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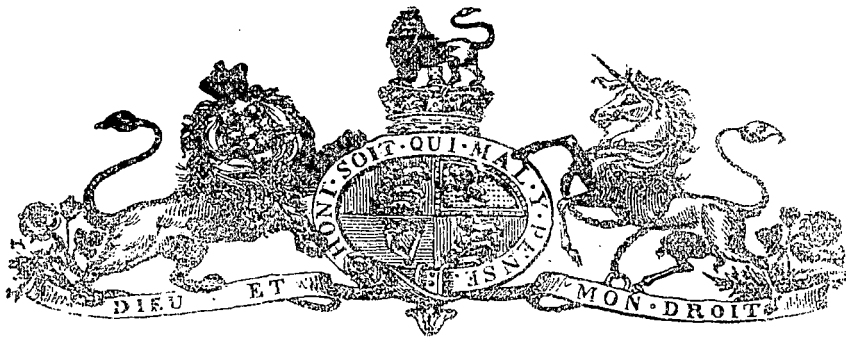
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

O U T - D O O R R E L I E F :

REPORT FOR 1884.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

REPORT for 1884.

Charitable Grants Department, 30th April, 1885-

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward my Report for the year 1884 with reference to the Out-door Relief, &c. of Paupers throughout the Colony, and the cost of transport and funeral expenses.

In a return attached hereto are set forth the sums disbursed monthly for Out-door Relief in the Town of Launceston, and the several Municipal and Police Districts, and the expenditure for the year, which amounted to £3051 3s. 9d. Compared with a similar detailed statement for 1883, that now appended shows a reduction of £171 13s. 5d.

As the causes which led to the authorization of payments were fully explained in the Abstract of Expenditure forwarded to you weekly for approval, I have not considered it necessary to furnish particulars in detail of each case, but have adopted the course followed last year, of giving the total number of cases in which relief was given, and the number of persons amongst whom it was distributed,—viz., total number of cases 347, representing 871 individuals, 462 adults, and 409 children, belonging to 117 families.

Of the 347 cases—

150 were those of aged, infirm, and afflicted persons without family ties—
males, 70; females, 80.

80 were of the same class, but composed of married couples.

13 were deserted wives with families.

53 were widows also with children to support.

44 were parents to whom assistance was given during illness or recovery from accidents; and

7 were the mothers of children whose fathers were undergoing imprisonment for various offences.

347 Total.

In 1883 the numbers were as follows:—Total number of cases, 383; number of persons relieved, 928; adults, 493; children, 435; number of families, 124. There were therefore in 1884 36 cases less than in the previous year; in the total number of persons relieved there was a reduction of 57,—adults, 26; children, 31; and in the number of families there was also a reduction of 7.

Applications for assistance were without exception carefully inquired into, and none were complied with until evidence was forthcoming of the existence of such poverty and distress as appeared to demand attention at the hands of the Government.

In the cases of paupers whose names were already on the list of recipients, and on behalf of whom a continuance of aid was solicited, further payments were not sanctioned unless it was clearly established that their necessities were such as to call for an extension of the period for which relief was originally granted.

In every instance enquiries were instituted with a view to its being ascertained if applicants had any relatives in the Colony in a position to assist them, and whenever any such persons were discovered they were immediately called upon to fulfil their obligations and contribute to the wants of those who had a claim upon them; but the power to deal with relatives is so limited, and the course to be followed in order to reach them so tedious and complicated, that the results have not been such as it would have been possible to effect had the amendments in "The Public Charities Act" suggested in my report for 1882 been adopted; and I again venture to express the hope that the necessary steps will be taken to obtain the further powers therein recommended.

In the City of Hobart, at New Town, and Sandy Bay the wants of such persons as required relief from the Government were attended to by the Executive Committee of the Benevolent Society, whose report will no doubt contain all necessary particulars on the subject. The amount distributed through this agency was, cash £796 19s. 10d., and value of provisions £672 8s. 5d., making a total of £1469 8s. 3d.

Throughout the whole Colony the total expenditure for Out-door Relief amounted to £4520 12s., but the sum of £42 1s. 5d. was received as repayments, which reduced the actual outlay to £4478 10s. 7d.

Out of the vote £5750 for the maintenance of paupers not otherwise provided for, and to which the above-named sum £4478 10s. 7d. has been charged, there has also been expended £763 16s., making a total of £5242 6s. 7d., and leaving on the 31st ultimo, the date to which the accounts have been made up, an unexpended balance of £507 13s. 5d.

