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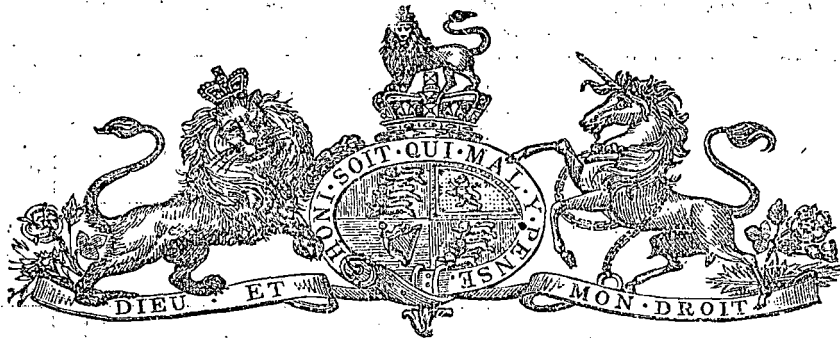
PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

GAOLS, HOBART AND LAUNCESTON:

REPORT FOR 1896.

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

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Sheriff's Office, 24th June, 1897.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report, with the statistical information, respecting the Gaols, Hobart and Launceston, for the year 1896.

The total number of prisoners in custody on December 31st last was as follows :—

	31st December, 1895.			31st December, 1896.		
Hobart.....	100 males—	14 females =	114	107 males—	7 females =	114
Launceston	12 males—	5 females =	17	20 males—	3 females =	23
	112	19.	131	127	10	137

being an increase of 7 males and a decrease of 7 females in Hobart, and an increase of 8 males and a decrease of 2 females in Launceston, or a total increase of 6 prisoners as compared with last year.

The total number received and discharged during 1896 was as follows :—

	Received.			Discharged.		
Hobart.....	466 males—	117 females =	583	459 males—	124 females =	583
Launceston	259 males—	84 females =	343	251 males—	86 females =	337
	725	201	926	710	210	920

As compared with 1895, there is an increase in receipts of 8, and in discharges a decrease of 40, the receipts and discharges for that year being respectively 918 and 960.

The average daily number during the year was 124 in Hobart and 23.15 in Launceston, as compared with 134.6 and 20.03 respectively for 1895, being a decrease of 10.6 in Hobart and an increase of 3.12 in Launceston, or a total decrease of 7.48.

The average cost per head for the year was £35 2s. 8d. in Hobart and £24 12s. 5d. in Launceston, but after deducting cash received for work done, and the value of the work done for other departments for which no actual cash payment is made, the average cost per head is reduced to £14 4s. 2d. for Hobart and £22 2s. 10d. for Launceston, or to £18 3s. 6d. as the average cost per head for both Gaols.

Additional shelter sheds have been erected for the prisoners in the yard of the Gaol, Hobart, and have proved of great use during the wet weather.

Two warders have resigned during the year, one of whom was transferred to the Territorial Police.

The officers have performed their duties satisfactorily, and the general conduct of the prisoners has been good.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

BERNARD SHAW, *Sheriff.*

The Honourable the Attorney-General.

RETURN of Prisoners received in, and discharged from, the Penal Establishments, Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1896.

	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.		
	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>TOTAL.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>TOTAL.</i>
Strength on 31st December, 1895—						
Convicted	98	14	112	8	5	13
Unconvicted	2	—	2	4	—	4
TOTAL	100	14	114	12	5	17
Received during the year	466	117	583	259	84	343
Totals, including Strength at commencement of the year.....	566	131	697	271	89	360
Discharged during the year—						
By remission	47	3	50	1	1	2
By time	382	115	497	208	75	283
Absconded	—	—	—	—	—	—
Died	—	—	—	—	—	—
Executed	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unconvicted	30	6	36	42	10	52
TOTAL	459	124	583	251	86	337
Strength on 31st December, } Convicted.....	106	7	113	19	3	22
1896, of whom were..... } Unconvicted.....	1	—	1	1	—	1
TOTAL.....	107	7	114	20	3	23

RETURN of Educational State of Prisoners in the Penal Establishments, Hobart and Launceston, for the Year 1896.

