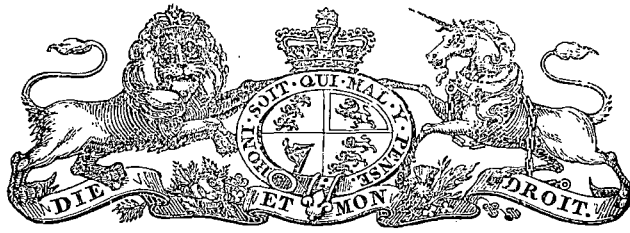


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O U T - D O O R R E L I E F :

REPORT FOR **1886.**

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



OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

REPORT for 1886.

Charitable Grants Department, 17th May, 1887.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the following Report for the year 1886 on the subject of Out-door Relief, &c. to paupers throughout the Colony, and the expenditure for transport and funeral expenses.

In a Return attached hereto is set forth the total sum disbursed during the year for Out-door Relief in the Town of Launceston and in each of the Municipal and Police Districts, amounting in all to £2954 12s. 5d

The number of cases in which relief was given, and the number of persons amongst whom it was distributed, were as follows :—Total number of cases, 346 ; number of individuals, 846,—432 adults and 414 children, belonging to 118 families.

Of the 346 cases—

150 were those of aged, infirm, and afflicted persons without family ties—males, 69 ; females, 81.

78 were of the same class, but composed of married couples.

14 were deserted wives with families.

64 were widows, also with children to support.

36 were parents to whom assistance was given during illness or recovery from accidents ; and

4 were the mothers of children whose fathers were undergoing imprisonment for various offences.

346 Total.

The most careful and searching investigation was made into the position and circumstances of all applicants for relief, and unless satisfactory proof of destitution and of the inability of relatives to afford the aid asked for was forthcoming, the applications were not entertained. This inquiry applied to those whose names were already on the list of recipients, as well as to those who for the first time appealed for help.

It is the practice of the Department to issue authority for payment for such period, not exceeding six months, as the necessities of each case would appear to require, and at the end of that term, if an application for renewal is made, to institute such further inquiry as may be considered necessary to ascertain if any change in the affairs of the recipient has taken place to justify a reduction in the amount previously granted, or to call for the cancellation of the authority altogether. In the discharge of this not unfrequently most troublesome duty I received every assistance from the Police Magistrates and Wardens throughout the Colony, and I gladly avail myself of this opportunity to acknowledge their unvarying courtesy and prompt replies to my repeated enquiries.

The difficulty of dealing with relatives still exists ; and I would again respectfully urge the consideration of the amendments in "The Public Charities Act, 1873," 37 Victoria, No. 15, suggested in my Report for the year 1882.

Persons residing in Hobart, at New Town, and Sandy Bay who stood in need of assistance from public funds were, as usual, relieved through the agency of the Executive Committee of the

Benevolent Society, whose report upon the subject will no doubt contain all necessary information. The sum of £824 14s. 6d. was disbursed by the Committee in cash payments, and rations at a cost of £445 5s. 7d. were issued, making a total of £1270 0s. 1d.

The total expenditure for out-door relief throughout the Colony amounted to £4224 12s. 6d.; but repayments to the amount of £33 9s. 5d. were recovered from relatives, which reduced the actual outlay to £4191 3s. 1d.

Of the vote £5250 for the maintenance of paupers not otherwise provided for, and to which the expenditure as above for out-door relief has been charged, there has also been expended the sum of £921 15s., making a total of £5112 18s. 1d., and leaving an unexpended balance of £137 1s. 11d. Out of the above amount £921 15s. the sum of £218 11s. 9d. was expended for the maintenance and clothing of seven children in the New South Wales Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind. Since the 1st of January, 1886, the cost per head in this Institution has been increased from £20 to £36 per annum. At the present time there are six children being maintained—viz., three boys and three girls, of whom two—one boy and one girl—are blind, and four—two boys and two girls—are deaf and dumb. The seventh child, a girl, blind, returned to the Colony on the 23rd December last, and has been provided for since by the Governors of the Female Industrial School at a cost to the Government of five shillings per week. This girl has a mother in Hobart, but it would mean destruction to the girl to allow her to have the charge of her. There are now two blind girls in the Industrial School who were trained at the Sydney Institution, but no occupation can be found for them, and they are likely to remain a permanent charge upon the public. The balance was devoted to defraying expenses, as under:—Medical attendance and medicines to out-door paupers residing in the country districts; the maintenance of paupers in the Hospitals at Campbell Town and Mount Bischoff; the maintenance and supervision of inmates of the Lying-in Establishment, Hobart; the supply of food and lodging to casual paupers and tramps at the Campbell Town Police Station; commission to collectors for Charitable Institutions; special allowance to Mary Ann Smith and Adam Sproule, &c.

