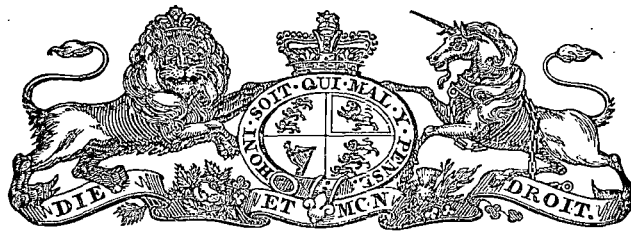


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## OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

*REPORT for 1887.*

*Charitable Grants Department, 21st April, 1888.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the following Report for the year 1887 with reference to the Out-door Relief, &c. of Paupers throughout the Colony, and the cost of transport and funeral expenses.

Attached hereto is a Return showing 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 to the sum of £3026 6s. 11d. The circumstances under which payments were authorised having been fully set forth in the Abstract submitted weekly for your approval, I have not considered it necessary in this Report to supply particulars in detail, but have followed the course practised for some years of giving the total number of cases in which relief was given, and the number of persons amongst whom it was distributed; viz.—Cases 341; number of persons, 895; of which number 437 were adults and 458 children, belonging to 124 families.

Of the 341 cases—

138 were those of aged, infirm, and afflicted persons without family ties—males, 57; females, 81.

79 were of the same class, but composed of married couples without children.

11 were deserted wives with families.

63 were widows, also with children to support.

43 were persons to whom assistance in the maintenance of their families was given during illness or recovery from accidents; and

7 were the mothers of children whose fathers were undergoing sentences of imprisonment.

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341 Total.

Each application for assistance was thoroughly investigated, and care was taken that persons who had relatives in a position to afford the necessary help did not become charges upon the public.

Authorities for payment were issued for terms not exceeding six months, but were cancellable at any time on good cause being shown; such as the misappropriation of the money by the recipients, an improvement in their circumstances, or the discovery of relatives possessed of sufficient means to afford the aid needed. On the expiration of these authorities, if the necessity for the grant still existed, applications for renewal, accompanied by satisfactory certificates, were made by the Magistrates or other officials through whose agency previous payments had been made, and thereupon the extensions asked for were granted.

In connection with the above it affords me much pleasure to acknowledge the courteous and prompt manner in which my enquiries were replied to by the Wardens, Magistrates, and other officials with whom in the discharge of the duties of my office I found it necessary to communicate.

With regard to the recipients of Out-door Relief who resided in Hobart, at New Town, and Sandy Bay, and who were relieved through the agency of the Executive Committee of the Benevolent Society, the report of the Committee will no doubt supply all necessary information. The expenditure under this head amounted to £1296 15s. 9d.; viz.—Cash paid, £827 17s. 9d.; cost of provisions issued, £468 18s.

The total expenditure for Out-door Relief throughout the Colony amounted to £4323 2s. 8d., but repayments amounting to £51 19s. 4d. were recovered from relatives, which reduced the actual outlay to £4271 3s. 4d.

In addition to the above there was an expenditure of £899 6s., £213 of which was devoted to the payment of the cost of maintenance and clothing, at the rate of £36 per annum per head, of six children in the New South Wales Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind; and the balance, £686 6s., to the liquidation of claims for medical attendance and medicines, to paupers residing in the country districts; the maintenance of pauper inmates of the Campbell Town Hospital; 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, Latrobe, and Torquay Police Stations; commission to collectors for Charitable Institutions; special allowances to Mary Ann Smith and Adam Sprowle, &c.,—making a total of £5170 9s. 4d.

In connection with transport and funeral expenses there was an expenditure of £578 3s. 4d., but credit has been taken for £23 3s. 2d. received as repayments, leaving the actual outlay £555 0s. 2d.

Included in the above sum is the cost, about £53, of the transport to the New Town Charitable Institution of 69 paupers, who, had there been room for them, would have been provided for in the Invalid Depôt at Launceston. Of these 26 were brought from Launceston, 23 from Campbell Town, 11 from Deloraine, 2 from each of the Districts of Westbury, Longford, and Fingal, and one from each of the Districts of Stanley, Latrobe, and Torquay.

In 1882	65	were so conveyed.
„ 1883	90	„
„ 1884	61	„
„ 1885	91	„
„ 1886	134	„
„ 1887	69	„

The extra accommodation supplied during the past year, and that now in course of completion, will, it is hoped, render it unnecessary for any similar expense to be incurred after next June.

Returns of the Annual Expenditure for Out-door Relief, and the Daily Average Number of Inmates of the several Invalid Depôts in the Colony from 1879 to 1887, both years inclusive, are forwarded herewith.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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

*The Hon. 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 1887.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Brighton.....	74	8	1	Launceston.....	647	1	2
Bothwell.....	10	8	11	Longford.....	301	8	0
Campbell Town.....	112	5	9	Macquarie Plains.....	33	3	8
Deloraine.....	74	11	9	New Norfolk.....	142	4	3
Emu Bay.....	65	11	2	Oatlands.....	45	0	6
Evandale.....	84	6	3	Portland.....	19	15	0
Fingal.....	73	5	8	Richmond.....	65	18	3
Franklin.....	146	17	9	Ross.....	14	6	10
Glamorgan.....	30	19	7	Russell.....	41	6	3
Glenorchy.....	41	2	2	Sorell.....	121	12	5
Green Ponds.....	108	7	1	Spring Bay.....	47	3	0
George Town.....	77	6	6	Ulverstone.....	77	2	3
Hedberg, Mr. O. E. ....	33	8	8	Westbury.....	207	3	6
Hamilton.....	47	16	4	Clarence.....	6	11	4
Kingston.....	147	15	10				
Latrobe.....	137	18	0		£3026	6	11

*RETURN of the Daily Average Number of Inmates of the several Invalid Depôts during the Years 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, and 1887.*

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
1887.....	...	661	148	809

*RETURN of Expenditure for Out-door Relief in Tasmania during the Years 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, and 1887.*

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
1887.....	1296 15 9	3026 6 11	51 19 4	4271 3 4