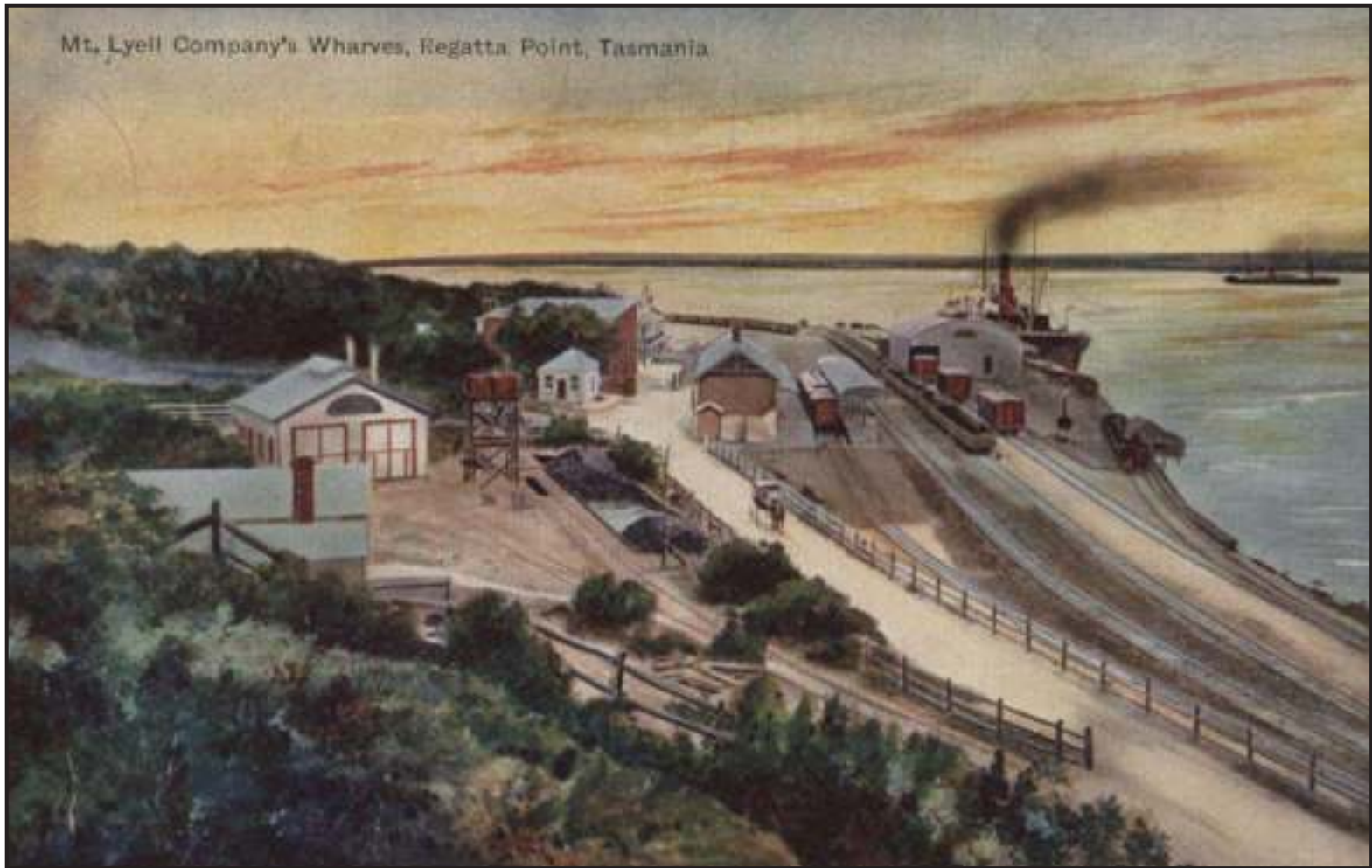
	Strahan West	01.01.1892	02.02.1924
	Regatta Point	01.04.1900	31.08.1964



