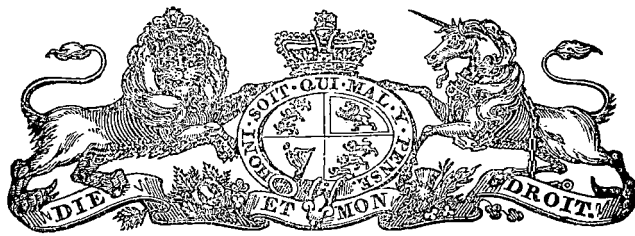


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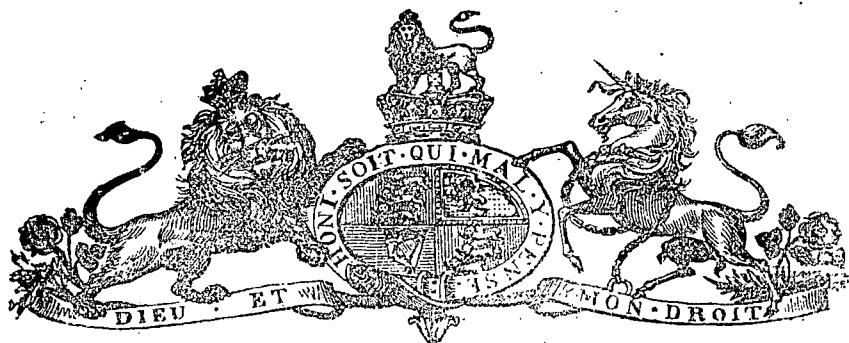
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CASCADES PAUPER ESTABLISHMENT:

REPORT FOR 1878.

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Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Secretary, and ordered by the House to be printed, September 9, 1879.



## INVALID DEPOT, CASCADES.

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*Invalid Dépôt, Cascades, 15th March, 1879.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the following observations as the Annual Report of this Institution for 1878.

1. *The Inmates.*—The number in the Dépôt on 1st January was 243. During the year 452 were admitted, 413 discharged, and 49 died.

On 31st December there remained 282, and the average for the 12 months was 312,—384 having been the maximum, and 231 the minimum, number at any one time in the Establishment.

The infirmities of a large majority of the men incapacitated them from labour of any kind, whilst the patients in Hospital ranged closely upon 100. The less afflicted, however, were employed as Warders, or at gardening, according to their capabilities.

Religious services were performed by the respective Chaplains upon each Sunday, and who also attended the sick and dying during the week-days. Some ladies and gentlemen also periodically visited the Establishment, and the interest taken by these philanthropists in the old men is specially worthy of note.

2. *The Buildings.*—According to measurements taken are capable of accommodating 390, allowing 600 cubic feet of space for each person, excepting in 31 cells in "H" Division. But as these cells are only occupied by night, and are ventilated as much as possible, they have fairly answered the purposes for which they are used.

The "closing in" of the Mess-room, and "setting" fresh cooking coppers in a newly added Kitchen, are amongst the improvements made, and which, with others of a minor description, have tended to improve the internal economy of the Institution and add to the comfort of its inmates.

3. *The Grounds.*—The extent of land slightly exceeds 80 acres: the bulk of it forms a steep hill side, incapable of being worked by Invalid labour. A part of it was sown with English grass to secure feed for the cows, and by which a return was made in the milk supplied to the amount of £176 0s. 2d., besides a further sum of £6 17s. 3d. from sale to the officials of surplus quantities, making a total of £182 17s. 5d. from that source. About 4 acres of bottom land, however, were cultivated, and a quantity of vegetables grown, the amount of which, at contract prices, came to £71 15s. 7d.

4. *The Expenditure.*—The calculations have been made upon the actual issues only, and consumption of stores, &c. during the year, and show a saving upon the estimated cost of over £1000. The details are fully tabulated in Return "C" annexed, and show the sum of £247 15s. 9d. for produce raised, £39 14s. repairs to boots, £4 13s. 6d. articles supplied other Establishments, and £140 1s. 2d. cash paid into the Treasury. The cost per head was £13 8s. 10d.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. COVERDALE, M.D., Superintendent.

*The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.*

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## A.

