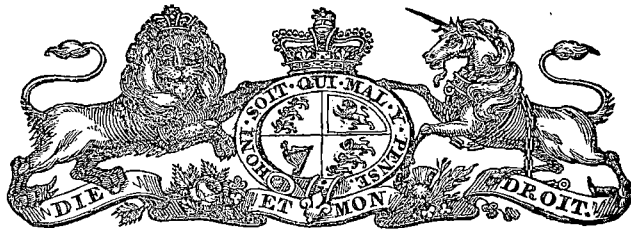


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REPORT FOR **1880.**

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Penal Establishment, Launceston, 17th February, 1881.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit herewith the Annual Report and Returns for this Establishment for the year 1880.

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Officers.—The Officers have discharged their duties to my satisfaction. Two constables resigned during the year.

Prisoners.—Total and Average.—On the 1st January there were 119 persons in the Establishment: 885 were received during the year: total 1004, against 925 for preceding year; the increase on 1878 fully 20 per cent. The daily average was 131; average for 1879, 109.

Juvenile Offenders.—Seventeen confined were under the age of 15 years, and 182 between the ages of 15 and 25.

Tried at Superior Courts.—Fifty-seven were arraigned, 41 of whom were convicted. In 1879 the numbers were 40 and 31 respectively.

Transferred.—Eighteen of the 41 convicted were sent to Hobart, there to undergo their sentence.

Conduct has, on the whole, been good. Sixteen were tried for breaches of discipline, and two for escaping.

Escapes.—Two: a man employed in the garden at Invalid Depôt, and one of a gang employed at General Hospital. The former was arrested by an officer of the Establishment, and the latter by a Longford Municipal Constable. During past ten years 22 prisoners have escaped, 21 of whom have been re-captured.

Labour.—Cleaning ditches at Swamp, and raising embankment, labour equal to that of 2828 men for one day. Value of work done has been estimated by Mr. Dowling, of the Railway Department, at £696 19s. 7d. There has also been expended in painting, whitewashing, carpentering, cleaning, draining, &c. labour of the value hereunder shown:—

	£	s.	d.
On General Hospital	109	1	7
Court House	43	12	0
Invalid Depôt	65	12	0

The above was expended on works of a necessary character, and had not prison labour been available they would have to be done by contract at a higher charge than my estimate. The Establishment ought, in justice, to be credited with earnings to the amount above shown.

Health.—The average has been good. There were 240 applications to see the Medical Officer. The majority of the ailments were of a trifling nature.

Deaths.—Eight: namely, two of Male Prisoners, each aged 66 years; one Female Prisoner, aged 30 years; and five Female Invalids, average age 70 years.

Visitors.—Appended are extracts from Visitors' Book and Visiting Justices' Minute Book.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. JONES, *Superintendent*.

The Sheriff.

EXTRACTS from the Visitors' Book, Penal Establishment, Launceston, during the Year 1880.

I HAVE visited the Establishment, and am entirely pleased with the care and cleanliness shown in every department.

7th January, 1880.

(Signed) O. R. LAWRENCE,
Melbourne.

WE have this day visited the whole of this Establishment; and again express our great concurrence in Mr. Jones's management of the Establishment; and beg to state, in answer to the questions put to the inmates, "Have you any complaints to make," the answer is always the same,—"None whatever."

27th January, 1880.

(Signed) WILLIAM MASON, *J.P.*
A. M. MILLIGAN, *J.P.*

HAVING this day visited the several Establishments under Mr. Jones's superintendence, I have felt much pleasure in observing their clean and orderly condition, which reflect much credit upon his management.

10th May, 1880.

(Signed) C. O'REILLY.

I HAVE this day inspected the Gaol and Houses of Correction at Launceston, and gladly testify to the extreme cleanliness and order which appear throughout.

16th June, 1880.

(Signed) FRANCIS SMITH.

WE, the visiting Justices, have this day visited the whole of this Establishment, and have great pleasure in testifying to the great care and supervision bestowed by Mr. Jones upon the management of this Institution. Everything is the personification of order and cleanliness.

28th June, 1880.

