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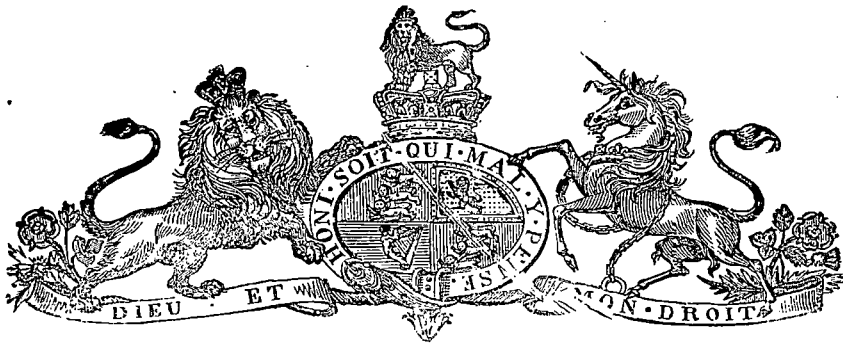
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

BRICKFIELDS INVALID DEPOT.

REPORT FOR 1873.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Chapman, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
July 21, 1874.



ANNUAL REPORT of the BRICKFIELDS PAUPER ESTABLISHMENT for 1873.

SIR,

THE Board of Management have the honor to lay before the Government their Report for the year ending 31st December, 1873, with which their labours cease. The Report shows a rather higher rate of cost per head than the year previous, owing to the increased price of some of the provisions.

The average daily number of Inmates during the year, 247 $\frac{3}{4}$; the expense of their maintenance £2992 16s. 2d., against £2757 15s. 2d. for 1872; the rate per head is £12 1s. 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ d., against £11 14s. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for last year, or 7 $\frac{1}{8}$ d. per diem: this includes maintenance, superintendence, servants, medicine, repairs to buildings, &c.

The produce of the Garden has been 44,574 lbs. of vegetables in 1873, as compared with 36,199 lbs. in 1872,—it being an increase of 8375 lbs.

Number of rations issued during the year, 91,758.

The vote for the supply of 1873, £3023; expended £2992 16s. 2d.,—leaving a balance of £30 3s. 10d.

Number of Inmates, January 1st, 1873.....	230	} 502
Received during the year	272	
Discharged during the year	219	} 273
Died during the year	54	
Remaining, January 1st, 1874	229	

The average age of those who died 73,—the oldest being 93, and the youngest 46; the average age of those remaining 70,—the oldest being 94, and the youngest 24.

The Institution has been visited by His Excellency the Governor and also other gentlemen.

The Board desires to thank His Excellency and other gentlemen who have kindly contributed newspapers, &c. to the Reading Room.

Religious instruction has been imparted by the different Ministers to the Members of their respective Creeds.

The roadway from Colville-street to the city boundary has been completed, and the remainder of the work from the city boundary to Stoke-street will be finished in a few months; while the grounds about the Establishment are being made by cultivation, and great improvement is observable year by year.

The Board have much pleasure in testifying to the cleanliness and general comfort of the Institution, as well as the happy and contented appearance of the men, which is entirely attributable to the disciplinary arrangements of the Superintendent, and the very efficient manner in which his duties are at all times discharged. The Board cannot commend too highly the management of the Superintendent, and the facility with which every information relative to the Institution is furnished.

GEO. CRISP, *Chairman.*
 HENRY COOK.
 R. ANDREW MATHER.
 S. SMITH TRAVERS.
 GEO. SALIER.
 HENRY HUNTER.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.