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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

PENAL ESTABLISHMENT, LAUNCESTON:

REPORT FOR 1877.

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PENAL ESTABLISHMENT, LAUNCESTON.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith the Annual Report and Returns for this Establishment for the year 1877.

No. 1.—Return showing net cost per head of all Prisoners, Invalids, and Children in the Establishment to be £20 1s. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

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No. 12.—* Return showing the number of Male Prisoners employed at the Invalid Depôt.

Officers.—One Warder was fined for misconduct; one was discharged for allowing a Prisoner fully committed for trial to escape; one Constable resigned.

Prisoners.—During the year one Prisoner escaped from the Gaol and one from the Male House of Correction: both were recaptured by the Police. The number of Prisoners tried before the Magistrates during the year was five: two for absconding, and three for breaches of prison discipline.

Visitors.—I annex copies of minutes recorded by the Visiting Justices and various strangers who have visited the Establishment during the year.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. JONES, *Superintendent.*

The Sheriff, Hobart Town.

* In this Return credit has not been taken for this item ("Labour of Prisoners at Invalid Depôt"), the labour of Invalids in the grounds attached to this Establishment being equivalent for the value of the same; this will also apply to the Milk and Vegetables (other than potatoes) supplied to Invalid Depôt.

No. 1.

RETURN showing the Cost of the Penal Establishment, Launceston, for the Year ending 31st December, 1877.

| EXPENDITURE. | | | RECEIPTS. | | |
|---|-------|-------|---|------|-------|
| | £ | s. d. | | £ | s. d. |
| Salaries— | | | Labour to officers | 7 | 9 0 |
| Officers | 1252 | 3 9 | Work performed for private persons | 14 | 7 11 |
| Contingencies— | | | Ditto washing ditto | 8 | 18 2 |
| Provisions | 704 | 15 5 | Ditto General Hospital | 55 | 11 8 |
| Stores, clothing, bedding, and stationery | 330 | 17 2 | Ditto Invalid Station | 45 | 3 9 |
| Fuel, light | 395 | 10 1 | Receipt on account of maintenance of | | |
| Unforeseen expenses | 14 | 12 0 | female paupers | 20 | 16 0 |
| Water | 30 | 0 0 | By sale of pigs | 16 | 12 6 |
| Medical attendance and medicines | 34 | 10 0 | Stores issued to other Establishments | 10 | 9 0 |
| Conveyance of stores | 8 | 14 7 | Money taken from prisoners | 2 | 13 6 |
| TOTAL | £2771 | 3 0 | Potatoes supplied to Invalid Depôt | 27 | 10 7 |
| Average cost per head on gross expenditure | £26 | 2 10½ | Labour supplied to Corporation quarry . | 174 | 18 0 |
| | | | Ditto Police Station | 41 | 0 0 |
| | | | Ditto Public Buildings | 7 | 12 0 |
| | | | Ditto Commissariat Stores | 1 | 1 0 |
| | | | Ditto General Hospital | 41 | 3 0 |
| | | | Ditto Telegraph Department, erecting | | |
| | | | poles, &c. | 5 | 10 0 |
| | | | Ditto to Customs Department | 0 | 18 0 |
| | | | Ditto Cricket Ground | 1 | 18 0 |
| | | | Ditto Swamp | 159 | 12 0 |
| | | | Ditto Court House | 0 | 12 0 |
| | | | Ditto fencing land in Charles-street . | 1 | 6 0 |
| | | | Ditto Government Cottage | 0 | 8 0 |
| | | | | 645 | 10 1 |
| | | | Net cost | 2125 | 12 11 |
| | | | | | |
| | | | TOTAL | 2771 | 3 0 |
| | | | Average cost per head on net expenditure | £20 | 1 0½ |

Daily Average—Colonial, 53.54 Males, 52.53 Females; Imperial, 1.73 Males, 0.42 Females.

No. 2.

RETURN showing the Number of Women and Children received and discharged at the Female House of Correction, Launceston, during the Year 1877.

| | PRISONERS. | INVALIDS. | CHILDREN. |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Strength on 1st January, 1877 | 31 | 24 | 4 |
| Receipts | 228 | 21 | 12 |
| Discharges | 228 | 15 | 16 |
| Died | 1 | 4 | .. |
| Strength on 31st December, 1877 | 33 | 22 | 1 |

No. 3.

RETURN showing the Number of Prisoners received and discharged at the Gaol for Males, Launceston, during the Year 1877.

| | |
|---|------|
| Strength on the 1st January, 1877 | 13 |
| Receipts | 176 |
| Discharges | 174 |
| Died | Nil. |
| Strength on the 31st December, 1877 | 14 |

No. 4.