(Signed) HENRY BENNETT, *J.P.*
WILLIAM MASON, *J.P.*

I HAVE this day visited the Gaol and House of Correction, and am much pleased with all I have seen, and the cleanliness and order prevailing. Some of the yards are very damp, and a little cement might be usefully employed on the walls.

(Signed) THOMAS C. JUST.

13th July, 1880.

WE have this day visited the whole of the Establishment. No complaints. We have this time thoroughly investigated the closet system here, and, after due investigation, unhesitatingly condemn it as totally unfit for this Establishment. The Superintendent, we are sorry to say, has one child now suffering from diphtheria, and another officer named Biggs has one child recovering from it. It is our conviction that the attention of Government ought to be called to the necessity of instituting a better and healthier system of closets at once.

(Signed) WILLIAM MASON, J.P.
HENRY BENNETT, J.P.

18th September, 1880.

I HAVE this day visited the Gaol, which appears to me well conducted, so far as a bad system and imperfect construction permit. The total absence of classification appears to me a very serious defect, calculated to perpetuate and multiply crime. The buildings are unsuitable, and on the female side do not appear safe. The mixture of prisoners and paupers in the sick ward is objectionable, and unjust to respectable poverty.

(Signed) J. H. LEFROY.

22nd November, 1880.

THE Sheriff visited the Establishment six times during the year.

VISITS of the Visiting Justices during the Year 1880.

WILLIAM Mason and A. M. Milligan, Esqrs. : January 7th, 27th, February 17th, March 8th. William Mason, Esq. : March 23rd, September 18th, November 2nd, 17th. William Mason and H. Bennett, Esqrs. : April 6th, 20th, May 4th, 18th, June 1st, 15th, 28th, July 14th, 28th, August 11th, 25th, September 2nd, October 5th, December 3rd, 16th, 28th. H. Bennett, Esq. : October 17th.

No. 1.

RETURN showing the Cost of the Penal Establishment, Launceston, for the Year 1880.

Daily Average—Colonial, 81·37 males, 48·61 females; Imperial, 1·22 males.

EXPENDITURE.			RECEIPTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Salaries—			Labor to Officers	8	15 0
Officers	1267	6 4	Work performed for private persons.....	15	2 6
Contingencies—			Washing for private persons	14	18 8
Provisions and Medical Comforts	971	19 10	Ditto Invalid Depôt	48	0 6
Stores, clothing, bedding, and stationery	500	11 2	Receipt on account of maintenance of		
Medical attendance and medicines	28	0 0	female paupers	9	0 8
Fuel and light	411	18 7	By sale of pigs	10	2 6
Miscellaneous, funerals, and incidental ex-			Stores issued to other establishments.....	0	14 0
penses	18	18 0	Potatoes supplied to Invalid Depôt	13	2 7
Water	30	0 0	Ditto General Hospital	3	19 7
Conveyance of Stores	15	2 3	Ditto green vegetables	5	9 4
			Ditto tobacco	1	9 6
			Labour supplied to Corporation Quarry ...	232	12 0
			Ditto Police Station	37	10 0
			Ditto Public Buildings.....	4	0 0
			Ditto General Hospital	109	1 7
			Ditto Swamp Embankment	696	12 7
			Ditto Invalid Depôt	65	12 0
			Court House—Draining, cleaning, painting,		
			repairs, &c.....	43	12 0
			Volunteer Buildings	2	18 0
			Removing Shed, Marine Board	3	10 0
			Rifle Butts, repairs, &c.	1	10 0
			Cricket ground	4	0 0
			Custom House, cleaning, &c.	1	0 0
			12 loads of metal at 3s. 6d. per load	2	2 6
			To picking 97lbs. hair at 1½d. lb. for Gene-		
			ral Hospital	0	12 1½
			South Esk Bridge, repairs, &c.	1	0 0
			Clearing gorse, Magazine	2	12 0
			Carting, &c.	12	4 0
			Preparing and erecting telegraph poles	3	12 0
				£1354	15 7½
			Net cost	1889	0 6½
TOTAL	£3243	16 2	TOTAL	£3243	16 2

Average cost per head on gross expenditure £24 14 5 Average cost per head on net expenditure . £14 7 11

No. 2.

