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BOARD OF IMMIGRATION.

REPORT FOR 1868.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF IMMIGRATION.

Immigration Office, Hobart Town, 10th June, 1869.

SIR,

THE Board of Immigration have the honor to furnish the following Report on Immigration during the year 1868.

The number of Immigrants introduced under the Bounty System was the same as for the previous year, namely, 56.

Of these, 19 were male adults, 21 female adults, 10 male and 6 female children.

Seven Immigrants were from England, 44 from Ireland, and 5 from Scotland. Of these, 13 were farm labourers, and 15 domestic female servants.

But little advantage has been taken of the extension of the privileges under the Bounty System sanctioned on the 1st January, 1868, by which any person can now obtain a Bounty Ticket, with the approval of the Board, upon payment of the same deposit as formerly. In almost all cases the Tickets purchased have been for the introduction of relatives.

During the year 5 family, 11 male, and 22 female tickets have been disposed of; but of these, 2 family, 2 male, and 2 female tickets have been returned unused and cancelled, the persons to whom they were sent having died, or declined to come out.

The Board having heard that Mr. Frederick Buck, of Hobart Town, was about to return to Germany, decided to avail themselves of his services as Emigration Agent for that Country, under the provisions of the 31 Vict. No. 26, and succeeded in making an arrangement with that gentleman which they anticipate will prove advantageous to the Colony.

Mr. Buck was, in addition to his agency under the above-mentioned Act, authorised to issue Bounty Tickets to persons in Germany upon the ordinary terms, and to act on behalf of persons in this Colony who might be desirous of introducing Immigrants from Germany under the Bounty System.

In addition to very moderate allowances for travelling expenses, printing and advertising, &c., Mr. Buck is to receive salary at the rate of £200 per annum, and a gratuity of £1 per head for each Immigrant over twelve years of age that he may introduce into Tasmania from Germany.

Mr. Buck sailed in the early part of February; and before the close of the present year the Board hope to hear of the departure of some really useful Emigrants, who will in all probability prove permanent and valuable settlers upon the grants of land to which they will become entitled.

The increasing pressure upon the finances of the Mother Country,—caused by the presence of a vast amount of unemployed labour, and the consequent interest which the subject of Emigration is now creating in England,—affords the opportunity for the Australian Colonies to take such joint action as may enable them to reap the advantages accruing from an accession of population; while, at the same time, measures might be adopted to prevent the idle and vagrant classes who infest the poorhouses of Great Britain from being deported to our shores.

The Board consider that by united action the Colonies can best secure the introduction of those classes which supply the real elements of an industrious and thriving population ; and they would be glad, should the opportunity offer, to co-operate in carrying out any well-considered scheme that might receive the sanction of the respective Governments.

Under the 7th Section of the 31st Victoria, No. 26, the Board have issued during 1868 eight "certificates" to applicants authorising the selection, on account of themselves, their wives and children, of 430 acres of the Waste Lands of the Crown.

Two of the selections under these certificates have been made in the district known as "Castra," by Immigrants from India.

With reference to the above-mentioned Act the Board would recommend that the privileges granted to cabin or intermediate passengers by the 7th Section should be extended to European Immigrants arriving from Ceylon, the Island of Mauritius, the Straits Settlements, and the British Settlements in China ; and they would suggest the amendment of the Act with that view.

The available balance at the disposal of the Board on the 31st December last amounted to £14,498 6s. 9d.

Appended are five tabulated Returns prepared by the Immigration Agent relating to the operations of the Board under the Bounty System, and one referring to the transactions under the Act 31 Victoria, No. 26.

RICHARD DRY, *President.*
THOS. D. CHAPMAN.
ASKIN MORRISON.
HENRY BUTLER.
JAMES MILNE WILSON.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.

No. 1.

RETURN of IMMIGRANTS introduced into TASMANIA at the Public Expense during the Year ended 31st December, 1868.

