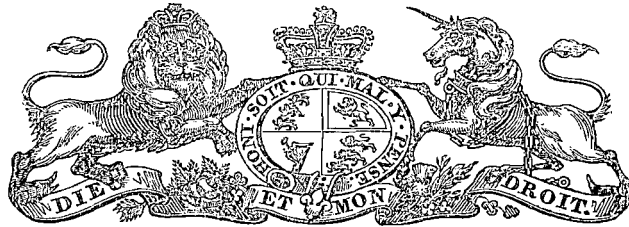


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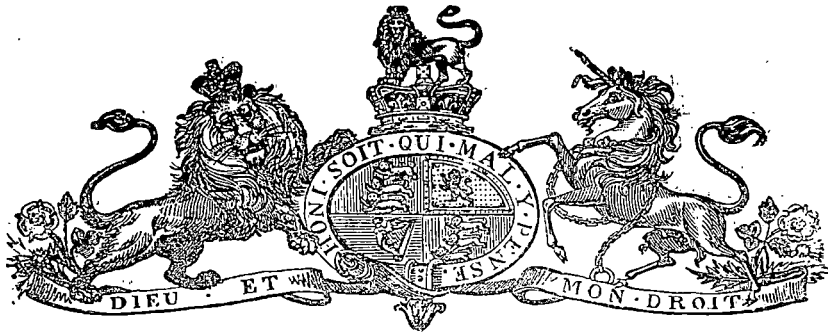
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O U T - D O O R R E L I E F :

REPORT FOR 1888.

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



OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

REPORT for 1888.

Charitable Grants Department, 6th June, 1889.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the following Report for the year 1888 on the subject of Out-door Relief, &c. to destitute persons throughout the Colony, and the expenditure for transport and funeral expenses.

Attached hereto is a Return showing the total sum disbursed during the year for Out-door Relief in the City of Launceston, and in each of the Municipal and Police Districts, amounting in all to £2996 17s. 5d.

The number of cases in which relief was given, and the number of persons amongst whom it was distributed, were as follows:—Total number of cases, 324; number of individuals, 866—433 adults and 433 children, belonging to 106 families.

Of the 324 cases—

131 were those of aged, infirm, and afflicted persons without family ties—males, 57; females, 74.

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

8 were deserted wives, with families.

56 were widows, also with children to support.

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

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

324 Total.

Careful inquiry was made into each application for assistance; and advantage was taken of every opportunity that presented itself to relieve the Government of the burthen of maintaining persons who had relatives in a position to afford them assistance.

The authorities for payment in each case were given for a limited period only: and on the expiration thereof, if applications for further help were made, the Chief Magistrate of the District in which the applicants resided was requested to report as to their circumstances, and the necessity for compliance with their request.

In numerous cases applications were not entertained; and, whenever it appeared that aid could be dispensed with, the authorities for payment were immediately cancelled.

Paupers residing in the City, at New Town, and Sandy Bay were, as usual, relieved through the agency of the Executive Committee of the Benevolent Society; and I am not therefore in a position to give any information respecting them beyond the cost, which amounted to £946 6s. 11d.; viz.—Cash paid, £246 16s. 6d.; value of provisions issued, £699 10s. 5d.

The total expenditure for Out-door Relief throughout the Colony was £3943 4s. 4d.; but repayments amounting to £39 19s. 5d. were recovered from relatives, which reduced the actual outlay to £3903 4s. 11d.

In addition to the above the sum of £998 3s. 9d. was expended, £216 of which was devoted to the payment of the cost of maintaining, clothing, and educating six children in the New South Wales Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, and the balance to the liquidation of claims for medical attendance and medicines to destitute persons residing in the country districts; maintenance of destitute persons in country hospitals; temporary provision for tramps; expenses in connection with the Lying-in Home; commission to collectors for Charitable Institutions; and special allowances to Mary Ann Smith and Adam Sprowle,—making a total of £4801 8s. 8d.