RETURN showing the Number of Women and Children received and discharged at the Female House of Correction, Launceston, during the Year 1880.

	Prisoners.	Invalids.	Children.
Strength on 1st January, 1880	32	11	1
Receipts	260	24	12
Discharges	265	14	11
Died	1	5	Nil.
Strength on 31st December, 1880	26	16	2

No. 3.

RETURN showing the Number of Prisoners received and discharged at the Gaol for Males, Launceston, during the Year 1880.

Strength on the 1st January, 1880.....	15
Receipts	190
Discharges	187
Died	Nil.
Strength on the 31st December, 1880	18

No. 4.

RETURN showing the Number of Prisoners received and discharged at the House of Correction for Males, Launceston, during the Year 1880.

Strength on the 1st January, 1880	60
Receipts	409
Discharges	406
Died	2
Strength on the 31st December, 1880	61

No. 5.

RETURN of Prisoners remaining on the 1st January and received into the Penal Establishment, Launceston, during the Year 1880, showing their respective Sentences.

	Strength 1st January.	Received during the Year.	TOTAL.
Remanded	3	139	142
Committed	4	63	67
24 hours .....	..	86	86
48 hours .....	..	28	28
3 days .....	..	16	16
4 days .....	..	2	2
5 days .....	..	15	15
6 days .....	..	..	..
7 days	5	54	59
10 days .....	..	4	4
14 days	4	63	67
21 days .....	..	9	9
1 month	22	103	125
6 weeks .....	..	5	5
2 months	7	32	39
3 months	20	93	113
4 months	3	18	21
6 months	16	73	89
8 months .....	..	1	1
9 months	1	5	6
12 months	8	12	20
18 months .....	..	2	2
2 years	6	9	15
3 years	2	4	6
4 years	3	6	9
5 years .....	..	2	2
6 years	1	3	4
7 years	1	..	1
10 years .....	..	1	1
15 years .....	..	..	..
Default in Bail .....	..	1	1
Children	2	12	14
Invalids	11	24	35
TOTAL	119	885	1004

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, 1880.

	Prisoners.	Invalids.
Number of Deaths during the Year	1	5
Average Age	30	70

No. 7.

RETURN showing the Number and Average Age at Death of Male Prisoners during the Year 1880, at the Male House of Correction, Launceston.

Number of Deaths.....	2
Average Age.....	66

No. 8.

RETURN of Boots and Shoes made and repaired at the Male House of Correction, Launceston, during the Year 1880.

	£	s.	d.
142 Pairs Men's Boots made, at 8s. 6d. per pair.....	60	7	0
107 Pairs Women's Shoes made, at 6s. per pair.....	32	2	0
4 Pairs Invalid Depôt Boots made, at 8s. 6d. per pair.....	1	14	0
28 Pairs Invalid Depôt Shoes made, at 6s. per pair.....	8	8	0
2 Pairs General Hospital Boots made, at 8s. 6d. per pair.....	0	17	0
197 Pairs Men's Boots repaired, at 5s. per pair.....	49	5	0
49 Pairs Women's Shoes repaired, at 3s. per pair.....	7	7	0
6 Pairs Children's Boots repaired, at 2s. per pair.....	0	12	0
129 Pairs Invalid Depôt Boots repaired, at 5s. per pair.....	32	5	0
	<u>£192 17 0</u>		
Total number of Boots and Shoes made.....	283		
Total number Boots and Shoes repaired.....	381		
TOTAL.....	<u>664</u>		

No. 9.

RETURN showing the Value of Needlework and Washing performed by Female Prisoners in the Penal Establishment, Launceston, during the Year 1880.

	£	s.	d.
Gaol Washing.....	10	10	3
Female House of Correction Washing.....	45	10	9
Female Invalids and Children Washing.....	31	4	4
Male House of Correction Washing.....	51	3	11
Invalid Depôt Washing.....	48	0	6
Private Washing.....	14	8	8
Needlework (new articles).....	19	10	7
Needlework (repairs).....	6	5	1
	<u>£226 14 1</u>		

No. 10.