Of the amount £763 16s., the sum of £352 10s. 5d. was required for medical attendance and medicines, including the cost of the maintenance of paupers in the Campbell Town Hospital; £95 19s. 6d. for lying-in cases attended to by the Benevolent Society, Hobart, including the cost of supervision, £20; £80 12s. for the supply of food and shelter to tramps and other paupers at the Campbell Town Police Station; £15 19s. 5d. for commission to collectors for Charitable Institutions; £15 5s. 2d. for provisions and attendance upon persons in the country districts who could not be removed to an institution; £51 12s. 2d. in aid of the support of four apprentices, one boy and three girls; £75 5s. 10d. for the maintenance and clothing of four children in the New South Wales Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind; £10 for salary Secretary Board of Guardians, Queen's Asylum; £36 10s. for compassionate allowances to Mary Smith and Adam Sprowle, at the rate of 1s. per diem each; £13 15s. for the payment, under special circumstances reported at the time, of the passage of Mrs. Nulton and family to New Zealand; £7 5s., cost of sewing machines supplied in two cases to assist deserving persons; together with sundry other items of small amount.

Respecting the apprentices referred to above, one, a lad who was brought up under the Boarding-out system, is making good progress at the trade of tailor, and has served nearly three out of the five years for which he is bound. For the first two years (which expired on the 18th May, 1884), 2s. 6d. per week was paid to the foster parent in aid of the lad's maintenance, and to supplement a like amount allowed by the master. During the next three years the lad's wages will be 7s. 6d., 10s., and 20s. per week respectively. The three girls have also done very well, and when out of their time it is confidently expected that they will be in a position to earn their own living. One of them is being taught the trade of dressmaker at St. Joseph's Orphanage, and will complete her indentures on the 1st November next. For the first two years (viz., up to the 31st October last), a payment of 5s. per week was made for her maintenance and instruction, but during this (her last year) she is not a charge to the Government. The next is a cripple, who underwent amputation of the leg on the 28th July last at the General Hospital, but who, notwithstanding what she has suffered, has been so diligent and attentive to her work that she has acquired a very fair knowledge of dressmaking and general needlework, and has given every satisfaction to her mistress. She was bound on the 15th August, 1883, for two years, the Government agreeing to pay at the rate of £13 per annum for her maintenance. The other is learning the tailoring business, and was bound for two years on the 8th January, 1884, her mistress receiving at the rate of £20 per annum for her maintenance and instruction. There are peculiar circumstances connected with this girl, which rendered it exceedingly difficult to obtain a home and suitable employment for her. She is also a cripple, and is afflicted with a disease which causes a most unpleasant odour to issue from her body (in no way caused by want of cleanliness), and necessitates her being provided with a separate apartment.

With regard to the four children in the New South Wales Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind; viz.—

Ellen Johnson: born 2nd February, 1869; admitted 27th July, 1880.

George Smith: born 11th May, 1874; admitted 25th January, 1883.

Alfred Wickham Ransley: born 24th June, 1874; admitted 27th July, 1883.

Sophia Mercy Gartz: born 27th October, 1876; ditto,—

the following report from the master of the school was received at the end of January last:—"It is gratifying to be able to report that the health of the four children from Tasmania—viz., Ellen Johnson, Sophia Gartz, Alfred Ransley, and George Smith—is good, and both their progress in school and their general conduct in every way are quite satisfactory. The two deaf children, Gartz and Ransley, can write pretty well—the latter, though only 1½ years here, is able to write a nice little letter to his mother; and George Smith (blind) reads the embossed books with very considerable fluency already. The two girls, though less bright, are improving steadily, and giving satisfaction."

The cost of providing for the transport and funeral expenses of paupers during the year amounted to £494 11s. 7d. only, out of the vote £550; viz.—transport, £313 19s. 5d.; funeral expenses, £180 12s. 2d. Included in the expenditure for transport is the cost of the conveyance to the New Town Charitable Institution of 61 paupers from districts north of Oatlands, for whom the

Superintendent of the Invalid Depôt at Launceston could not provide accommodation. Of that number 19 were received from Launceston, 14 from Campbell Town, 10 from Deloraine, 9 from Longford, 3 from Evandale, 3 from Latrobe, and one from each of the districts of Fingal, Ross, and Ulverstone.