RETURN showing the Number of Prisoners received and discharged at the House of Correction for Males, Launceston, during the Year 1877.

| | |
|---|------|
| Strength on the 1st January, 1877 | 36 |
| Receipts | 282 |
| Discharges | 271 |
| Absconded | Nil. |
| Strength on the 31st December, 1877 | 46 |

No. 5.

RETURN of Persons remaining on the 1st January and received into the Penal Establishment, Launceston, during the Year 1877, showing their respective Sentences.

| | Strength 1st January, 1877. | Received during the Year. | TOTAL. |
|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|
| Remanded | 2 | 141 | 143 |
| Committed | 8 | 31 | 39 |
| 24 hours | .. | 4 | 4 |
| 48 hours | .. | 80 | 80 |
| 3 days | .. | 7 | 7 |
| 4 days | .. | 2 | 2 |
| 5 days | .. | 20 | 20 |
| 6 days | .. | 4 | 4 |
| 7 days | 1 | 34 | 35 |
| 10 days | .. | 2 | 2 |
| 14 days | 3 | 60 | 63 |
| 21 days | .. | 2 | 2 |
| 1 month | 4 | 96 | 100 |
| 6 weeks | .. | 3 | 3 |
| 2 months | 4 | 48 | 52 |
| 3 months | 25 | 70 | 95 |
| 4 months | 1 | 16 | 17 |
| 6 months | 12 | 35 | 47 |
| 8 months | .. | 1 | 1 |
| 9 months | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 12 months | 4 | 13 | 17 |
| 18 months | .. | 1 | 1 |
| 2 years | 7 | 3 | 10 |
| 3 years | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 4 years | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| 5 years | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 6 years | .. | 1 | 1 |
| 7 years | 1 | .. | 1 |
| 8 years | .. | .. | .. |
| 10 years | .. | .. | .. |
| Default of bail | .. | 5 | 5 |
| For evidence | .. | .. | .. |
| Children | 4 | 12 | 16 |
| Invalids | 24 | 21 | 45 |
| Executed | .. | 1 | 1 |
| Total strength on the 1st January | | | 108 |
| Received during the year | | | 719 |
| GRAND TOTAL | | | 827 |

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, 1877.

| | |
|--|------|
| Number of Deaths during the Year | 5 |
| Average Age | 60.4 |

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No. 7.

RETURN showing the Number and Average Age at Death of Male Prisoners during the Year ending 31st December, 1877, at the Male House of Correction, Launceston.

| | |
|--|----|
| Number of Deaths during the Year | 1 |
| Average Age..... | 45 |

No. 8.

RETURN of Boots and Shoes made and repaired at the Male House of Correction, Launceston, during the Year 1877.

| | | | |
|--|------|----|----|
| | £ | s. | d. |
| 97 Pairs Men's Boots made, at 8s. 6d. per pair | 41 | 4 | 6 |
| 30 Pairs Women's Shoes made, at 6s. per pair..... | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 Pair Children's Boots made, at 3s. 6d. per pair | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| 9 Pairs Invalid Depôt Boots made, at 8s. 6d. per pair | 3 | 16 | 6 |
| 17 Pairs Invalid Depôt Shoes made, at 8s. 6d. per pair | 7 | 4 | 6 |
| 115 Pairs Men's Boots repaired, at 5s. per pair..... | 28 | 15 | 0 |
| 30 Pairs Women's Shoes repaired, at 3s. per pair | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| 4 Pairs Children's repaired, at 2s. per pair..... | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| 156 Pairs Invalid Depôt Boots, at 5s. per pair | 39 | 0 | 0 |
| | £134 | 2 | 0 |

| | |
|--|-----|
| Total number of Boots and Shoes made | 154 |
| Total number of Boots and Shoes repaired | 305 |

No. 9.

RETURN showing the Value of Needlework and Washing performed by Female Prisoners in the Penal Establishment, Launceston, for the Year 1877.

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|------|----|----|
| | £ | s. | d. |
| Gaol | 5 | 1 | 11 |
| Female House of Correction | 70 | 17 | 11 |
| Female Invalids and Children... .. | 36 | 5 | 2 |
| Male House of Correction | 48 | 14 | 10 |
| Invalid Depôt* | 45 | 3 | 9 |
| General Hospital* | 55 | 11 | 8 |
| | £261 | 15 | 3 |

* Credit has been taken for these items.

No. 10.