*RETURN showing the Number of Invalids admitted into the Male Invalid Depôt, Cascades, the Number discharged therefrom, and the Number died during the Year 1878.*

|                                              | Colonial. | Imperial. | TOTAL. |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Number remaining 1st January, 1878 .....     | 168       | 75        | 243    |
| Number received during the year.....         | 380       | 72        | 452    |
| Number discharged .....                      | 292       | 72        | 364    |
| Number died.....                             | 43        | 6         | 49     |
| Number remaining on 31st December, 1878..... | 213       | 69        | 282    |

*Religion.*

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| Church of England..... | 180        |
| Presbyterians .....    | 27         |
| Roman Catholics .....  | 75         |
| <b>TOTAL.....</b>      | <b>282</b> |

## B.

*RETURN specifying each Case of Death at the Male Invalid Depôt, Cascades, during the Year 1878, with Date, Cause of Death, and Age of Deceased.*

| <i>Date of Death.</i> | <i>Cause of Death.</i>     | <i>Age.</i> | <i>Initials of Name.</i> | <i>Date of Death.</i> | <i>Cause of Death.</i>     | <i>Age.</i> | <i>Initials of Name.</i> |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| 1878.                 |                            |             |                          | 1878.                 |                            |             |                          |
| January 15            | Senilis .....              | 79          | T. C.                    | July 16               | Senilis .....              | 76          | J. G.                    |
| February 1            | Senile Gangrene .....      | 77          | J. H.                    | August 8              | ditto .....                | 83          | G. B.                    |
| 11                    | Senilis .....              | 78          | J. N.                    | 23                    | ditto .....                | 78          | J. P.                    |
| 13                    | Apoplexia .....            | 77          | T. T.                    | 24                    | ditto .....                | 81          | T. W.                    |
| 16                    | Vesicular Disease .....    | 69          | M. O.                    | 25                    | Pulmonary Disease .....    | 80          | J. F.                    |
| 23                    | Cerebral Disease .....     | 69          | J. W.                    | 26                    | Senilis .....              | 85          | W. T.                    |
| March 3               | Caries tibiæ .....         | 69          | J. C.                    | Sept. 6               | Cancer (neck) .....        | 56          | W. T.                    |
| 26                    | General Dropsy .....       | 75          | C. S.                    | 9                     | Senilis .....              | 88          | E. W.                    |
| 26                    | Pulmonary Disease ....     | 62          | S. N.                    | 12                    | Cancer in mouth .....      | 67          | W. J.                    |
| April 7               | General Dropsy (Cardiac)   | 71          | W. C.                    | 13                    | Senilis .....              | 76          | J. B.                    |
| 10                    | Caries of bones of ankle . | 54          | C. O.                    | 14                    | ditto.....                 | 70          | J. K.                    |
| 11                    | Senilis .....              | 75          | S. N.                    | 19                    | Caries of femur.....       | 22          | W. K.                    |
| May 1                 | Enteric—intestinal hæ-     |             |                          | October 13            | Senilis .....              | 71          | P. K.                    |
|                       | morrhage .....             | 70          | R. C.                    | 15                    | ditto .....                | 73          | P. M.                    |
| 4                     | Pulmonary Disease.....     | 66          | J. B.                    | Nov. 1                | Paralysis .....            | 73          | W. J.                    |
| 7                     | Senilis .....              | 76          | J. D.                    | 6                     | Senilis .....              | 89          | J. P.                    |
| 11                    | Cardiac, (ossification of  |             |                          | 10                    | Atrophia debilitas .....   | 65          | D. B.                    |
|                       | valves) .....              | 69          | P. N.                    | 15                    | Senilis .....              | 88          | S. L.                    |
| 11                    | Pulmonary (Hydrothorax)    | 64          | W. B.                    | 16                    | Paraplegia & Brain disease | 64          | B. W.                    |
| 21                    | Cardiac Disease.....       | 68          | C. C.                    | 24                    | Senilis .....              | 74          | J. M.                    |
| June 13               | Senilis .....              | 80          | J. H.                    | 24                    | ditto .....                | 81          | M. B.                    |
| 14                    | Anæmia and Cerebral De-    |             |                          | 25                    | Cerebral & lupus of penis  | 65          | G. H.                    |
|                       | bility .....               | 60          | G. S.                    | 27                    | Cancer of throat, mouth,   |             |                          |
| 20                    | Cardiac Disease.....       | 69          | W. J.                    |                       | & head .....               | 70          | J. B.                    |
| 21                    | Senilis—Cystic atonia....  | 83          | W. H.                    | Decemr. 6             | Atrophia from Cerebral     |             |                          |
| 28                    | Pulmonary (Tubercular) .   | 60          | J. R.                    |                       | disease .....              | 65          | A. K.                    |
| July 1                | Paralysis.....             | 58          | J. A.                    | 16                    | Hæpatic Disease .....      | 75          | B. S.                    |

Average Age  $71\frac{3}{4}$  years.