BN 382



Strahan port - real photo post card



Wharves Regatta Point Mt Lyell Railway Co. post card series of 12



1910



# Opening of the Mount Lyell fields - Penghana/Queenstown



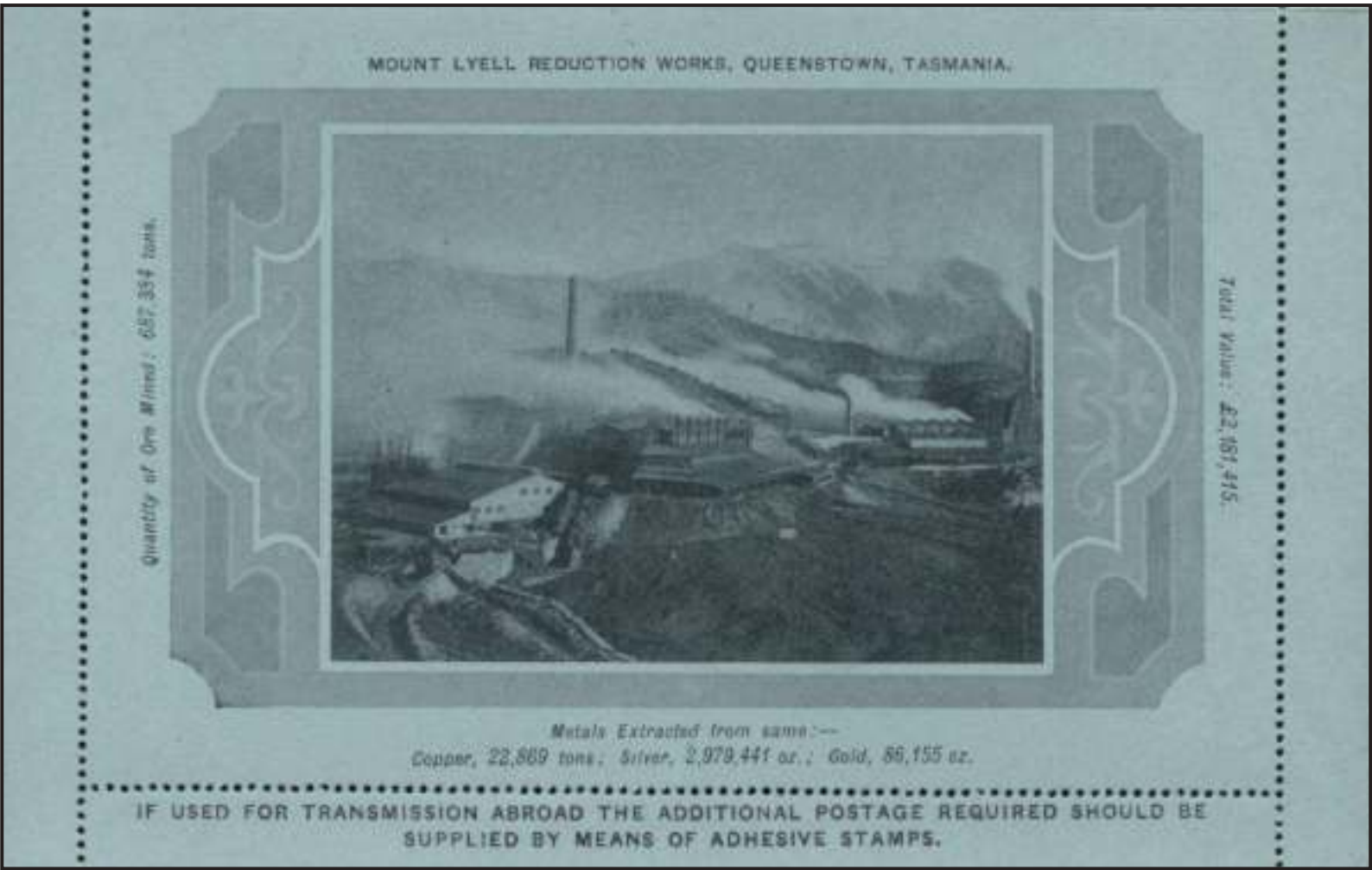
1895 (Nov 23) Penghana to Queensland officially registered tied with BN 354