RETURN showing the Quantity of Produce raised at the Penal Establishment, Launceston, for the Year ending 31st December, 1880.

ARTICLES.	QUANTITY.	PRICE.	AMOUNT.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Potatoes.....	8 tons	6 0 0	48 0 0
Hay.....	2 ditto	3 0 0	6 0 0
Straw.....	3 ditto	2 10 0	7 10 0
Carrots.....	5 ditto	1 10 0	7 10 0
Oats.....	40 bushels	0 1 3	2 10 0
Parsnips.....	4 tons	1 10 0	6 0 0
Onions and Leeks.....	3 ditto	8 0 0	24 0 0
Mangolds.....	3 ditto	1 5 0	3 15 0
Green fodder.....	4 ditto	0 15 0	3 0 0
TOTAL.....	..	..	£108 5 0

RETURN of Male Prisoners tried and convicted at Inferior Courts in the Male House of Correction, Launceston, on the 31st December, 1880.

OFFENCE.	CONDITION.				AGE.						SENTENCE.																			
	Native.	Free to Colony.	Free by Servitude.	TOTAL.	15 to 25 Years.	25 to 35 Years.	35 to 45 Years.	45 to 55 Years.	55 to 65 Years.	65 upwards.	TOTAL.	14 Days.	21 Days.	1 Month.	6 Weeks.	2 Months.	3 Months.	4 Months.	6 Months.	8 Months.	9 Months.	12 Months.	2 Years.	TOTAL.	First Conviction.	Second Conviction.	Third Conviction.	Read and Write.	Read only.	Read nor Write.
Obtaining goods by false pretences ..	1	1	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Obtaining money by false pretences...	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Larceny.....	3	6	14	23	5	..	2	6	5	5	23	2	..	2	1	1	4	..	6	1	3	3	23	5	6	12	11	..	6	6
Larceny as a bailee	2	..	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Larceny from the dwelling.....	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Breach of Invalid Depot regulations.	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Feloniously receiving	1	..	1	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	1	1	..	..
Uttering .....	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Defrauding H.M. Customs.....	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Non-maintenance	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Idle and disorderly	3	..	9	12	1	2	1	2	2	4	12	3	..	2	..	2	4	..	1	..	..	..	12	1	2	9	4	5	3	..
Disobeying an order of Court .....	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	2	..	1	1	2	..	..
Breach Merchant Seamen Act .....	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Threatening language.....	..	1	1	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	2	..	1	1	1	..	..
Assault	1	1	4	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	6	2	1	3	4	1	1	..
Obscene language .....	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	2	1	1	..	..
Disturbing the peace	1	..	1	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	1	1	1	..	..
Illegally pawning .....	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL.....	15	14	36	65	10	9	5	16	12	13	65	8	1	6	2	4	9	12	1	5	6	1	65	16	16	33	35	16	14	..

RETURN of Male Prisoners tried and convicted at Superior Courts in the House of Correction, Launceston, on the 31st December, 1880; showing Condition, Age, Sentence, &c.

OFFENCE.	CONDITION.				AGE.						SENTENCE.				CONVIC-TIONS.			EDUCA-TION.			GRAND TOTAL.									
	Native.	Free to Colony.	Free by Servitude.	TOTAL.	10 to 15 Years.	30 to 35 Years.	50 to 55 Years.	55 to 65 Years.	65 and Upwards.	TOTAL.	12 Months.	2 Years.	3 Years.	4 Years.	6 Years.	1st Conviction.	2nd Conviction.	3rd Conviction.	Read and Write.	Read only.		Read nor Write.								
Housebreaking .....	..	..	2	2	..	..	1	1	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Burglary.....	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Forgery .....	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	1	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Uttering .....	..	..	2	2	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Larceny .....	..	..	2	2	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	..	1	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Forging an Acceptance.....	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Arson	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL.....	2	..	9	11	1	1	3	4	2	11	1	4	2	3	1	5	1	5	3	2	6	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..