RECAPITULATION.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Expenditure.</i>						
Out-door Relief, Hobart and suburbs.....	1469	8	3			
ditto, Launceston, Municipalities, &c.....	3051	3	9			
Medical Attendance, &c	763	16	0			
				5284	8	0
Less Repayments.....				42	1	5
				5242	6	7
Unexpended balance.....				507	13	5
Voted by Parliament.....				5750	0	0
Transport	313	19	5			
Funeral Expenses.....	180	12	2			
				494	11	7
Unexpended balance.....				55	8	5
Voted by Parliament.....				£550	0	0

Returns are appended of the annual expenditure for out-door relief, and the daily average number of inmates of the several Invalid Depôts in the Colony respectively, during the last six years,—viz., from 1879 to 1884, both inclusive. An examination of these Returns will show that the decrease referred to in my last Report in the amount granted for the relief of out-door paupers, as well as in the number for whom provision was required to be made in the Depôts, still continues, and although the difference in these respects between 1883 and 1884 may appear trifling, it is, nevertheless, gratifying evidence of the steady growth in the community of a better and more healthy state of things than existed a few years ago.

In conclusion, it affords me much pleasure to acknowledge the courtesy and assistance extended to me by the Wardens, Magistrates, and officials generally in the discharge of the duties of my office during the past year.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. O'BOYLE, *Administrator Charitable Grants.*

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.

RETURN of Expenditure for Out-door Relief in Tasmania during the Years 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, and 1884.

<i>Year.</i>	£	s.	d.
1879.....	7351	14	3
1880.....	5833	15	10
1881.....	5130	18	7
1882.....	4886	9	5
1883.....	4619	11	10
1884.....	4478	10	7

RETURN of the Daily Average Number of Inmates of the several Invalid Depôts during the Years 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, and 1884.

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Brickfields.</i>	<i>New Town.</i>	<i>Launceston.</i>	TOTAL.
1879.....	222	550	125	897
1880.....	134	569	140	843
1881.....	119	611	146	876
1882.....	89	577	140	806
1883.....	..	642	139	781
1884.....	..	626	147	773

RETURN of Expenditure authorised for Out-door Relief in the Town of LAUNCESTON and the several Municipal and Police Districts, during the Year 1884.

