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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

PENAL ESTABLISHMENT, LAUNCESTON.

REPORT FOR 1875.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Crowther, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
October 4, 1876.



Penal Establishment, Launceston, 25th September, 1876.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith the following Returns, showing the cost of maintenance, &c. of the Penal Establishment, Launceston, for the year ending 31st December, 1875:—

No. 1.—Return showing net cost per head of all Prisoners, Invalids, and Children in the Establishment to be £17 10s. 8d. It is impossible to distinguish the net cost in each department, owing to the arrangements of the buildings.

No. 2.—Return of the number of Women and Children received and discharged.

No. 3.—Return of the number of Prisoners received and discharged at the Gaol for Males.

No. 4.—Return of the number of Prisoners received and discharged at the House of Correction for Males.

No. 5.—Return of the number of Prisoners, with their respective sentences, remaining on the 1st January, 1875, and received during the year.

No. 6.—Return showing the number and average age at death of Women.

No. 7.—Return showing the number and average age at death of Male Prisoners.

No. 8.—Return of Boots and Shoes made and repaired in the Male House of Correction.

No. 9.—Return showing the quantity of Linseed raised for medicinal purposes.

No. 10.—Return showing the quantity of Produce raised for feeding purposes, &c.

No. 11.—Return showing the quantity and value of Milk and Vegetables raised in aid of rations. Out of the amount of £60 12s. 9d. debited to the Invalid Depôt only £49 5s. 11d. has been actually charged.

No. 12.—Return showing the number of Male Prisoners employed at the Invalid Depôt during the year. It will be observed that no credit has been taken for this item; my reason for not doing so being that I considered the labour supplied by the Invalids to the grounds attached to this Establishment equivalent for the value of the same. This is also my reason for not taking credit for the whole of the Milk and Vegetables, as shown in Return No. 11.

Officers.—The conduct of the Officers has been satisfactory.

Prisoners.—The conduct of the Prisoners generally has been fair. No serious offence was recorded during the year. In only eight cases was it necessary to bring prisoners to trial before the Police Magistrate for breach of the regulations.

Visitors.—I have the gratification to annex a copy of a minute recorded by His Excellency the Governor on the occasion of his first visit to the Establishment, and I also append the Minutes of the Sheriff and Visiting Justices, these being the only ones obtained during the year, as no Private Visitors' Book was kept.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. JONES, *Superintendent.*

The Sheriff, Hobart.

No. 1.

RETURN showing the Cost of the Penal Establishment, Launceston, for the Year ending 31st December, 1875.

Average daily number—Colonial, 69·17 Males; 51·47 Females. Imperial—1·86 Males; 0·50 Females.

PARTICULARS.		PARTICULARS.		£	s.	d.
Salaries—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Labour to Officers	4	10	0
Officers	1240 16 10	1240 16 10	Ditto to private persons	16	11	0
Contingencies—			Work performed for private persons	24	7	6
Provisions	779 19 7		Washing performed for ditto	7	8	4
Stores, Clothing, Bedding, and Stationery	400 16 9		Ditto for General Hospital	57	9	8
Fuel and Light	404 12 4		Ditto for Invalid Depôt	41	19	2
Unforeseen Expenses	19 17 0		Receipts on account of Maintenance	9	3	8
Water	30 0 0		By sale of Pigs	11	11	0
Water Tank	5 12 6		Cash taken from Prisoners	0	5	2
Medical Attendance and Medicine	33 10 0		Potatoes supplied to Invalid Depôt	49	5	11
Conveyance of Stores ..	4 6 6		Stores issued to other Public Establishments	35	13	5
Purchase of Live Stock ..	19 0 0	1697 14 8	Work performed for Launceston Corpora- tion	194	4	0
			Ditto at Police Station, Launceston ..	35	10	2
			Ditto at Launceston Swamp Embank- ment	156	1	0
			Ditto at General Hospital	78	3	0
			Ditto at Public Buildings, Launceston	45	14	0
			Ditto at Cricket Ground, Launceston.	4	4	0
			Ditto at Volunteer Buildings	6	6	0
			Ditto for Telegraph Department	3	6	0
			Ditto for Launceston and Western Railway	0	7	0
				782	0	0
			Net Cost	2156	11	6
TOTAL	£2938 11 6		TOTAL	£2938	11	6

Cost per head

£17 10s. 8d.

No. 2.

RETURN showing the Number of Women and Children received and discharged at the Female House of Correction, Launceston, during the Year 1875.

	PRISONERS.	INVALIDS.	CHILDREN.
Strength on 31 December, 1874	33	18	3
Receipts	207	29	15
Discharged	206	29	16
Strength on 31 December, 1875	34	18	2

No. 3.

RETURN showing the Number of Prisoners received and discharged at the Gaol for Males, Launceston, during the Year 1875.

Strength on 31 December, 1874	14
Receipts	121
Discharged	126
Strength on 31 December, 1875	9

No. 4.

RETURN showing the Number of Prisoners received and discharged at the House of Correction for Males, Launceston, during the Year 1875.

Strength on 31 December, 1874.....	63
Receipts	303
Discharged	306
Strength on 31 December, 1875.....	60

No. 5.

RETURN of Persons remaining on the 1st January and received into the Penal Establishment, Launceston, during the Year 1875, showing their respective Sentences, &c.

