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SESSION II.

T A S M A N I A.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

PENAL ESTABLISHMENTS, LAUNCESTON:

REPORT FOR 1876.

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Penal Establishment, Launceston.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith the Annual Report and Returns for this Establishment for the year 1876.

No. 1.—Return showing net cost per head of all Prisoners, Invalids, and Children in the Establishment to be £21 17s. 7½d. It is impossible to distinguish the net cost in each department, owing to the arrangement of the buildings.

No. 2.—Return of the number of Women and Children received and discharged.

No. 3.—Return of the number of Prisoners received and discharged at the Gaol for Males.

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*No. 12.—Return showing the quantity and value of Milk and Vegetables raised in aid of rations.

*No. 13.—Return showing the number of Male Prisoners employed at the Invalid Depôt.

Officers.—The conduct of the Officers has been satisfactory. One Warder and one Constable resigned on the last day of the year.

Prisoners.—The conduct of the prisoners generally has been fair. No serious offence was recorded during the year. In only three cases was it necessary to bring Prisoners to trial before the Police Magistrate for breach of the regulations.

Visitors.—I annex copies of minutes recorded by His Excellency the Governor, the Visiting Justices, and various strangers who have visited the Establishment during the year.

On the 22nd November the day-room and bath-house at the Male House of Correction were destroyed by fire. As yet nothing has been done towards reconstructing them, although the latter is most urgently required, as it is impossible to keep an institution clean without one. Had it not been for the timely assistance rendered by the Brigades, it is probable that the whole of the main building would have been destroyed. There are several fire-plugs within the Establishment but no stand-pipe or hose. I would suggest that the latter articles be supplied forthwith, the cost of which would not be great.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Sheriff, Hobart Town.

A. JONES, *Superintendent.*

* In this latter Return credit has not been taken for this item ("Labour of Prisoners at Invalid Depôt"), the labour of Invalids in the grounds attached to this Establishment being equivalent for the value of the same: this will also apply to the Milk and Vegetables (other than potatoes) supplied to Invalid Depôt.

No. 1.

RETURN showing the Cost of the Penal Establishment, Launceston, for the Year ending 31st December, 1876.

Daily average number—Colonial, 52·45 Males; 52·312½ Females. Imperial—1·92 Males; 0·14½ Females.

EXPENDITURE.			RECEIPTS.		£ s. d.
Salaries—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Labour to Officers.....	6	1 0
Officers.....	1258 16 6	1258 16 6	Ditto private persons	13	16 0
Contingencies—			Work performed for private persons.....	9	2 7½
Provisions	642 19 8		Washing performed for ditto.....	16	6 4
Stores, Clothing, Bedding, and Stationery..	609 2 3		Ditto for General Hospital.....	52	19 8
Fuel and Light.....	337 18 11		Ditto for Invalid Depôt.....	53	13 11
Unforeseen Expenses...	6 13 10		Receipt on account of Maintenance of Female Invalids	11	18 10½
Water.....	30 0 0		By sale of Pigs and Cows.....	25	9 0
Medical Attendance and Medicines	34 0 0		Stores issued to other Establishments.....	19	19 3
Conveyance of Stores..	9 17 2	1670 11 10	Potatoes supplied to Invalid Depôt.....	39	10 8
			Work performed at Corporation Quarry..	170	14 0
			Ditto at Police Station, cleaning, &c.	39	14 0
			Ditto ditto, Repairs.....	0	4 0
			Ditto at Public Buildings, cleaning..	3	16 0
			Ditto at Railway Station, cleaning Ditches	48	0 0
			Ditto at Commissariat Stores, cleaning W.D.	7	6 0
			Ditto at General Hospital, White-washing	35	2 0
			Ditto erecting Telegraph Poles	0	4 0
			Ditto at Court-house, cleaning.....	1	0 0
			Ditto at Swamp.....	23	0 0
			Carting Rubbish from Public Buildings...	1	12 0
			Ditto from Court-house.....	0	12 0
			Carting Groceries, &c. to General Hospital	0	2 0
			Ditto Fencing Materials to Swamp...	0	4 0
			Cutting Gorse at the Magazine.....	6	0 0
				586	7 4
			Net Cost	2343	1 0
			TOTAL.....	£2929	8 4
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Average cost per head on gross expenditure	£27 7 7½		Average cost per head on net expenditure	£21 17 7½	

No. 2.

RETURN showing the Number of Women and Children received and discharged at the Female House of Correction, Launceston, during the Year 1876.

	PRISONERS.	INVALIDS.	CHILDREN.
Strength on 1st January, 1876	34	18	2
Receipts	230	16	15
Discharges	232	7	13
Died .....	..	4	..
Strength on 31st December, 1876.....	32	23	4

No. 3.

RETURN showing the Number of Prisoners received and discharged at the Gaol for Males, Launceston, during the Year 1876.

Strength on 1st January, 1876.....	11
Receipts	119
Discharged.....	116
Died	1
Strength on 31st December, 1876.....	13

No. 4.