	Superior Education.		Able to Read and Write.		Able to Read only.		Unable to Read.		TOTALS.	
	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Hobart.....	19	—	427	83	11	5	109	43	566	131
Launceston	—	—	197	58	10	8	64	23	271	89

RETURN of Cost and Earnings of Prisoners in the Penal Establishments, Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1896.

	AVERAGE NUMBER OF PRISONERS.		COST.			EARNINGS BY WORK.				AVERAGE COST PER HEAD.	
	<i>In Confinement.</i>	<i>At Labour.</i>	<i>Salaries and Allowances.</i>	<i>Contingencies.</i>	<i>TOTAL.</i>	<i>Cash Payments.</i>	<i>Value of Work performed for other Departments.</i>	<i>For ordinary Gaol purposes.</i>	<i>TOTAL.</i>	<i>Gross.</i>	<i>Net, allowing for Cash received and for work done for other Departments, but not including work for Gaol.</i>
Hobart	123·75	116·7	£ s. d. 2473 15 2	£ s. d. 1882 19 11	£ s. d. 4356 15 1	£ s. d. 690 3 7	£ s. d. 1904 7 0	£ s. d. 3358 17 0	£ s. d. 5953 7 7	£ s. d. 35 2 8	£ s. d. 14 4 2
Launceston	23·156	15·196	200 0 0	366 5 10	566 5 10	<i>Nil.</i>	46 2 6	253 18 6	300 1 0	24 12 5	22 2 10

RETURN showing the Description and Estimated Value of Labour performed at the Penal Establishments, Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1896.

<i>Nature of Employment.</i>	<i>Hobart.</i>	<i>Launceston.</i>
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Botanical Gardens	407 1 0	
Government House Grounds	362 12 0	
Mount Wellington	571 11 0	
Queen's Domain	384 9 6	
Kangaroo Point	12 12 0	
Carters	52 13 6	
Police Court	91 14 0	
Sandy Bay Gang	51 5 6	
Bakers	367 10 0	
Blacksmiths and Engine-drivers	111 3 0	4 8 0
Bricklayers	76 15 0	6 12 0
Brushmakers	161 10 6	
Carpenters	208 0 0	15 12 0
Cooks and Scullerymen	133 4 0	17 15 0
Grooms	53 4 0	
Hatmakers	121 7 6	
Matmakers	232 1 0	
Painters	60 14 6	
Printers	23 8 0	
Servants and Officers' Attendant	30 4 0	8 10 0
Shoemakers	350 17 0	36 12 6
Store Labour	37 7 6	
Tailors	183 16 0	4 1 0
Tinsmiths	35 2 0	
Wardsmen	222 10 0	34 7 0
Washermen	37 15 0	
Woodcutters and Casuals	137 8 0	
Hospital Grounds Gang	23 2 0	
Gatekeepers	38 11 0	
Hospital and Receiving-room Attendant	61 1 6	
Photographer and Writer	70 12 0	
Yardsmen	42 4 6	18 6 0
Needlework	219 12 0	
Washing	244 5 0	42 3 6
Yards, &c.	39 11 0	13 0 6
Hatmaking	6 7 6	
Servants	0 2 0	
Whitewashing Benevolent Society Buildings	...	19 0 0
Gardeners, Benevolent Asylum	...	58 13 0
Custom House, cleaning Yards, &c.	...	0 10 6
Whitewashing Gaol Buildings	...	20 10 0
	5263 4 0	300 1 0
Value of Work done for other Departments	1904 7 0	
For ordinary Gaol purposes	2358 17 0	
CASH RECEIVED—		
Sale of Bread	2272 9 2	
Sale of Brushware	103 12 9	
Sale of Hats	6 8 0	
Sale of Mats	139 16 4	
Blacksmiths	2 4 8	
Bookbinding	3 2 0	
Carpenters	260 2 6	
Shoemaking	375 7 7	
Tailoring	25 12 0	
Tinsmiths	24 9 1	
Washing	2 19 8	
Naval Maintenance	20 17 0	
Sale of Manure	0 3 0	
Sale of old Iron Tools, &c.	3 0 6	