1902 (June 2) Queenstown to USA

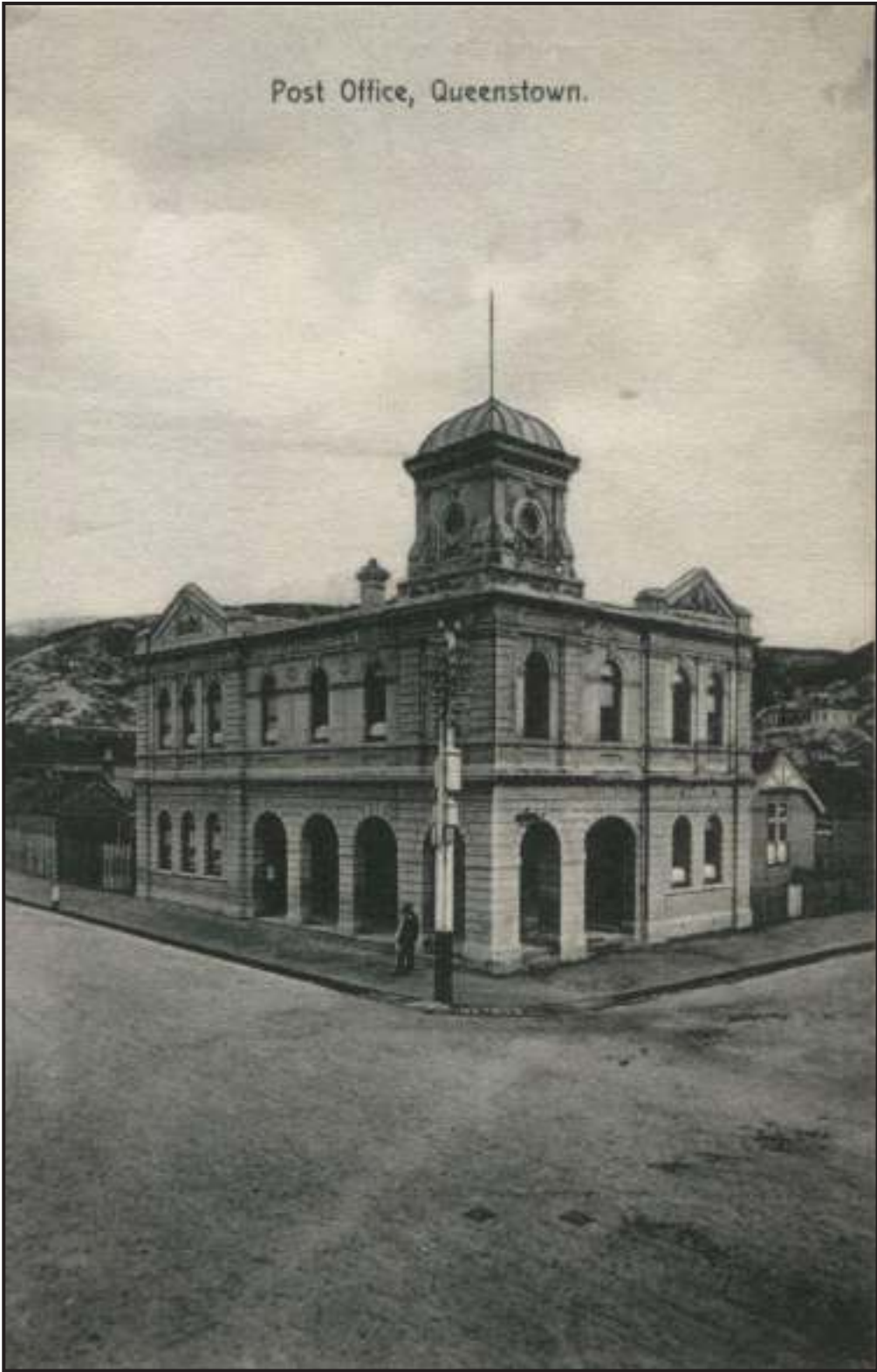


1896 (Oct 24) Penghana Advertising by Post Card service with additional 1d paid



Mount Lyell Reduction Works on 2d letter card Mines series

	Penghana	01.03.1895	20.11.1896
	Queenstown	21.11.1896	Still open



Queenstown Post Office



# Lynch's Creek & Mount Lyell Railway stations






Lynch's Creek Jan 1890



Rinadeena

BN 356

	Lynch's Creek	06.10.1886	28.02.1895
	Lynchford	01.10.1899	31.01.1925
	Rinadeena	01.12.1895	05.06.1896



1900 (Oct 22) Lynchford to Hobart/ BN 373 tied to date stamp



1908 (June 15) Lynchford to Scottsdale with 'Transmission of Tinselled Post Cards Prohibited' handstamp




Mt Lyell Railway Post Card wrapper for the set of 12



Abt Railway section showing rack & pinion system



# Mount Lyell Railway - Teepookana



**PUBLIC NOTICE.**

ESTABLISHMENT OF  
**RECEIVING POST OFFICE AT  
AT  
TEEPOOKANA.**




**IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED** for public information that, on and after the 15th instant, a Mail Receiving House will be opened at **TEEPOOKANA**, and that **Mr. Geo. R. Mason** has been appointed to take charge thereof.