RETURN showing the Number of Prisoners received and discharged at the House of Correction for Males, Launceston, during the Year 1876.

Strength on 1st January, 1876.....	61
Receipts	290
Discharges	313
Absconded.....	2
Strength on 31st December, 1876.....	36

No 5.

RETURN of Persons remaining on the 1st January and received into the Penal Establishment, Launceston, during the Year 1876, showing their respective Sentences.

	Strength 1 January, 1876.	Received during the Year.	TOTAL.
Remanded	1	103	104
Committed	4	38	42
24 hours .....	..	2	2
48 hours .....	..	94	94
3 days .....	..	2	2
4 days .....	..	4	4
5 days.....	..	26	26
6 days.....	..	1	1
7 days	1	12	13
10 days .....	..	5	5
14 days	6	66	72
21 days .....	..	5	5
1 month	9	98	107
6 weeks .....	..	4	4
2 months	5	28	33
3 months	18	80	98
4 months	6	12	18
6 months	24	28	52
7 months .....	..	..	..
8 months	1	1	2
9 months	1	4	5
12 months	12	7	19
18 months	3	1	4
2 years	6	9	15
3 years	3	..	3
4 years	3	..	3
5 years	2	1	3
6 years .....	..	1	1
7 years	1	1	2
8 years .....	..	1	1
10 years.....	..	2	2
Default of Bail.....	..	1	1
Death recorded.....	..	1	1
For evidence.....	..	1	1
Children.....	2	15	17
Invalids.....	18	16	34
To be executed .....	..	1	1

Total strength on 1st January.....	126
Total received during the year.....	670

GRAND TOTAL 796

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No. 6.

RETURN showing the Number and Average Age of Women who died at the Female House of Correction, Launceston, during the Year ending 31st December, 1876.

Number of Deaths during the Year.....	4
Average Age.....	66·2

No. 7.

RETURN showing the Number and Average Age at Death of Male Prisoners during the Year ending 31st December, 1876, at the Male House of Correction, Launceston.

Number of Deaths during the Year.....	1
Average Age.....	58

No. 8.

RETURN of Boots and Shoes made and repaired at the Male House of Correction, Launceston, during the Year 1876.

	£	s.	d.
138 Pairs Men's Boots made, at 8s. 6d. per pair	58	13	0
112 Pairs Women's Shoes made, at 6s. per pair	33	12	0
24 Pairs Children's Boots made, at 3s. 6d. per pair	4	4	0
3 Pairs Invalid Depôt Boots made, at 8s. 6d. per pair.....	1	5	6
12 Pairs Invalid Depôt Shoes made, at 8s. 6d. per pair.....	5	2	0
173 Pairs Men's Boots repaired, at 5s. per pair.....	43	5	0
75 Pairs Women's Shoes repaired, at 3s. per pair.....	11	5	0
2 Pairs Children's Boots repaired, at 2s. per pair	0	4	0
91 Pairs Invalid Depôt Boots repaired, at 5s. per pair.....	22	15	0
TOTAL	£180	5	6

Total number of Boots and Shoes made.....	289
Total number of Boots and Shoes repaired.....	341

No. 9.

RETURN showing the Value of Needlework and Washing performed by Female Prisoners detained in the Penal Establishment, Launceston, for the Year 1876.

Departments.	Estimated Value.			Amount.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gaol	4	0	0			
Female House of Correction	49	7	10			
Female Invalids and Children	34	10	0			
Male House of Correction	31	14	8			
*Depôt, Invalid	53	13	11			
*General Hospital.....	52	19	8½			
				226	6	1½

* Credit has been taken for these items.

No. 10.

RETURN showing the Quantity of Linseed raised in the Penal Establishment, Launceston, for the Year ending 31st December, 1876, for Medicinal Purposes.

Linseed, 200lbs., at 3½d. per lb.	£ s. d. 3 15 0
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No. 11.

RETURN showing the Quantity of Produce raised at the Penal Establishment, Launceston, for the Year ending 31st December, 1876, for Feeding Purposes.

ARTICLES.	QUANTITY.	PRICE.	AMOUNT.
Hay	4 tons	75s. ton.	£ s. d. 15 0 0
Green fodder	10 ditto	15s. ditto	7 10 0
Straw	4 ditto	40s. ditto	8 0 0
Potatoes, small	3 ditto	40s. ditto	6 0 0
Maize	8 ditto	15s. ditto	6 0 0
Carrots	6 ditto	25s. ditto	7 10 0
Mangolds	18 ditto	20s. ditto	18 0 0
Oats	40 bushels	2s. bushel	4 0 0
Wheat	45 ditto	4s. bushel	9 0 0
TOTAL .....	..	..	£81 0 0

No. 12.

RETURN showing Quantity and Value of Vegetables and Milk raised in aid of Rations for the Year 1876.