	Strength, 1 January, 1875.	Received during the Year.	TOTAL.
Remanded .....	..	78	78
Committed	6	26	32
24 hours .....	..	2	2
48 hours .....	..	83	83
3 days .....	..	1	1
4 days .....	..	5	5
5 days	1	43	44
7 days .....	..	28	28
8 days	1	..	1
10 days	1	5	6
14 days	2	65	67
1 month	9	86	95
6 weeks .....	..	5	5
2 months	3	32	35
3 months	20	69	89
4 months	1	14	15
6 months	31	53	84
7 months	1	..	1
9 months	3	1	4
12 months	14	11	25
18 months	2	5	7
2 years	10	6	16
3 years	2	3	5
4 years .....	..	3	3
5 years	3	1	4
6 years .....	..	1	1
7 years .....	..	2	2
10 years .....	..	1	1
For evidence .....	..	1	1
Children	3	15	18
Invalids	18	29	47
Defaulters of Bail .....	..	1	1

Total strength on 1st January, 1875

131.

Total received during the year

675.

GRAND TOTAL.....

806.

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No. 6.

RETURN showing the Number and Average Age of Women who died at the Female House of Correction, Launceston, during the Year ending 31st December, 1875.

Number of Deaths during the Year	4 women.
Average Age	63 years.

No. 7.

RETURN showing the Number and Average Age at Death of Male Prisoners during the Year ending 31st December, 1875, at Male House of Correction, Launceston.

Number of Deaths during the Year.....	3 males.
Average Age	61 years.

No. 8.

RETURN of Boots and Shoes made and repaired at the Male House of Correction, Launceston, during the Year 1875.

	£	s.	d.
240 Pairs Men's Boots made, at 8s. 6d. per pair	102	0	0
78 Pairs Women's Boots made, at 6s. per pair	23	8	0
18 Pairs Children's Boots made, at 3s. 6d. per pair	3	3	0
150 Pairs Men's Boots repaired, at 5s. per pair	37	10	0
96 Pairs Women's Boots repaired, at 3s. per pair	14	8	0
7 Pairs Children's Boots repaired, at 2s. per pair.....	0	14	0
TOTAL.....	£181	3	0
Total number of Boots and Shoes made.....	336		
Total number of Boots and Shoes repaired	253		

No. 9.

RETURN showing the Quantity of Linseed raised at the Penal Establishment, Launceston, for the Year ending 31st December, 1875, for Medicinal Purposes.

Linseed, 10 bushels, at 10s. per bushel	£
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No. 10.

RETURN showing the Quantity of Produce raised at the Penal Establishment, Launceston, for the Year ending 31st December, 1875, for Feeding Purposes, &c.

ARTICLES.	QUANTITY.	PRICE.	AMOUNT.
Hay	5 tons	75s. ton	£ 18 15 0
Green fodder.....	10 ditto	15s. ditto	7 10 0
Straw.....	4 ditto	40s. ditto	8 0 0
Potatoes, small.....	2 ditto	20s. ditto	2 0 0
Maize	5 ditto	35s. ditto	7 10 0
Carrots	3 ditto	30s. ditto	4 10 0
Mangolds	18 ditto	25s. ditto	22 10 0
Oats	45 bushels	2s. bushel	4 10 0
Wheat	43 ditto	4s. ditto	8 12 0
			£83 17 0

No. 11.

RETURN showing the Quantity and Value of Vegetables and Milk raised in aid of Rations during the Year 1875.

<i>Departments.</i>	<i>Milk.</i>	<i>Carrots and Parsnips.</i>	<i>Onions and Leeks.</i>	<i>Potatoes.</i>	<i>Total Amount.</i>
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Invalid Depôt, Launceston	2 1 10	2 5 0	7 0 0	49 5 11	60 12 9
Penal Establishment, ditto	14 12 0	2 5 0	8 0 0	29 13 0	54 10 0
TOTAL	16 13 10	4 10 0	15 0 0	78 18 11	115 2 9

Milk, 2003 pints; Parsnips and Carrots, 6720 lbs.; Onions and Leeks, 6720 lbs.; Potatoes, 41,514 lbs.

NOTE.—Only £49 5s. 11d. of the above has been taken credit for by this Establishment.

No. 12.

RETURN showing the Number of Male Prisoners employed at the Invalid Depôt, Launceston, during the Year ending 31st December, 1875.

<i>Whitewashing, Repairing Drains, &c.</i>	3 Prisoners	5 days.
19 Prisoners	5 Ditto	6 ditto.
9 Ditto		<i>Cook.</i>
4 Ditto	1 Prisoner	365 days.
		£ s. d.
Estimated value of labour		46 6 0

A. JONES, *Superintendent.*

EXTRACT from Visiting Justices' and Visitors' Book, Penal Establishment, Launceston.

I HAVE inspected the Gaol and House of Correction, and have found everything in good order and clean, though the buildings themselves are not well adapted for the purpose.

(Signed) FRED. A. WELD.

24th February, 1875.

VISITED on the 23rd, 24th, and 25th February—Clean and in order, as good as the buildings render possible. Only one complaint.

(Signed) JOHN SWAN.

Launceston, 19th May, 1875.

WE have this day visited the Penal Establishment, and inspected it in every part, and found all clean and in good order. No prisoners had any cause of complaint to state to the Justices.

(Signed) GEORGE GILMORE, J.P., } *Visiting Justices.*
J. L. MILLER, J.P., }

VISITED on the 23rd and 25th May—Order good. The coal used is very unsuitable for an Establishment with whitewashed walls, or where the washing of clothes is carried on.

(Signed) JOHN SWAN.