	IMMIGRANTS INTRODUCED, WITH AMOUNT OF PASSAGE MONEY PAID.															TOTAL COST OF PASSAGE.	TOTAL SOULS ARRIVED.		
	Married.		Single.		Total.	Rate.	Cost.	Children 3 and under 12 years.			Rate.	Amount.	Children under 3 Years.					Rate.	Amount.
	M.	F.	M.	F.				M.	F.	Total.			£	£	M.				
<i>Under Bounty Regulations, 21 December, 1858.</i>						£	£				£	£				£	£	£	£
Hobart Town.....	1	2	3	6	12*	16	176	1	2	3	8	24	1	—	1	4	4	204	16
Launceston.....	4	3	4	4	15	—	240	2	2	4	—	32	—	—	—	—	—	272	19
<i>Under Bounty Regulations, 1st January, 1868.</i>																			
Hobart Town.....	2	1	4	—	7	16	112	5	1	6	8	48	—	1	1	4	4	164	14
Launceston.....	—	—	1	5	6	—	96	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	4	100	7
	7	6	12	15	40	—	624	8	5	13	—	104	2	1	3	—	12	740	56

Total Passage Money	£	£
		740
Deduct Amount of Deposit on—	{	
	7 Family Tickets.....	105
	13 Male Tickets.....	130
	15 Female Tickets.....	75
		310
		430

N.B.—Seven Families, introducing 28 souls, cost £304, or at an average of £43 8s. 7d. per Family.

* Two Emigrants, 1 Male and 1 Female, were sent out under a Family Ticket although over the age of 12 years. The Board therefore decided that they could only be paid for at the rate of £8 per head.

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No. 2.

NATIVE COUNTRIES and RELIGIONS of IMMIGRANTS arrived during the Year ended 31st December, 1868.

	<i>Married.</i>		<i>Single.</i>		<i>Children.</i>		<i>TOTAL SOULS.</i>	
	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>
England	1	2	2	1	1	—	4	3
Ireland	6	4	7	12	9	6	22	22
Scotland.....	—	—	3	2	—	—	3	2
Other Countries.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS.....	7	6	12	15	10	6	29	27
Protestants.....	1	1	5	4	2	—	8	5
Roman Catholics.....	6	5	7	11	8	6	21	22
Other Religions.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	7	6	12	15	10	6	29	27

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No. 3.

OCCUPATIONS of IMMIGRANTS introduced during the Year ended 31st December, 1868.

	<i>Married.</i>	<i>Single.</i>	<i>Total Males.</i>	<i>Single Females.</i>	<i>GENERAL TOTAL.</i>
Farm Labourers.....	6	7	13	—	13
Domestic Servants.....	—	—	—	15	15
Masons	—	1	1	—	1
Coach Smiths.....	—	1	1	—	1
Cabinet-makers.....	—	1	1	—	1
Farmers	1	—	1	—	1
	7	10	17	15	32

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No. 4.

RETURN of the LIABILITIES of the Government for Repayments on OVERDUE BOUNTY TICKETS under the Bounty Regulations of 24th January, 1854; 1st March, 1856; and 1st July, 1856.

	<i>TICKETS OVERDUE.</i>			<i>TOTAL LIABILITIES.</i>
	<i>Family Tickets.</i>	<i>Man and Wife Tickets.</i>	<i>Single Tickets.</i>	
Under Regulations of 24 January, 1854, chargeable against the General Revenue	58	—	136	£ 698
Ditto, 1st March, 1856, chargeable against the Board of Immigration	30	—	67	351
Ditto, 1st July, 1856.....	—	—	12	60
	88	—	215	1109

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No. 5.

RETURN of LIABILITIES of the Board of Immigration on OVERDUE and OUTSTANDING BOUNTY TICKETS under the Regulations of the 21st December, 1858, and 1st January, 1868, on the 31st December, 1868.

	<i>Family Tickets.</i>	<i>Single Male Tickets.</i>	<i>Single Female Tickets.</i>	<i>AMOUNT.</i>
Under Regulations of 21st December, 1858—				£
On Overdue Tickets	10	20	46	580
On Outstanding Tickets	—	2	—	20
Under Regulations of 1st January, 1868—	10	22	6	600
On Outstanding Tickets	1	4	14	125
TOTALS	11	26	60	725

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No. 6.

RETURN showing the Names of APPLICANTS, and the Number of Acres granted by Certificates, under the 31st Victoria, No. 26, during the Year 1868.

<i>Name of Applicant.</i>	<i>Date of Certificate.</i>	<i>Number of Acres.</i>
William Brown.....	July 10	30
Colonel M. M. Shaw.....	July 10	70
Thomas Shaw.....	September 30	30
Lieutenant-Colonel Fulton.....	September 30	150
Frederick Cecil Greene.....	October 22	60
Edward D. Atkinson and Henry D. Atkinson	November 6	60
Theodore Preese.....	December 14	30
TOTAL.....	..	430

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