RETURN showing the Quantity of Produce raised at the Penal Establishment, Launceston, for the Year ending 31st December, 1877, for Feeding Purposes.

| ARTICLES. | QUANTITY. | PRICE. | AMOUNT. | | |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|---------|----|----|
| | | | £ | s. | d. |
| Hay | 4 tons | 100s. ton | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Green fodder | 8 ditto | 20s. ditto | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Straw | 4 ditto | 40s. ditto | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Potatoes, small | 2 ditto | 40s. ditto | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Maize | 6 ditto | 20s. ditto | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Carrots | 4 ditto | 25s. ditto | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Mangolds | 12 ditto | 20s. ditto | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Oats..... | 30 bushels | 3s. bushel | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| Wheat..... | 20 ditto | 5s. ditto | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | .. | .. | £72 | 10 | 0 |

No. 11.

RETURN showing Quantity and Value of Vegetables and Milk raised in aid of Rations for the Year 1877.

| <i>Departments.</i> | <i>Milk.</i> | <i>Carrots and Parsnips.</i> | <i>Onions and Leeks.</i> | <i>Potatoes.</i> | <i>Totals.</i> |
|---------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| Invalid Depôt..... | 19 17 8 | 3 10 0 | 8 0 0 | 27 10 7 | 58 18 3 |
| Penal Establishment | 38 16 8 | 3 10 0 | 10 0 0 | 20 0 0 | 72 6 8 |
| TOTAL | .. | .. | .. | .. | £131 4 11 |

Milk, 7046 pints at 2d. per pint ; 6720 lbs. Parsnips, &c. ; 6720 lbs. Leeks, &c. ; 25,715 lbs. Potatoes.

No. 12.

RETURN showing the Number of Male Prisoners employed at the Invalid Depôt, Launceston, during the Year 1877.

| <i>How employed.</i> | <i>Number of Men.</i> | <i>Number of Days.</i> | <i>Rate per Diem.</i> | <i>Estimated Value.</i> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | s. | £ s. d. |
| Cook for Invalids | 1 | 365 | 2 | 36 10 0 |
| Washing | 1 | 365 | 2 | 36 10 0 |
| Whitewashing, Repairs, &c..... | 2 | 21 | 2 | 4 4 0 |
| TOTAL | .. | .. | .. | £77 14 0 |

A. JONES, *Superintendent.*

EXTRACTS from the Visitors' Book, Penal Establishment, Launceston, for the Year 1877.

REVISITED the Launceston Gaol this day. Found everything clean and in excellent order. No complaints.

(Signed) J. L. MILLER, *J.P., Visiting Magistrate.*

January 15th, 1877.

MEMO.

I FIND on visiting this Establishment that, since bath accommodation was destroyed by fire on 22nd November, 1876, means of proper bathing is not within reach of the inmates. The immediate necessity for this important adjunct is recorded for the information of the Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

(Signed) CHARLES MEREDITH.

February 3rd, 1877.

I HAVE this day visited the Gaol and Houses of Correction and found everything in good order. Not any complaints made.

(Signed) HENRY BENNETT, *Visiting Magistrate.*

February 15th, 1877.

WE have this day visited the Gaol and House of Correction and have found everything in perfect order. Not any complaints made. A bath room is very much wanted in the Establishment: there is not one.

(Signed) HENRY BENNETT, *J.P.*
JAS. JNO. HUDSON.

July 13th, 1877.

I HAVE this day visited the whole of the Establishment and find it in as good order as usual, but insufficiently supplied with conveniences and officers.

(Signed) J. J. HUDSON, J.P.

November 10th, 1877.

WE have this day visited the whole of the Establishment and find everything that depends on the Superintendent in the most excellent order. We note particularly the want of bath accommodation; also, a day room in place of the one destroyed by fire.

(Signed) JAS. JNO. HUDSON, }
HENRY BENNETT, } *Visiting Justices.*

December 19th, 1877.

HIGHLY pleased with all the general arrangements.

(Signed) N. TURNER, *Nyang, N.S.W.*

January 3rd, 1877.

MUCH pleased with the cleanliness and order of the Establishment.

(Signed) J. B. SHERIDAN, *Barrister, Adelaide, S.A.*

January 22nd, 1877.

VERY pleased with the arrangements and complete management, also the kindness shown.

(Signed) A. KING, *Melbourne.*

January 22nd, 1877.

FOUND Gaol clean and orderly.

(Signed) — WALKER, *Gaoler, Goulbourn, N.S.W.*

March 6th, 1877.

FOUND everything in the most admirable state of cleanliness.

(Signed) HUGH & M. C. GEMMELL, *Melbourne.*

March 27th, 1877.

WE cordially endorsed the above.

E. D. GRAY & R. H. BLACKWELL, *Melbourne.*

THINK the management good under the circumstances, and the order good. Much credit due to the Governor of the Establishment.

(Signed) REV. MR. PORTEUS, *Hobart Town.*

April 9th, 1877.

TESTIFY with pleasure to the efficient manner in which the Institution is conducted.

(Signed) J. E. ADDISON, *Hobart Town.*

November 1st, 1877.