DISTRICT.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bothwell.....	2 4 3	2 1 5	2 4 3	2 2 10	1 6 6	1 5 8	1 6 6	1 6 6	1 5 8	1 15 6	1 14 4	2 17 8	21 11 1
Brighton.....	5 19 9	6 6 5	6 15 3	6 0 1	6 4 2	5 2 11	5 6 5	5 6 5	5 2 11	5 6 5	5 2 11	5 6 5	68 0 1
Campbell Town.....	13 1 5	12 4 8	12 16 0	9 19 2	6 19 7	8 19 2	6 19 7	6 19 7	6 14 11	5 17 5	5 13 6	5 17 5	102 2 5
Clarence.....	2 4 3	3 3 7	4 6 5	2 2 10	3 6 5	2 2 10	3 6 5	3 6 5	3 4 3	2 4 3	2 2 10	2 4 3	33 14 9
Deloraine.....	10 12 6	10 7 4	11 14 7	11 4 9	11 17 1	11 7 4	12 4 8	10 19 1	9 10 11	9 17 3	9 10 11	9 10 7	128 17 0
Evandale.....	7 6 3	6 12 0	5 13 0	4 12 1	4 15 3	4 12 1	8 8 8	8 19 5	5 9 3	5 10 9	6 19 0	7 4 0	76 1 9
Fingal.....	5 19 6	5 1 6	5 8 5	6 10 8	3 4 2	3 2 1	4 6 4	4 6 4	4 3 6	3 15 8	3 10 8	3 13 1	53 1 11
Franklin.....	12 8 1	11 11 11	12 8 1	11 5 1	11 12 6	12 8 8	12 16 10	12 3 7	11 15 10	11 10 4	11 3 0	11 10 4	142 14 3
George Town.....	8 12 9	8 1 8	8 12 9	10 9 11	10 17 0	10 12 1	10 19 3	7 4 0	6 19 3	7 4 0	6 19 3	8 1 9	104 13 8
Glamorgan.....	3 10 10	3 8 4	3 13 1	3 10 9	5 3 1	3 10 9	3 13 1	3 13 1	3 10 9	4 7 1	5 0 9	4 8 7	47 10 2
Glenorchy.....	2 13 2	2 9 9	2 13 2	...	2 16 2	2 17 10	2 19 10	2 6 7	3 0 0	2 6 7	2 5 0	2 6 7	28 14 8
Green Ponds.....	9 10 8	7 18 2	8 6 4	8 2 11	7 13 0	7 8 0	7 13 0	7 13 0	7 8 0	7 1 11	6 17 3	7 1 11	92 14 2
Hamilton.....	2 17 7	3 9 8	2 17 3	2 5 0	2 6 6	1 14 3	1 15 5	1 15 5	1 14 3	1 15 5	1 14 3	1 15 5	26 0 5
Kingston.....	11 5 10	11 11 10	12 8 0	12 0 2	10 17 0	13 1 7	14 1 2	14 14 5	13 16 7	15 1 1	14 2 11	14 12 3	157 12 10
Launceston.....	37 13 0	34 3 7	36 10 10	35 5 1	36 8 7	44 12 7	39 10 7	42 0 7	42 3 0	40 2 4	38 0 9	40 1 6	466 12 5
Longford.....	27 9 3	25 13 11	27 9 3	24 19 2	25 16 0	25 13 5	25 0 6	25 10 10	22 16 3	23 0 6	20 13 5	21 7 3	295 9 9
Macquarie Plains.....	4 8 7	4 2 11	4 8 7	4 5 8	4 8 7	3 8 6	3 10 10	3 10 10	3 8 6	4 8 7	4 5 8	2 15 4	47 2 7
New Norfolk.....	3 19 11	3 5 6	3 4 3	3 2 2	3 4 3	10 12 4	3 15 4	3 19 9	3 17 3	3 19 9	3 17 3	5 1 11	51 19 8
Oatlands.....	8 1 9	8 1 4	7 15 1	9 6 6	6 19 7	10 8 0	8 1 9	7 8 1	6 15 1	6 19 7	6 15 1	6 19 7	93 11 5
Richmond.....	5 15 1	5 7 9	4 12 11	4 9 11	4 10 11	4 1 4	4 4 0	7 10 6	5 13 6	8 9 9	7 7 9	7 12 8	69 16 1
Ross.....	2 8 9	1 15 2	1 17 8	1 16 6	1 17 8	1 16 6	1 17 8	1 17 8	1 16 6	1 17 8	1 16 6	1 17 8	22 15 11
Russell.....	3 13 2	2 11 10	2 15 5	2 13 7	2 15 5	2 13 7	2 15 5	3 6 3	3 10 9	3 13 2	3 10 9	3 13 2	37 12 6
Sorell.....	12 19 2	12 1 6	12 19 2	11 9 3	10 14 10	10 14 3	11 1 6	11 1 6	10 14 3	11 1 6	10 14 3	11 1 6	136 12 8
Spring Bay.....	4 4 2	3 18 9	4 4 2	4 1 5	4 4 2	6 19 4	4 10 10	4 10 10	4 7 10	4 10 10	4 7 10	4 10 10	54 11 0
Torquay.....	14 5 9	13 7 4	13 3 8	13 15 0	15 11 11	14 17 4	15 1 4	15 1 4	13 9 11	12 8 1	13 2 9	16 13 11	170 18 4
Westbury.....	23 10 1	22 7 7	25 3 1	23 5 1	24 16 3	22 17 1	24 19 3	23 15 0	22 5 8	23 6 7	21 19 2	22 3 1	280 7 11
Wynyard.....	8 17 1	9 2 2	9 16 5	9 16 4	11 3 7	12 0 7	12 16 9	11 9 8	9 16 1	9 8 1	9 19 4	10 5 10	124 11 11
Portland.....	2 17 6	0 12 5	0 13 3	0 12 10	0 13 3	0 12 10	0 13 3	0 13 3	0 12 10	0 13 3	0 12 10	0 13 3	10 0 9
Mr. Propsting.....	3 6 10	3 2 3	3 6 6	3 4 3	3 6 6	3 4 3	3 6 6	3 6 6	3 4 3	3 6 6	3 4 3	3 6 6	39 5 1
Ulverstone.....	5 15 2	5 7 9	5 15 2	5 17 10	6 1 10	5 17 10	6 1 10	6 1 10	5 17 10	6 1 10	5 17 10	6 1 10	70 18 7
	267 12 1	249 10 0	263 12 0	248 6 10	251 11 9	268 15 0	263 4 6	261 18 3	244 5 7	247 1 8	239 2 0	250 16 1	3055 15 9
	Not expended												4 12 0
													£3051 3 9

30th April, 1885.

J. O'BOYLE, Administrator Charitable Grants.