	<i>Hobart.</i>	<i>Launceston.</i>
CASH RECEIVED—<i>continued.</i>	£ s. d.	
Sale of Bags	8 12 9	
Bedding supplied to Country Gaols.....	1 4 2	
Hair picked.....	0 7 6	
Sale of Horse.....	3 0 0	
	3253 8 8	
Cost of Material..... £2963 5 1		
Less value of material on hand, 31. 12. '96..... 400 0 0		
	2563 5 1	
Balance Cr.....	690 3 7	

RETURN showing the Offences, Sentences, Condition, and Number of Prisoners in the Penal Establishments, Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1896.

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	IN GAOL 31 DEC., 1895.				RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.				TOTAL.				DISCHARGED DURING THE YEAR.				REMAINING 31 DEC., 1896.			
	Hobart.		Launceston.		Hobart.		Launceston.		Hobart.		Launceston.		Hobart.		Launceston.		Hobart.		Launceston.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
<i>Offences.</i>																				
Accessories and Abettors.....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against the Person	27	5	1	...	69	...	21	3	96	5	22	3	59	4	20	3	37	1	2	...
Malicious injury to Property.....	5	...	...	...	10	2	2	3	15	2	2	3	12	2	2	3	3	...	...	...
Larceny and similar offences	49	5	4	2	150	21	109	14	199	26	113	16	159	20	104	16	40	6	9	...
Offences relating to Coin.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Forgery and cognate offences.....	6	...	...	...	9	...	3	...	15	...	3	...	11	...	3	...	4	...	...	...
All other offences	13	4	7	3	227	94	124	64	240	98	131	67	217	98	122	64	23	...	9	3
Total	100	14	12	5	466	117	259	84	566	131	271	89	459	124	251	86	107	7	20	3
<i>Condition.</i>																				
Natives	77	11	7	1	326	82	164	57	403	93	171	58	327	87	156	58	76	6	15	...
Free to Colony	18	...	4	2	124	7	68	9	142	7	72	11	120	6	68	11	22	1	4	...
Free by servitude.....	5	3	1	2	16	28	27	18	21	31	28	20	12	31	27	17	9	...	1	3
Total	100	14	12	5	466	117	259	84	566	131	271	89	459	124	251	86	107	7	20	3
<i>Sentences.</i>																				
Death	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Life	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	3	1	...	...
20 years and above 15 years	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
15 " " 10 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10 " " 5 "	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...
5 "	5	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	7	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	6	...	...	...
4 "	6	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	8	2	...	...	2	1	...	...	6	1	...	...
3 "	9	1	...	...	4	...	1	...	13	1	1	...	8	1	1	...	5	...	...	...
2 years and under	63	10	8	5	428	111	214	74	491	121	222	...	415	116	203	76	76	5	19	3
Unconvicted	2	...	4	...	29	6	42	10	31	6	46	10	30	6	45	10	1	...	1	...
Total	100	14	12	5	466	117	259	84	566	131	271	89	459	124	251	86	107	7	20	3
<i>Convictions.</i>																				
First	30	2	5	1	172	18	127	12	202	20	132	13	172	20	122	13	30	...	10	...
Second	18	3	1	1	83	11	34	7	101	14	35	8	81	14	32	8	20	...	3	...
Third	7	2	1	...	46	6	16	2	53	8	17	2	41	7	16	2	12	1	1	...
Over three times	45	7	5	3	163	82	82	63	210	89	87	66	165	83	81	63	45	6	6	3
Total	100	14	12	5	466	117	259	84	566	131	271	89	459	124	251	86	107	7	20	3