

(No. 17.)



1869.

T A S M A N I A.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

CASCADE INVALID DEPOT.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT FOR 1868.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Wilson, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
August 24, 1869.



Cascade Invalid Depôt, Hobart Town, 18th February, 1869.

SIR,

In submitting the Return showing the cost of the Invalid Depôt for the year 1868, I beg leave to make a few remarks as to the working of the Institution.

It will be recollected that the Depôt was formed in August, 1867; and, to make it suitable for inmates of both sexes, vast alterations had to be made in the Building, it being formerly constructed for Female Prisoners only.

Bath-rooms were most essentially required for the class of persons admitted. I am glad to report that I have now one in each Division, with hot and cold water laid on. These have been put up without any additional expense, with the exception of the materials and plumber's work.

A Dead-house and a Day-room for Males were urgently required. Both have been put up: the latter—55 feet 5 inches in length, 16½ feet in width, and 15 feet in height—was erected by the Carpenter of the Establishment. With the assistance of prison labour many other improvements have been effected.

The average daily strength of the Males has been 145, out of which number only about from 45 to 50 have been fit to perform any kind of labour. These, so far as they were able, have been employed in cultivating the land adjoining the Establishment, stone-breaking, broom-making, &c.

The quantity of Vegetables raised last year was 93,321 lbs., besides 6 months' forage for the Van-horse. There is now under crop from 8 to 10 acres with potatoes, carrots, parsnips, and onions, which are likely to yield a fair return, although the season has been a very unfavourable one.

With regard to the Female Division, the daily strength has been about 110. There has been no return of labour, with the exception of making their own clothing and doing their washing; but since the Regulations have been introduced they do needlework, such as repairing clothing for the Queen's Asylum, &c.

I would observe that many of both sexes are capable of performing labour, such as picking horse-hair, oakum, coir, &c., if it could be procured, but are totally incapacitated from any other work.

The average age of both sexes is about 69 years. There have been 18 deaths in the Male Division, and a like number in the Female.

This being the first Report that I have been called upon to make, I trust it will meet with your approval.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

R. ATKINS, *Superintendent.*

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.

RETURN showing the Cost of the Male and Female Invalid Depôt, Cascade, from 1st January to 31st December, 1868.

[No. of Rations from 1st January to 31st December, 92,893.]

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Salaries and allowances to Discipline Officers....	538	14	9	By credit for Vegetables grown at Establishment			
Ditto, Clergymen	36	6	3	and supplied to—			
Ditto, Medical Officer	57	10	10	Prisoners' Barracks.....	}	60	14
Medicine	35	0	0	Colonial Hospital			
Provisions	2160	16	9	Queen's Asylum			
Fuel and light	194	10	2	Forage for Van-horse.....		15	0
Bedding, clothing, stores, &c.	423	6	6			75	14
Forage for van-horse	15	0	0	Net cost of Establishment		3631	14
Stationery, &c.	5	15	2				0
Washing bedding and clothing, Male Division	52	12	1				
Making and repairing clothing	33	16	5				
Public Works Department—							
Abstract salary, office payment, copying, &c..	7	8	6				
W. Marsh & Co., nails and spikes for shed,							
Male Division	5	16	10				
J. R. Meech, repairs to stove and fitting, Fe-							
male Division	1	18	7				
J. E. Risby, deals and pine for window-sashes							
and baths.....	4	16	0				
C. J. Young, draftsman, plans of huts for							
paupers.....	2	2	0				
Abstract salary, office payments, copying, &c..	4	10	0				
J. R. Meech, repairs steam-pipe and cook-house	0	6	6				
Bealey & Smith, 1 stove.....	4	0	0				
J. R. Meech, repairs to, and altering and fitting							
up, ditto	3	14	0				
J. Robertson, 50 bushels lime	2	10	0				
Harbottle Bros., repairs to water-pipe.....	1	2	2				
J. Winzenbergh, 1 stand-pipe for fire-plug....	8	10	0				
W. Clarke, coffins for deceased paupers	13	7	0				
Labour of 2817* Prisoners from House of Correc-							
tion for Males—							
Cultivating land..... 2104							
Repairs to Establishment.. 434							
Making and repairing boots 113							
Making roads, &c..... 61							
Digging graves	93	18	0				
TOTAL.....	£3707	8	6	TOTAL	£3707	8	6

* Eight-pence per diem has been credited for this labour, which, considering they only receive clothing and rations from the Prisoners' Barracks, is a fair charge.

Cost per head per annum, £14 5s. 8½d.

R. ATKINS, *Superintendent.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.