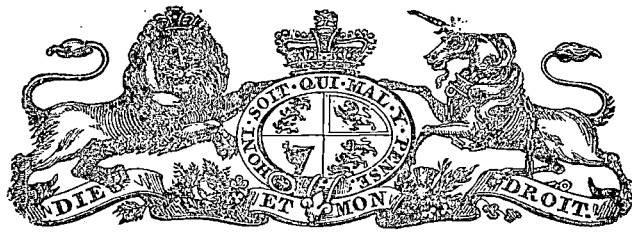


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## INVALID DEPÔT, LAUNCESTON.

### REPORT for 1889.

*Invalid Dépôt, Launceston, 22nd January, 1890.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit my Annual Report for this Establishment for the Year 1889.

#### *Admissions and Discharges.*

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
The number of inmates remaining on January 1st was .....	166	28	194
Admitted during the year .....	286	36	322
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>516</b>
Discharged during the year .....	233	18	251
Died .....	45	6	51
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>302</b>
Remaining on 31st December.....	174	40	214
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>516</b>

*Admissions.*—The admissions during the year show an increase of 41 males, but a decrease of 1 female, compared with the previous year.

The daily average number of inmates was—males, 182·28, females, 35·22, of whom 213·17 were chargeable to the Colonial Government, and 4·33 to the Imperial Government.

The daily average for 1888 was—males, 162·73 ; females, 26·73.

*Discharges.*—Twelve were transferred to General Hospital and other Institutions, 15 to the Police for breaches of the regulations, 17 absconded, 76 were discharged by the approval of the Administrator of Charitable Grants, 29 were let out on pass, 102 were discharged at their own request, and 51 died.

*Mortality.*—The death-rate was 9·88 per cent., as against 12·40 for 1888. The average age at death was 71·72, the maximum being 94, and the minimum 43 years. The united ages of the 13 oldest who died was 1110, being an average of 85 years.

*Ages.*—The average ages of inmates were, males, 65·83, females, 62·17.

<i>Civil Condition.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Free by servitude.....	339	46	385
Arrived free .....	79	9	88
Natives.....	34	9	43
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>516</b>
<i>Remaining on 31st December.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Free by Servitude .....	133	31	164
Arrived free .....	23	6	29
Natives .....	18	3	21
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>214</b>

The gross expenditure for the year was £2955 5s. 3d. The annual cost per head was £12 16s. 3¼d., and £12 3s. 9d. on gross and net expenditure respectively, as against £13 2s. 11d., and £12 12s. 2¼d. for 1888.

*Remarks.*—In my annual report for 1888, adverting to the completion of the new ward, I informed you “that in my opinion there was now sufficient accommodation provided for the pauper requirements of this part of the Island.” As regards the males, this statement has been fully borne out during the past year, although the buildings have at times been taxed to their utmost capacity, yet no deserving case has been refused for want of accommodation. In the case of female applicants, however, it was found necessary to provide additional room, as many eligible cases had either to be dealt with by the Benevolent Society or sent to New Town Dépôt.

As the wards for the invalid women are within the precincts of the Gaol, no additional buildings could be erected therein; but I had the Committed Room utilised for this purpose, as comparatively few women had of late years been committed for trial.

The daily average for females is now 35·22, being an increase of 9, every bed being occupied.

The large increase in our numbers during the past two years necessarily increased the duties of the officers connected therewith, and small increases of salary have been made to the Resident Overseer, Clerk, and the Nurse. The number of Wardsmen has also been increased.

I am pleased to report that the cost per head was considerably less than it has been for the past seven years.

You will observe that although the number of deaths was 13 in excess of the previous year, the death-rate per cent. was much less.

The conduct of the inmates was good.

Appended are Returns of Expenditure; Contract Prices, and Decennial Returns.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. JONES, *Superintendent.*

*The Hon. the Chief Secretary.*

*RETURN showing the Cost of the INVALID DEPOT, Launceston, for the Year 1889.*

Daily Average—Colonial Government, 213·17; Imperial Government, 4·33.