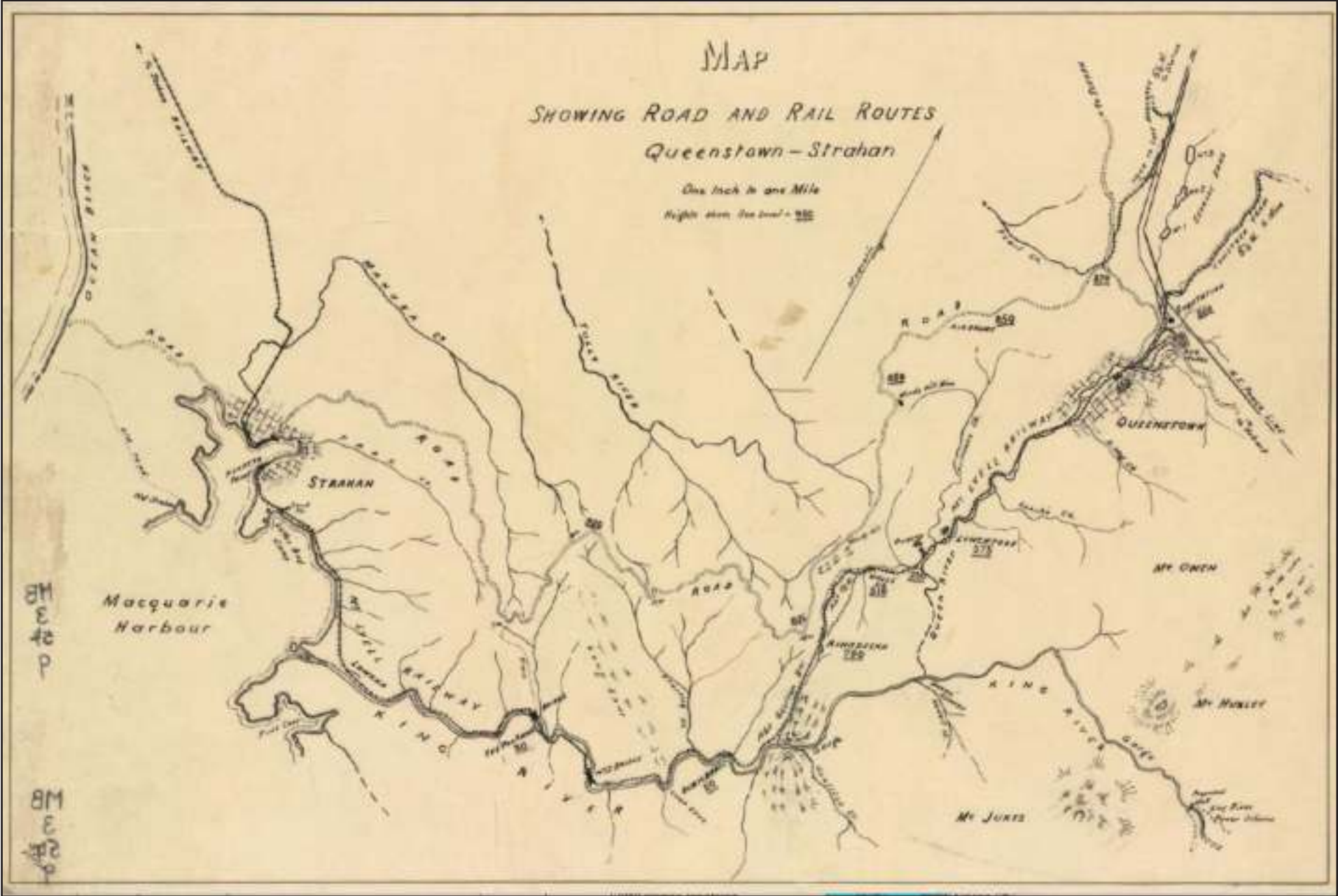
**H. V. BAYLY,**  
Secretary and Superintendent.

Post and Telegraph Dept.,  
15th June, 1899.

