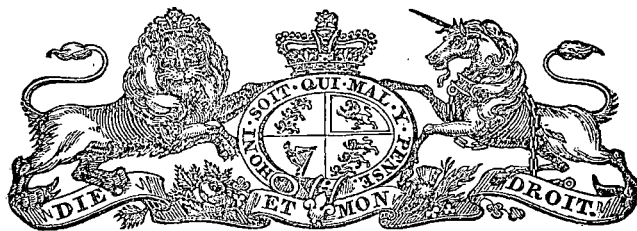


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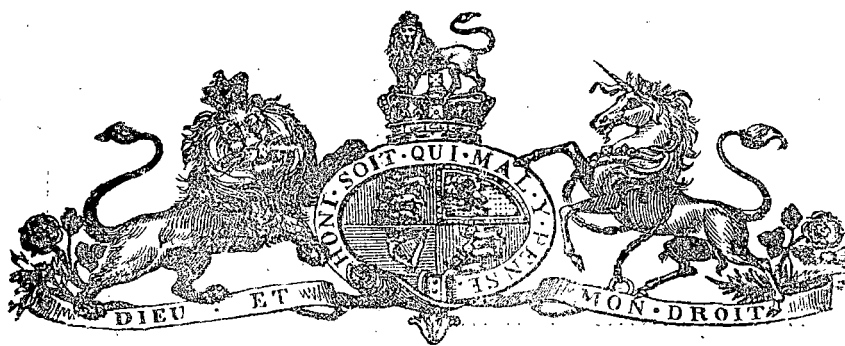
T A S M A N I A.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

CASCADES PAUPER ESTABLISHMENT:

REPORT FOR 1878.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Crowther, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
September 9, 1879.



INVALID DEPOT, CASCADES.

Invalid Depot, Cascades, 15th March, 1879.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the following observations as the Annual Report of this Institution for 1878.

1. *The Inmates.*—The number in the Depot on 1st January was 243. During the year 452 were admitted, 413 discharged, and 49 died.

On 31st December there remained 282, and the average for the 12 months was 312,—384 having been the maximum, and 231 the minimum, number at any one time in the Establishment.

The infirmities of a large majority of the men incapacitated them from labour of any kind, whilst the patients in Hospital ranged closely upon 100. The less afflicted, however, were employed as Warders, or at gardening, according to their capabilities.

Religious services were performed by the respective Chaplains upon each Sunday, and who also attended the sick and dying during the week-days. Some ladies and gentlemen also periodically visited the Establishment, and the interest taken by these philanthropists in the old men is specially worthy of note.

2. *The Buildings.*—According to measurements taken are capable of accommodating 390, allowing 600 cubic feet of space for each person, excepting in 31 cells in "H" Division. But as these cells are only occupied by night, and are ventilated as much as possible, they have fairly answered the purposes for which they are used.

The "closing in" of the Mess-room, and "setting" fresh cooking coppers in a newly added Kitchen, are amongst the improvements made, and which, with others of a minor description, have tended to improve the internal economy of the Institution and add to the comfort of its inmates.

3. *The Grounds.*—The extent of land slightly exceeds 80 acres: the bulk of it forms a steep hill side, incapable of being worked by Invalid labour. A part of it was sown with English grass to secure feed for the cows, and by which a return was made in the milk supplied to the amount of £176 0s. 2d., besides a further sum of £6 17s. 3d. from sale to the officials of surplus quantities, making a total of £182 17s. 5d. from that source. About 4 acres of bottom land, however, were cultivated, and a quantity of vegetables grown, the amount of which, at contract prices, came to £71 15s. 7d.

4. *The Expenditure.*—The calculations have been made upon the actual issues only, and consumption of stores, &c. during the year, and show a saving upon the estimated cost of over £1000. The details are fully tabulated in Return "C" annexed, and show the sum of £247 15s. 9d. for produce raised, £39 14s. repairs to boots, £4 13s. 6d. articles supplied other Establishments, and £140 1s. 2d. cash paid into the Treasury. The cost per head was £13 8s. 10d.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. COVERDALE, M.D., Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

A.

RETURN showing the Number of Invalids admitted into the Male Invalid Dépôt, Cascades, the Number discharged therefrom, and the Number died during the Year 1878.

	Colonial.	Imperial.	TOTAL.
Number remaining 1st January, 1878	168	75	243
Number received during the year	380	72	452
Number discharged	292	72	364
Number died	43	6	49
Number remaining on 31st December, 1878	213	69	282

Religion.

Church of England	180
Presbyterians	27
Roman Catholics	75
TOTAL	282

B.

