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INVALID DEPÔT, LAUNCESTON:

REPORT FOR 1888.

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



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Invalid Depôt, Launceston, 14th January, 1889.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit my Annual Report for this Establishment for the year 1888.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
The number of inmates remaining on 1st January was.....	135	25	
Admitted during the year	245	37	
TOTAL	380	62	442
Discharged during the year	177	31	
Died	37	3	
TOTAL	214	34	248
Remaining on 31st December	166	28	194
TOTAL	380	62	442

Admissions.—The admissions were in excess of the previous year, both males and females, being 45 and 12 respectively. The daily average number of inmates was—males, 162·73; females, 26·73; of which 184·90 were chargeable to the Colonial Government, and 4·56 to the Imperial Government. The daily average for 1887 was—males, 128·68; females, 20·40.

Discharges.—11 were transferred to General Hospital and other Institutions, 9 to the police for breaches of the regulations, 11 absconded, 69 were discharged by the approval of the Administrator of Charitable Grants, 7 were let out on pass, 74 were discharged at their own request, 40 died.

Mortality.—The death was 9·05 per cent., as against 12·40 per cent. for 1887. The average age at death was 72·62; the maximum being 91, and the minimum 54 years. The united ages of the 13 oldest who died were 1042, being an average of 80·15 years.

Ages.—The average ages of inmates was—males, 69·27; females, 58·25.

Civil Condition—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Free by servitude.....	306	40	
Arrived free.....	51	9	
Natives.....	23	13	
TOTAL	380	62	442

Remaining on 31st December—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Free by servitude.....	129	17	
Arrived free.....	31	8	
Natives.....	6	3	
TOTAL.....	166	28	194

Expenditure.—The gross expenditure for the year was £3009 17s. 2d. The annual cost per head was £13 2s. 11d., and £12 12s. 2½d. on gross and net expenditure respectively, as against £13 15s. 0½d., and £13 7s. 2d. for 1887.

Remarks.—In my Annual Report for 1887 I called your attention to the insufficient accommodation at this establishment for the requirements of the Northern portion of the Island, and stated that it had been decided to erect another ward to accommodate 32 paupers. I am glad to be able to report that the ward has been erected, at a cost of £308 18s. 9d., and converted into a hospital. This has provided additional room for 44 patients.

You will observe that the daily average number increased from 128 in 1887 to 162 in 1888. I am of opinion that there is now sufficient accommodation provided for all the requirements of this part of the Colony. In addition to the erection of the ward above referred to, I have had the kitchen enlarged, new range fixed, and increased the bath accommodation with a plentiful supply of hot water.

A very substantial building has also been erected as a residence for the Overseer, at a cost of £340 5s. 1d., and many other alterations effected which will prove beneficial to the inmates. The erection of the buildings and the alterations have (with the exception of the plastering) been performed by prison labour, at a considerable saving to the Government.

I am pleased to state that the whole of the recommendations made by the Royal Commission on Charitable Institutions in their Report of last year with regard to this Establishment have been carried out.

The conduct of the inmates has been 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 DEPÔT, Launceston, for the Year 1888.

Daily Average—Colonial Government, 184'90 ; Imperial Government, 4'56.

HEAD OF EXPENDITURE.			CASH RECEIPTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Salaries.....	...	455 16 8	For maintenance of inmates	101 13 1	
Contingencies—			Balance, being Net Expenditure for year...	2908 4 1	
Provisions and medical com- forts	1224	0 11			
Clothing, bedding, stores, and stationery.....	401	3 8			
Washing.....	47	13 10			
Medical attendance and me- dicines	43	0 0			
Funerals, furniture, miscel- laneous, and incidental ...	132	17 1			
Fuel, light, and water	186	13 2			
Repairs and alterations to buildings	518	11 10			
		2554 0 6			
		<u>£3009 17 2</u>			<u>£3009 17 2</u>

Annual cost per head on Gross Expenditure..... $\frac{£}{13} \frac{s.}{2} \frac{d.}{11}$ } Not including repairs and alterations.
 Annual cost per head on Net Expenditure $\frac{£}{12} \frac{s.}{12} \frac{d.}{2\frac{1}{4}}$

RETURN showing the estimated probable Cost, and the actual amount Expended for the Year 1888.

Heads:	Per Estimate.	Actual Cost.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries.....	456 2 4	455 16 8	...	0 5 8
Provisions	1064 0 0	1178 2 4	114 2 4	
Medical comforts.....	80 0 0	45 13 7	...	34 1 5
Stores, bedding, clothing, and stationery	370 0 0	401 3 8	31 3 8	
Washing.....	47 10 0	47 13 10	0 3 10	
Medical attendance and medicines.....	43 0 0	43 0 0		
Funerals, furniture, miscellaneous, and incidental	170 0 0	132 17 1	...	47 2 11
Repairs and alterations to buildings ...	315 0 0	518 11 10	203 11 10	
Fuel, light, and water.....	205 0 0	186 13 2	...	18 6 10
	2750 12 4	3009 17 2	349 1 8	99 16 10

Estimated cost..... $\frac{£}{2750} \frac{s.}{12} \frac{d.}{4}$
 Actual cost $\frac{£}{3009} \frac{s.}{17} \frac{d.}{2}$
 Excess of estimate 259 4 10

CONTRACT Prices for the supply of Provisions, Fuel, Furniture, Funerals, &c., for 1887 and 1888.

<i>Articles.</i>	<i>Contract Prices.</i>	
	1887.	1888.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Meat, January to 30 June, per 100 lbs.....	23 6	22 0
Ditto, 1st July to 31st December, ditto	26 11	25 3
Bread, 20 per cent., January to April, ditto	9 0	7 10½
Ditto, May to December, ditto	9 1½	6 6½
Bread, fine, January to April, ditto	10 0	10 1½
Ditto, May to December, ditto	10 1½	9 8
Potatoes, per ton	90 0	60 0
Rice, per cwt.	20 0	20 0
Oatmeal, per cwt.....	17 0	17 0
Barley, per cwt.	20 0	20 0
Soap, per cwt.	30 0	30 0
Mount Nicholas Co., Coal, per ton.....	6 11	
Cornwall Coal Co., ditto.....	15 0	15 0
Funerals and Interments	48 0	48 0
Wood.....	15 0	
Milk, per quart.....	0 2½	15 0
Ditto, January to 31st May	0 2½
Ditto, 1st June to 31st December	0 3

DECENNIAL RETURN showing the Number of Persons remaining in the INVALID DEPÔT, Launceston, on 1st January ; Number received, discharged, and remaining on the 31st of 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 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>
1879...	120	185	299	134	32	166	133	13 9 7	1765 2 10
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 9½	1968 16 1
1884...	143	164	307	129	34	163	144	14 16 11½	2286 3 1
1885...	144	178	322	142	31	173	149	14 19 0½	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 2½	3009 17 2