Post Office Notice advising of the opening of Teepookana for the second period



 Teepookana	18.01.1895	24.10.1896	 Teepookana	15.06.1899	31.10.1899	 Teepookana	01.01.1902	11.02.1903
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1900 Map of the Strahan to Queenstown Railway TAHO



Teepookana 1902



Photograph of Teepookana when operating as a port at the upper navigable limits of the King River - TAHO



Abt Railway - King River at Dubbilbaril - Mt Lyell Railway post card



# North Mount Lyell mines & Gormanston



BN 362 allocated  
to North Mt Lyell



North Mount Lyell 1908



Mount Lyell 1894



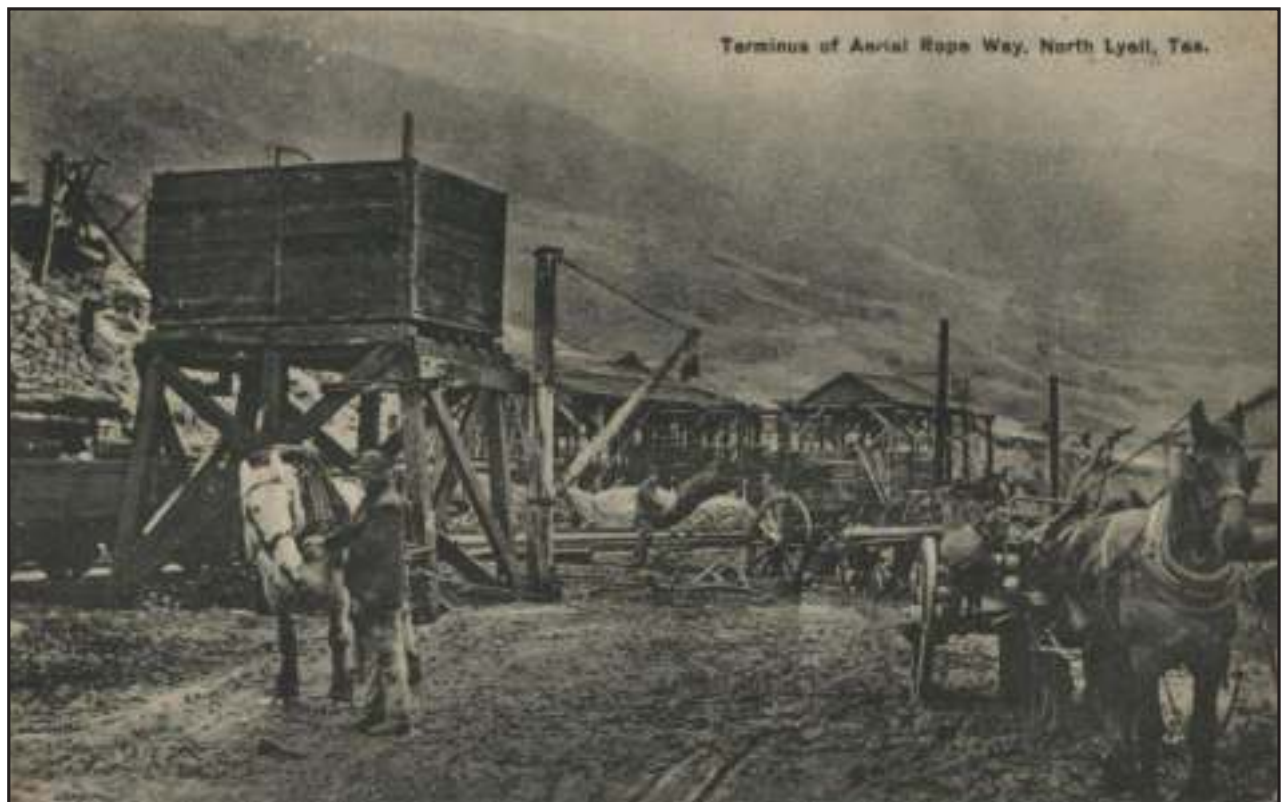
Gormanston township circa 1910



North Mount Lyell	01.10.1898	31.05.1921
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Mount Lyell <i>Renamed</i> Gormanston	01.01.1891 30.10.1894	29.10.1894 30.04.1979
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Aerial ropeway North Mount Lyell real photo post card