RETURN specifying each Case of Death at the Male Invalid Dépôt, Cascades, during the Year 1878, with Date, Cause of Death, and Age of Deceased.

Date of Death.	Cause of Death.	Age.	Initials of Name.	Date of Death.	Cause of Death.	Age.	Initials of Name.
1878.				1878.			
January 15	Senilis	79	T. C.	July 16	Senilis	76	J. G.
February 1	Senile Gangrene	77	J. H.	August 8	ditto	83	G. B.
11	Senilis	78	J. N.	23	ditto	78	J. P.
13	Apoplexia	77	T. T.	24	ditto	81	T. W.
16	Vesicular Disease	69	M. O.	25	Pulmonary Disease	80	J. F.
23	Cerebral Disease	69	J. W.	26	Senilis	85	W. T.
March 3	Caries tibiae	69	J. C.	Sept. 6	Cancer (neck)	56	W. T.
26	General Dropsy	75	C. S.	9	Senilis	88	E. W.
26	Pulmonary Disease	62	S. N.	12	Cancer in mouth	67	W. J.
April 7	General Dropsy (Cardiac)	71	W. C.	13	Senilis	76	J. B.
10	Caries of bones of ankle .	54	C. O.	14	ditto	70	J. K.
11	Senilis	75	S. N.	19	Caries of femur	22	W. K.
May 1	Enteric—intestinal hæ-			October 13	Senilis	71	P. K.
	morrhage	70	R. C.	15	ditto	73	P. M.
4	Pulmonary Disease	66	J. B.	Nov. 1	Paralysis	73	W. J.
7	Senilis	76	J. D.	6	Senilis	89	J. P.
11	Cardiac, (ossification of			10	Atrophia debilitas	65	D. B.
	valves)	69	P. N.	15	Senilis	88	S. L.
11	Pulmonary (Hydrothorax)	64	W. B.	16	Paraplegia & Brain disease	64	B. W.
21	Cardiac Disease	68	C. C.	24	Senilis	74	J. M.
June 13	Senilis	80	J. H.	24	ditto	81	M. B.
14	Anæmia and Cerebral De-			25	Cerebral & lupus of penis	65	G. H.
	bility	60	G. S.	27	Cancer of throat, mouth,		
20	Cardiac Disease	69	W. J.		& head	70	J. B.
21	Senilis—Cystic atonia	83	W. H.	Decemr. 6	Atrophia from Cerebral		
28	Pulmonary (Tubercular) .	60	J. R.		disease	65	A. K.
July 1	Paralysis	58	J. A.	16	Hæpatic Disease	75	B. S.

Average Age $71\frac{3}{4}$ years.

RETURN showing the Cost of the Cascades Male Invalid Department during the Year ended 31st December, 1879.

Daily average Number—Colonial, 241; Imperial, 75: Total, 316.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries—				Queen's Asylum—12 hoe handles	0	10	0			
Superintendent and Medical Officer,				Ditto—1 ton bones	2	10	0			
Officers and Servants	657	15	3					3	0	0
Contingencies—				Stores Office—1 wheelbarrow ..	..			1	10	0
Clothing, bedding, stores, and stationery	475	10	2	Gaol, Hobart Town—1 yeast tub						
Provisions and medical comforts	3003	15	6	repaired ..	..			0	3	6
Medicines	15	0	0	Hospital for Insane—Vegetables						
Fuel and Light	354	18	2	supplied	23	11	2			
Miscellaneous incidental expenses, includ-				Ditto—Milk supplied	45	16	2			
ing interments, &c	73	2	0	Ditto—Boots repaired	11	14	6			
Repairs and alterations to buildings	99	15	6					81	1	10
				Invalid Depôt—Vegetables sup-						
				plied	48	4	5			
				Ditto—Milk supplied	130	4	0			
				Ditto—Boots repaired	27	19	6			
								206	7	11
				Cash Receipts—						
				Maintenance of pensioners	31	10	4			
				Ditto of paying invalids ..	7	3	3			
				Money found upon deceased						
				paupers	0	7	3			
				Trespass fees upon cattle im-						
				pounded	0	8	0			
				Sale of milk	6	17	3			
				Sale of pigs	79	12	1			
				Sale of two calves	5	5	0			
				Sale of horse	6	13	0			
				Service of boar	2	5	0			
								140	1	2
				By balance showing net cost ....	..			4247	12	2
TOTAL	£4679	16	7					£4679	16	7

Net cost per head.....£13 8s. 10d.

J. COVERDALE, M.D., Superintendent.