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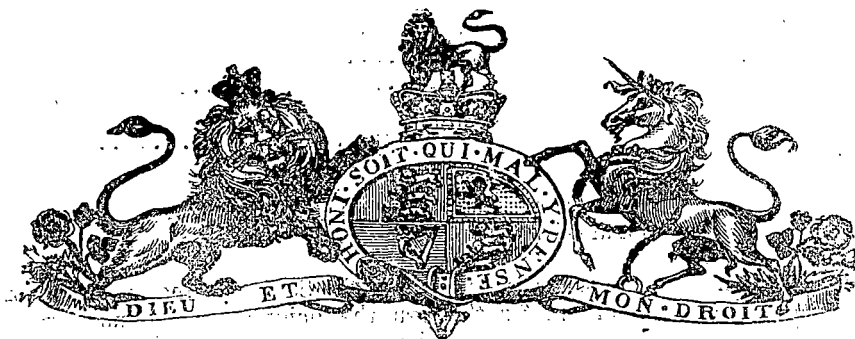
1885.

PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

INVALID DEPÔT, LAUNCESTON :

REPORT FOR 1884.

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



INVALID DEPÔT, LAUNCESTON.

ANNUAL REPORT for 1884.

Invalid Depôt, Launceston, 22nd January, 1885.

SIR, I HAVE the honor to submit this, my Annual Report for this Establishment for the year 1884:—

Admissions and Discharges.

The number of inmates remaining on the 1st January was.....	143
Admitted during the year	164
TOTAL	307
Discharges	129
Deaths	34
TOTAL	163
Remaining on 31st December, 1884.....	144

Admissions.—The admissions were 10 less than the previous year. The daily average number of inmates was 147·47, of which 143·54 were chargeable to the Colonial Government, and 3·93 to Imperial Fund. The daily average for 1883 was 139·38.

Discharges.—10 were transferred to the General Hospital, 3 convicted for breaches of the Regulations, 6 absconded, and 28 were discharged by the approval of the Administrator of Charitable Grants, they having obtained suitable employment or being otherwise provided for.

Mortality.—The death rate was 11·075 per cent., as against 10·964 for 1883. The average age at death was 74·767, the maximum being 95, and the minimum 54. The united ages of twelve oldest who died was 1053, being an average of 87·75.

Ages.—The average age of inmates was 70·09, inclusive of 2 natives under twenty years, and 4 between twenty and thirty.

Civil Condition of Inmates.

Free by servitude	266
Arrived free	34
Natives of the Colony	7
TOTAL.....	<u>307</u>

Remaining on the 1st December.

Free by servitude	125
Arrived free	17
Natives of the Colony.....	2
TOTAL.....	<u>144</u>

Religion.—205 were Protestants, and 102 Roman Catholics; of those remaining on 31st December, 99 were Protestants and 45 Roman Catholics.

Cost.—The gross expenditure for the year was £2286 3s. 1d., being an excess of £149 9s. 1d. over the Estimates. This is accounted for through the daily average being greater by 9 than the previous year, the increased price of provisions, extra medical comforts, additional cost of funerals, the appointment of clerical assistant, and alterations to bedsteads; the two latter items were to be included in a Supplementary Estimate, as advised by you. The annual cost per head on gross expenditure was £15 7s. 6½d., and on the net £14 16s. 10¾d.

General Remarks.—The conduct of the inmates has been good. Each year increases the difficulty of finding from amongst the inmates fit persons to act as wardsmen and attend upon the sick. I fear the day is not far distant when paid nurses will have to be employed for the latter class of inmates.

Most of the alterations and repairs recommended by me last year have been effected, to the great increase of the comfort of the invalids. The verandahs have been enclosed and are now used as dining rooms, which has increased the accommodation to a considerable extent. The only necessary work yet to be performed is to lay drain-pipes from kitchen, urinals, &c. to the bottom of the paddock, a distance of 900 feet; when this is completed no further work of construction, alteration, or repairs of any importance will be required for many years.

It gives me much pleasure to have to report that great interest continues to be taken in the spiritual welfare of the inmates by those ladies and gentlemen who have for years devoted much labour to this end and also to their temporal enjoyment; during the past year several tea meetings were held, at which the old men have been provided with many extras.

I have had a small stage erected in the large dormitory, and, with the assistance of ladies and gentlemen, concerts were held during the winter, at which there was an average attendance of from 70 to 80 inmates. I have had part of the verandah boarded in, and converted same into a reading room; this has supplied a want long felt at this Establishment, several ladies and gentlemen residing in Launceston having kindly supplied newspapers and periodicals for the use of the male and female paupers.