The vote £550 for transport and funeral expenses was again found to be insufficient for the service of the year, and extra funds had to be applied for. The total expenditure amounted to £569 1s. 5d.

The want of accommodation in the Invalid Dépôt at Launceston necessitates the transport to New Town from northern districts of paupers who should be provided for in Launceston. The number is on the increase, and the expenditure for transport must of necessity increase also.

In 1882 65 were so conveyed.

„ 1883 90 „
„ 1884 61 „
„ 1885 91 „
„ 1886 134 „

of whom 73 were from Launceston, 28 from Campbell Town, 15 from Deloraine, 5 from Longford, 3 from Ulverstone, 2 from each of the Districts of Evandale, Fingal, Hamilton-on-Forth, and Latrobe, and 1 from each of the Districts of Stanley and Westbury.

RECAPITULATION.

<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
Out-door Relief, Hobart and suburbs.....	1270	0	1
Launceston, Municipalities, &c.....	2954	12	5
Medical attendance, &c.	921	15	0
	5146	7	6
Less Repayments	33	9	5
	5112	18	1
Unexpended balance.....	137	1	11
Voted by Parliament.....	5250	0	0
Transport and funeral expenses.....	569	1	5
Voted by Parliament	550	0	0
Expenditure in excess.....	19	1	5

Appended are Returns of the Annual Expenditure for out-door relief and the daily average number of inmates of the several Invalid Dépôts in the Colony from 1879 to 1886, both years inclusive.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. O'BOYLE, *Administrator Charitable Grants.*

The Honorable the Chief Secretary.

RETURN of Expenditure for Out-door Relief in the Town of Launceston and the several Municipal and Police Districts during the Year 1886.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Bothwell	12	1	10	Launceston	592	16	7
Brighton	79	5	6	Longford	338	16	9
Campbell Town	72	12	9	Macquarie Plains	56	0	9
Clarence	8	0	10	New Norfolk	75	4	11
Deloraine	73	3	6	Oatlands	63	0	4
Evandale	99	15	5	Port Sorell	126	10	9
Emu Bay	126	7	9	Portland	9	16	1
Fingal	66	13	8	Richmond	54	17	5
Franklin	124	2	3	Ross	15	13	1
George Town	57	19	8	Russell	50	17	5
Glamorgan	59	13	8	Sorell	133	17	5
Glenorchy	33	16	0	Spring Bay	54	5	0
Green Ponds	97	12	7	Ulverstone	70	8	10
Hamilton	59	19	5	Westbury	189	2	3
Hedberg, Mr. O. E.	39	11	5				
Kingborough	112	8	6		£2954	12	5

RETURN of Expenditure for Out-door Relief in Tasmania during the Years 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, and 1886.

YEAR.	EXPENDITURE.		Repayments to be deducted.	TOTAL EXPENDITURE.
	Hobart and Suburbs.	Launceston, Municipalities, &c.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1879.....	2361 2 3	4956 17 7	..	7317 19 10
1880.....	2088 19 9	3783 17 4	..	5872 17 1
1881.....	1633 9 11	3542 9 9	45 1 1	5130 18 7
1882.....	1579 18 9	3387 15 8	81 5 0	4886 9 5
1883.....	1473 13 10	3222 17 2	76 19 2	4619 11 10
1884.....	1469 8 3	3051 3 9	42 1 5	4478 10 7
1885.....	1329 6 8	2845 13 0	38 3 0	4136 16 8
1886.....	1270 0 1	2954 12 5	33 9 5	4191 3 1

RETURN of the Daily Average Number of Inmates of the several Invalid Depôts during the Years 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, and 1886.

Year.	Brickfields.	New Town.	Launceston.	TOTAL.
1879.....	222	550	125	897
1880.....	134	569	140	843
1881.....	119	611	146	876
1882.....	89	577	140	806
1883.....	..	642	139	781
1884.....	..	626	147	773
1885.....	..	609	150	759
1886.....	..	670	128	798