Departments.	Milk.	Carrots and Parsnips.	Onions and Leeks.	Potatoes.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Invalid Depôt	14 18 10	2 5 0	7 0 0	39 10 8	63 14 6
Penal Establishment	44 11 2	2 5 0	8 0 0	32 2 0	86 18 2
TOTAL .....	..	..	..	..	£150 12 8

Milk, 7140 pints, at 2d. per pint; 6720 lbs. Parsnips. &c.; 6720 lbs. Leeks, &c.; 35,661 lbs. Potatoes.

No. 13.

RETURN showing the Number of Male Prisoners employed at the Invalid Depôt, Launceston, during the Year 1876.

How employed.	Number of Men.	Number of Days.	Estimated Value.	Total.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cook for Invalids	1	366	36 12 0	
Washing	1	357	35 14 0	
Whitewashing, Repairs, &c.....	5	17	8 10 0	
				80 16 0

*RETURN of Prisoners who have absconded from Penal Establishment,
Launceston, and have not been retaken during the Year 1876.*

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Date of absconding.</i>	<i>Gang employed in.</i>	<i>Sentence.</i>
Winters, Henry.....	19th Aug., 1876.	Garden.	8 Months Imprisonment.
Horseley, Joseph.....	27th Sept., 1876.	Quarry.	6 Months Imprisonment.

A. JONES, *Superintendent.*

EXTRACTS from the Visitors' Book, Penal Establishment, Launceston, for the Year 1876.

I HAVE this day inspected the Gaol and House of Correction, and am able to record my approbation of the cleanliness and order which is maintained in spite of disadvantages arising from the unsuitableness and age of many parts of the buildings. The want of facilities for classification and separation is much to be deplored: without them many young offenders must leave a prison worse than when they entered. It is creditable to the management that, in reply to my question to male and female Prisoners, no complaint of ill-treatment was made.

(Signed) FRED. A. WELD.

February 28th, 1876.

VISITED the Establishment this day and found everything in its usual excellent order.

(Signed) W. R. GIBLIN.

9th March, 1876.

DURING the past twelve months I have weekly visited the Gaol, and desire to repeat what I have said on previous occasions as to the excellent order and discipline maintained throughout the Establishment. The office of Visiting Justice has been almost an unnecessary one, and the duties almost *nil*.

(Signed) J. L. MILLER, *J.P.*

April 1st, 1876.

I HAVE this day visited the Gaol and Houses of Correction and found everything in good order. Not any complaints.

(Signed) HENRY BENNETT, *J.P.*

April 21st, 1876.

I VISITED this Establishment to-day in company of Mr. John Dawson, from Sydney, and found everything clean and neat as the circumstances would permit, and the prisoners employed. I feel much obliged to Mr. Jones for his kindness and courtesy in giving me all the information I desired.

(Signed) J. C. READ, *Principal Gaoler, Darlinghurst, Sydney, N.S.W.*

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I FULLY concur in what has been stated by Mr. Read in the preceding page.

(Signed) JOHN DAWSON, *Solicitor, Sydney.*

VISITED the Gaol and Houses of Correction this day. Found everything clean and in good order. No complaints made. This being probably the last visit I shall make in the capacity of Visiting Magistrate (an office which I have held without interruption for six years past), I beg to say that during the long period of twenty-one years, during which I have had opportunities of observing the condition of the Launceston Penal Establishment, I have never known it in such good order as it now is. The efficiency of the staff, the excellent discipline, and the general cleanliness and order are most creditable to the present Superintendent, to whose peculiar aptitude for his present office I desire to bear testimony.

(Signed) J. L. MILLER, *J.P.*

August 26th, 1876.

I HAVE this day visited the Gaol and Houses of Correction and found everything in good order. Not any complaints made.

(Signed) HENRY BENNETT, *J.P.*

September 18th, 1876.

I HAVE as usual reason to express my approbation of the cleanliness and order maintained in this Establishment. My visit was not previously announced. No complaints.

November 23rd, 1876.

(Signed) FRED. A. WELD, *Governor.*
THOS. REIBEY.

I HAVE had great pleasure in thoroughly inspecting the Prison. The arrangements seem to be the best that can be made under present circumstances.

December 1st, 1876.

(Signed) C. HAMILTON BROMBY.

HAVING gone through the Prison I am particularly struck with the clean and neat appearance of the whole. The arrangements seem to be as good and complete as desired.

December 1st, 1876.

(Signed) J. CAREY, *Wes. Min.*
FRANCIS E. STEPHENSON.

I AM much pleased with the order, &c. in this Prison.

(Signed) REV. C. F. STORIN, *59, Warwick Square, London.*

THINGS seem to me to be in a very satisfactory state.

October 11th, 1876.

(Signed) W. H. SAVIGNY, *Ch. Gr. Sc., Launceston.*

VERY highly pleased with the general appearance, and particularly with the cleanliness, of the whole Establishment; but baths are sadly wanted, and feel surprised that they have not been in the Establishment years since.

(Signed) JAMES ROBERTSON, *J.P., Hobart Town.*
JAMES THOS. ROBERTSON, *M.L.C., Hobart Town.*
GENL. BAKER, *Launceston.*