Repayments in addition to those previously referred to, and amounting to £39 18s. 3d., have been received from the Imperial Government on account of the above expenditure, but it is not the practice to insert these repayments in the Treasury accounts, and they do not therefore appear to the credit of the vote for the year. The inclusion of the above sum would reduce the actual expenditure to £4761 10s. 5d.

The cost of transport and funeral expenses amounted to £533 3s. 7d.; but the sum of £23 3s. 4d. was received as repayments, which reduced the actual expenditure to £510 0s. 3d.—£45 less than the previous year. In addition the sum of £1 1s. 9d. was repaid by the Imperial Government on account of transport.

Included in the expenditure for transport is the cost, about £37, of the conveyance to the New Town Charitable Institution of 43 destitute persons, for whom there was no room in the Invalid Depôt at Launceston, during the first six months of the year. Of these 12 were brought from Launceston, 3 from Westbury, 6 from Deloraine, 3 from Latrobe, 15 from Campbell Town, 2 from Longford, and one from each of the Towns of Evandale and Emu Bay.

Since the additions to the Institution at Launceston were made there has been ample accommodation; and it is expected that the annual charges for transport will be considerably reduced in consequence.

Returns of the Annual Expenditure for Out-door Relief, and the Daily Average Number of Inmates of the several Depôts in the Colony from 1879 to 1888, both years inclusive, are forwarded herewith.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.



RETURN of Expenditure for Out-door Relief in the City of Launceston and the several Municipal and Police Districts during the Year 1888.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Brighton.....	80	7	6	Launceston.....	605	5	2
Bothwell.....	10	9	6	Longford	277	1	1
Campbell Town.....	116	7	3	Latrobe	140	11	7
Clarence.....	13	2	5	Macquarie Plains	34	11	5
Deloraine	94	17	1	New Norfolk	154	0	4
Emu Bay	43	2	8	Oatlands.....	34	15	5
Evandale	79	15	1	Portland.....	24	1	5
Fingal.....	72	13	3	Richmond	80	7	3
Franklin.....	163	18	4	Ross	8	10	1
George Town.....	57	17	2	Russell	32	4	9
Glamorgan.....	30	5	11	Sorell	128	0	10
Glenorchy	45	9	7	Spring Bay	34	4	0
Green Ponds	102	0	2	Ulverstone	96	3	7
Hamilton	52	10	9	Westbury	200	12	0
Hedberg, Mr. O. E.....	33	10	11				
Kingston	150	0	11				
					£2996	17	5

RETURN of Expenditure for Out-door Relief in Tasmania during the Years 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, and 1888.

Year.	Expenditure.		Repayments to be deducted.	TOTAL EXPENDITURE.								
	Hobart and Suburbs.	Launceston, Municipalities, &c.										
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
1879.....	2361	2	3	4956	17	7	...	7317	19	10		
1880.....	2088	19	9	3783	17	4	...	5872	17	1		
1881.....	1633	9	11	3542	9	9	45	1	1	5130	18	7
1882.....	1579	18	9	3387	15	8	81	5	0	4886	9	5
1883.....	1473	13	10	3222	17	2	76	19	2	4619	11	10
1884.....	1469	8	3	3051	3	9	42	1	5	4478	10	7
1885.....	1329	6	8	2845	13	0	38	3	0	4136	16	8
1886.....	1270	0	1	2945	12	5	33	9	5	4191	3	1
1887.....	1296	15	9	3026	6	11	51	19	4	4271	3	4
1888.....	946	6	11	2996	17	5	39	19	5	3903	4	11

RETURN of the Daily Average Number of Inmates of the several Invalid Depôts during the Years 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, and 1888.

Year:	Brickfields.	New Town.	Launceston.	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
1885.....	...	609	150	759
1886.....	...	670	128	798
1887.....	...	661	148	809
1888.....	...	624	188	812