**RETURN showing the Cost of the Cascades Male Invalid Department during the Year ended 31st December, 1879.**

Daily average Number—Colonial, 241; Imperial, 75: Total, 316.

|                                            | £            | s.        | d.       |                                  | £   | s. | d. | £            | s.        | d.       |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------|----------------------------------|-----|----|----|--------------|-----------|----------|
| <b>Salaries—</b>                           |              |           |          | Queen's Asylum—12 hoe handles    | 0   | 10 | 0  |              |           |          |
| Superintendent and Medical Officer,        |              |           |          | Ditto—1 ton bones .....          | 2   | 10 | 0  |              |           |          |
| Officers and Servants .....                | 657          | 15        | 3        |                                  |     |    |    | 3            | 0         | 0        |
| <b>Contingencies—</b>                      |              |           |          | Stores Office—1 wheelbarrow ..   | ..  |    |    | 1            | 10        | 0        |
| Clothing, bedding, stores, and stationery  | 475          | 10        | 2        | Gaol, Hobart Town—1 yeast tub    |     |    |    | 0            | 3         | 6        |
| Provisions and medical comforts .....      | 3003         | 15        | 6        | repaired ..                      | ..  |    |    |              |           |          |
| Medicines .....                            | 15           | 0         | 0        | Hospital for Insane—Vegetables   |     |    |    |              |           |          |
| Fuel and Light .....                       | 354          | 18        | 2        | supplied .....                   | 23  | 11 | 2  |              |           |          |
| Miscellaneous incidental expenses, includ- |              |           |          | Ditto—Milk supplied .....        | 45  | 16 | 2  |              |           |          |
| ing interments, &c .....                   | 73           | 2         | 0        | Ditto—Boots repaired .....       | 11  | 14 | 6  |              |           |          |
| Repairs and alterations to buildings ....  | 99           | 15        | 6        |                                  |     |    |    | 81           | 1         | 10       |
|                                            |              |           |          | Invalid Depôt—Vegetables sup-    |     |    |    |              |           |          |
|                                            |              |           |          | plied .....                      | 48  | 4  | 5  |              |           |          |
|                                            |              |           |          | Ditto—Milk supplied .....        | 130 | 4  | 0  |              |           |          |
|                                            |              |           |          | Ditto—Boots repaired .....       | 27  | 19 | 6  |              |           |          |
|                                            |              |           |          |                                  |     |    |    | 206          | 7         | 11       |
|                                            |              |           |          | <b>Cash Receipts—</b>            |     |    |    |              |           |          |
|                                            |              |           |          | Maintenance of pensioners ....   | 31  | 10 | 4  |              |           |          |
|                                            |              |           |          | Ditto of paying invalids ..      | 7   | 3  | 3  |              |           |          |
|                                            |              |           |          | Money found upon deceased        |     |    |    |              |           |          |
|                                            |              |           |          | paupers .....                    | 0   | 7  | 3  |              |           |          |
|                                            |              |           |          | Trespass fees upon cattle im-    |     |    |    |              |           |          |
|                                            |              |           |          | pounded .....                    | 0   | 8  | 0  |              |           |          |
|                                            |              |           |          | Sale of milk .....               | 6   | 17 | 3  |              |           |          |
|                                            |              |           |          | Sale of pigs .....               | 79  | 12 | 1  |              |           |          |
|                                            |              |           |          | Sale of two calves .....         | 5   | 5  | 0  |              |           |          |
|                                            |              |           |          | Sale of horse .....              | 6   | 13 | 0  |              |           |          |
|                                            |              |           |          | Service of boar .....            | 2   | 5  | 0  |              |           |          |
|                                            |              |           |          |                                  |     |    |    | 140          | 1         | 2        |
|                                            |              |           |          | By balance showing net cost .... | ..  |    |    | 4247         | 12        | 2        |
| <b>TOTAL .....</b>                         | <b>£4679</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>7</b> |                                  |     |    |    | <b>£4679</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>7</b> |

Net cost per head.....£13 8s. 10d.

J. COVERDALE, M.D., Superintendent.