His Excellency the Governor has visited the Establishment several times during the year, to the gratification of the inmates, who have all on each occasion benefited by his liberality.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.

A. JONES, *Superintendent.*

RETURN showing Cost of the INVALID DEPÔT, Launceston, for the Year 1884.

Daily Average—Colonial Government, 143.54; Imperial Government, 3.93.

HEAD OF EXPENDITURE.				CASH RECEIPTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Salaries			373	14	0	For maintenance of inmates
<i>Contingencies—</i>							
Provisions & medical comforts	1159	9	11				Balance being net expenditure for year
Clothing, bedding, stores, and stationery	370	0	2				2208
Fuel, light, and water	203	1	9				4
Washing	42	8	11				7
Medical attendance & medicines	36	10	0				
Funerals, miscellaneous, and incidental expenses	83	7	11				
Repairs and alterations to buildings	17	10	5				
				1912	9	1	
				£2286	3	1	
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Annual cost per head on gross expenditure..... £ s. d. 15 7 6½
 Annual cost per head on net expenditure..... 14 16 11¼

DECENNIAL RETURN showing the Number of Persons remaining in the INVALID DEPÔT, Launceston, on 1st January; Number received, discharged, and remaining on the 31st December of each year; Net Cost per head, and the Total Cost of Institution.

YEAR.	Remaining on 1st January.	Received during the Year.	TOTAL.	Discharged during the Year.	Died during Year.	TOTAL.	Remaining on 31st December.	Net Cost per Head.	Gross Cost of Establishment.
1875	126	114	240	95	24	119	121	£ s. d. 11 3 7½	£ s. d. 1484 18 7
1876	121	118	239	88	28	116	123	14 6 2½	1786 14 4
1877	123	137	260	108	32	140	120	13 18 7	1797 5 5
1878	120	132	252	110	28	138	114	12 9 10	1662 10 9
1879	114	185	299	134	32	166	133	13 9 7	1765 2 10
1880	133	176	309	152	20	172	137	13 6 0	1898 14 0
1881	137	151	288	118	33	151	137	12 6 6	1919 1 5
1882	137	172	309	124	52	176	133	12 3 0	1943 14 7
1883	133	174	307	136	28	164	143	13 15 9¼	1968 16 1
1884	143	164	307	129	34	163	144	14 16 11¼	2286 3 1

RETURN showing the estimated probable Cost, and the actual Amount expended, for the Year 1884.

Heads.	Per Estimate.	Actual cost.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries	379 14 0	373 14 0	..	6 0 0
Provisions	950 0 0	1159 9 11	209 9 11	
Stores, Bedding, &c.	400 0 0	370 0 2	..	29 19 10
Fuel and Light, Water	210 0 0	203 1 9	..	6 18 3
Washing	60 0 0	42 8 11	..	17 11 1
Medical Attendance	37 0 0	36 10 0	..	0 10 0
Funerals, Miscellaneous, &c. ..	50 0 0	83 7 11	33 7 11	
Repairs, &c.	50 0 0	17 10 5	..	32 9 7
TOTALS	2136 14 0	2286 3 1	242 17 10	93 8 9

Estimated cost..... £2136 14 0
 Actual cost 2286 3 1
 Excess of Estimate £149 9 1

*CONTRACT Prices for the supply of Provisions, Fuel, Funerals, &c. for
1883 and 1884.*

<i>Articles.</i>	<i>Contract Prices.</i>	
	1883.	1884.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Meat—January to 30th June, per 100 lbs.	18 2 $\frac{3}{4}$	24 5 $\frac{3}{4}$
Ditto—1st July to 31st December, per 100 lbs.	32 9 $\frac{3}{4}$	32 6
Bread, 20 per cent., January to April, per 100 lbs.	9 11	9 11
Ditto, May to December, per 100 lbs.	9 11	8 5
Potatoes, per cwt	4 0	6 0
Rice, per lb.	0 3	0 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oatmeal, per lb.	0 3	0 3
Barley, per lb.	0 3	0 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Soap, per lb.	0 2 $\frac{3}{4}$	0 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
York Plains Coal, per ton	25 0	25 0
Carting ditto	1 8	1 8
Funerals and Interments	40 0	45 0
Milk, per quart	0 2 $\frac{1}{8}$	0 3
Wood	16 0	18 0

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