HEAD OF EXPENDITURE.			CASH RECEIPTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Salaries .....	496	11 8	For maintenance of inmates .....	136	0 11
Contingencies—			Balance, being net expenditure for the year	2819	4 4
Provisions and medical comforts .....	1567	2 7			
Clothing, bedding, stores, and stationery	343	19 3			
Washing .....	13	18 4			
Medical attendance and medicines .....	51	0 0			
Funerals, furniture, miscellaneous, and incidental .....	147	4 5			
Fuel, light, and water .....	167	5 5			
Repairs and alterations to buildings ....	168	3 7			
	<u>£2955</u>	<u>5 3</u>		<u>£2955</u>	<u>5 3</u>

Annual cost per head on Gross Expenditure .. 12 13 3½ } Not including repairs  
 Annual cost per head on Net Expenditure .... 12 3 9 } and alterations.

*RETURN showing the Estimated Cost, and the actual Amount expended, for the Year 1889.*

Heads.	Per Estimate.	Actual Cost.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries .....	491 11 8	496 11 8	5 0 0	
Provisions .....	1000 0 0	1497 13 10	497 13 10	
Medical comforts .....	60 0 0	69 8 9	9 8 9	
Stores, bedding, clothing, and stationery .....	300 0 0	343 19 3	43 19 3	
Washing .....	50 0 0	13 18 4	...	36 1 8
Medical attendance and medicines ....	51 0 0	51 0 0		
Funerals, furniture, miscellaneous, and incidental .....	130 0 0	147 4 5	17 4 5	
Repairs and alteration to buildings ....	300 0 0	168 3 7	...	131 16 5
Fuel, light, and water .....	210 0 0	167 5 5	...	42 14 7
	<u>2592 11 8</u>	<u>2955 5 3</u>	<u>573 6 3</u>	<u>210 12 8</u>

Estimated cost ..... £2592 11 8  
 Actual cost ..... 2955 5 3  
 Excess of Estimate ..... 362 13 7

*CONTRACT Prices for the supply of Provisions, Fuel, Furniture, Funerals, &c. for  
1888 and 1889.*

<i>Articles.</i>	<i>Contract Prices.</i>			
	<b>1888.</b>		<b>1889.</b>	
	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Meat, January to 30th June, per 100 lbs. ....	22	0	21	9
Ditto, 1st July to 31st December, ditto .....	25	3	26	3
Bread, 20 per cent., January to April, ditto .....	7	10½	8	3
Ditto, May to December, ditto .....	6	6½	9	2
Bread, fine, January to April, ditto .....	10	1½	9	8
Ditto, May to December, ditto .....	9	8	11	3
Potatoes, per ton .....	60	0	90	0
Rice, per cwt. ....	20	0	24	6
Oatmeal, per cwt. ....	17	0	16	6
Barley, per cwt. ....	20	0	22	6
Soap, per cwt. ....	30	0	30	0
Cornwall Coal Co., per ton .....	15	0	14	0
Funerals and Interments .....	48	0	48	0
Wood .....	15	0	15	0
Milk, per quart, January to 31st May .....	0	2½	0	3
Ditto, June to 31st December .....	0	3	0	3

*DECENNIAL RETURN showing the Number of Persons remaining in the INVALID DEPOT, Launceston, on the 1st January ; Number received, discharged, and remaining on 31st December of each year ; Net Cost per Head ; and the Cost of Institution.*

YEAR.	<i>Remaining on 1st January.</i>	<i>Received during year.</i>	TOTAL.	<i>Discharged during the Year.</i>	<i>Died during Year.</i>	TOTAL.	<i>Remaining on 31st December.</i>	<i>Net Cost per Head.</i>	<i>Gross Cost of Establishment.</i>
								<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>
1880...	133	176	309	152	20	172	137	13 6 0	1898 14 0
1881...	137	151	288	118	33	151	137	12 6 6	1919 1 5
1882...	137	172	309	124	52	176	133	12 3 0	1943 14 7
1883...	133	174	307	136	28	164	143	13 15 9¼	1968 16 1
1884...	143	164	307	129	34	163	144	14 16 11¾	2286 3 1
1885...	144	178	322	142	31	173	149	14 19 0¼	2294 0 7
1886...	149	140	289	147	29	176	113	13 12 8½	1816 4 11
1887...	131	223	354	154	40	194	160	13 7 2	2050 5 11½
1888...	160	282	442	208	40	248	194	12 12 2¼	3009 17 2
1889...	194	322	516	251	51	302	214	12 3 9	2955 5 3