1900 (Sept 7) North Mt Lyell to Hobart with BN 362



Gormanston 1901



Gormanston Post Office circa 1910



# North Mount Lyell railway, smelters & port



Linda 1907



Linda 1965



King River 1901



King River manuscript



King River 1902





Crotty 1904





Crotty 1913 second opening



Darwin 1900

 Darwin	21.02.1900	30.06.1903
 Crotty <i>Reopened</i>	01.04.1902 12.05.1913	30.11.1911 15.04.1914

 Linda	18.12.1899	12.11.1966
 King River	01.03.1901	31.07.1902



1906 (June 26) Linda to Hobart from WA Shady, Draper in Linda



Darwin 1900 tied to BN 381



# North Mount Lyell port at Kelly's Basin



1898 Kelly's Basin tied to BN 380



1903 (March 21) Kelly's Basin to Hobart from Terminus Hotel, Kelly Basin



1912 Pillinger





1922 Pillinger



1920 Pillinger provisional hand stamp



1903 (August 19) Kelly's Basin to Hobart from Pioneer Stores, Pillinger

	Kelly's Basin	15.07.1898	31.05.1899
	Pillinger <i>Renamed from Kelly's Basin</i>	12.10.1910	08.10.1922



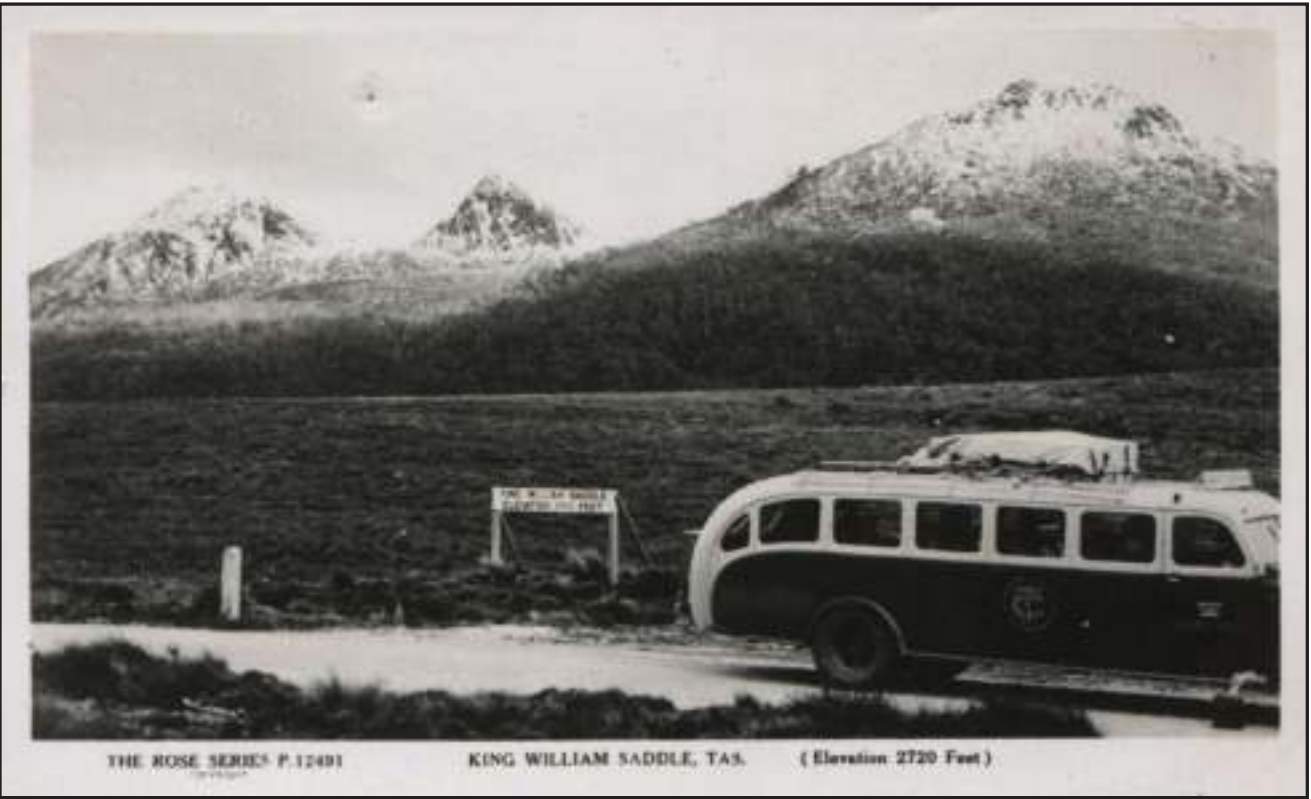
Kelly Basin Mt Lyell Tourist Association post card



# Roads to the West Coast & recent developments



1930 West Coast Road



King William Saddle - Rose series post card



1934 Nive Road



Frenchman's Cap from West Coast Road - Rose series post card



	Nive Road	11.10.1934	17.02.1935
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	West Coast Road	03.06.1930	14.05.1931
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	Queenstown South	24.11.1949	08.11.1973
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	Luina	15.05.1968	23.11.1990
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	Savage River	23.11.1967	28.12.1995
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	Stringer Creek	07.09.1981	24.09.1986
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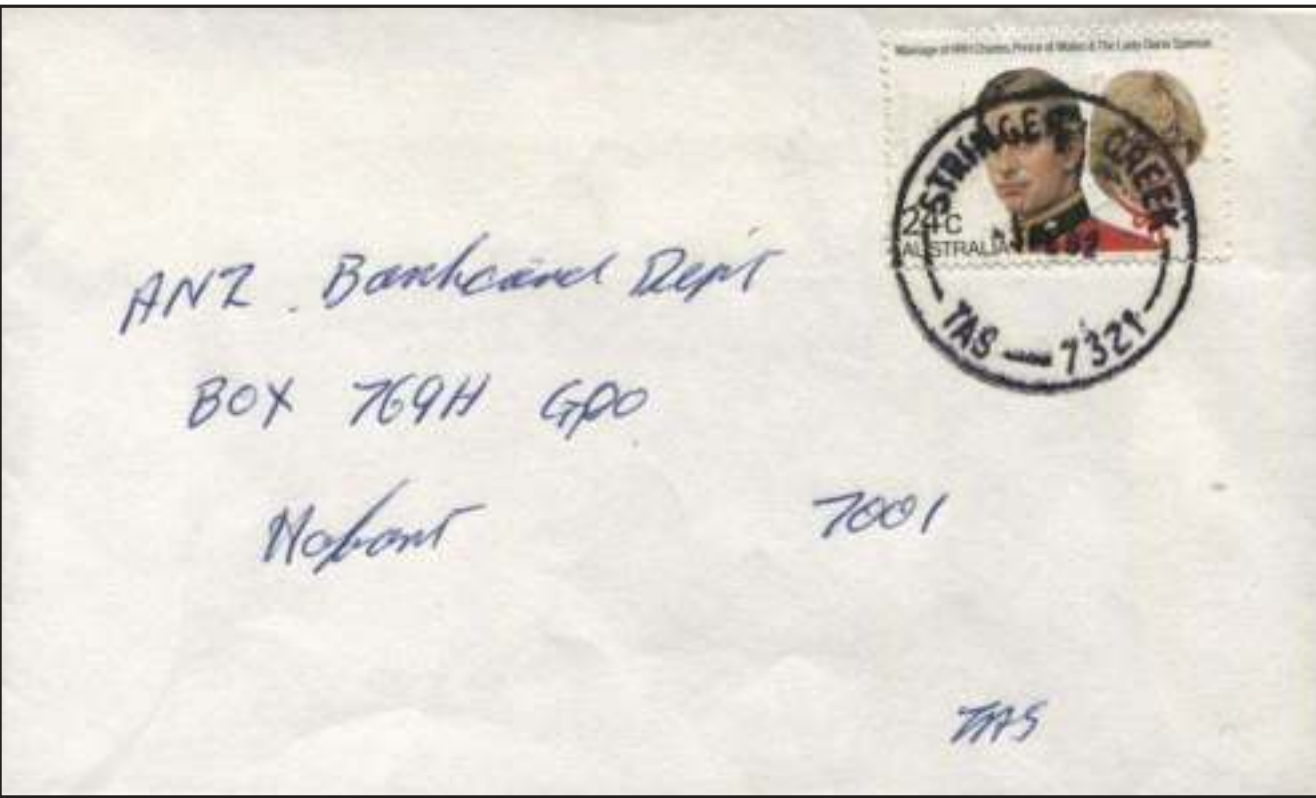
1967 Queenstown South registered to Hobart



1969 Luina to Hobart



1968 registered Savage River to Hobart



1982 Stringer Creek to Hobart