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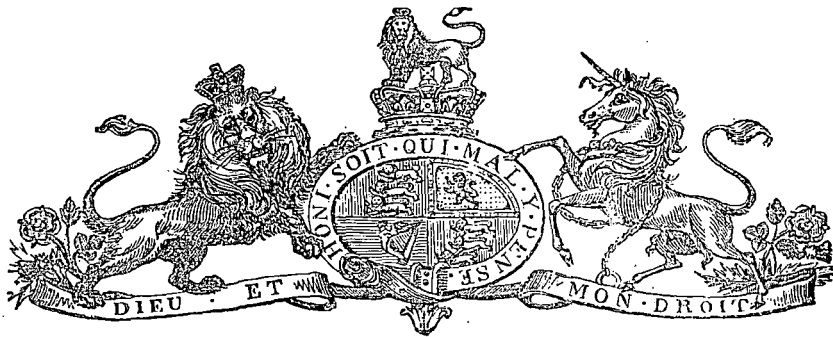
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## INVALID DEPÔT, LAUNCESTON.

### REPORT for 1887.

*Invalid Depôt, Launceston, 21st February, 1888.*

SIR, I HAVE the honor to submit my Annual Report for this Establishment for the year 1887.

#### *Admissions and Discharges.*

	Males.	Females.	Total.
The number of inmates remaining on 1st January was.....	113	18	...
Admitted during the year .....	200	23	
TOTAL .....	313	41	354
Discharged during the year .....	140	14	
Died .....	38	2	
TOTAL .....	178	16	194
Remaining on 31st December.....	135	25	160
TOTAL .....	313	41	354

*Admissions.*—The admissions were 60 in excess of the previous year (males); and, although 24 beds have been added during the year, the accommodation is still insufficient; consequently, it has been decided to erect another ward which will accommodate 32 men. From 1st January, 1887, the female paupers, who were formerly chargeable to the Penal Establishment, have been taken on the strength of the Invalid Depôt, and a female nurse engaged at a salary of £30 per annum, with quarters and rations. The daily average number of inmates was—males, 128·68; females, 20·40; of which 145·66 were chargeable to the Colonial Government, and 3·42 to the Imperial Government. The daily average for 1886 was—males, 128; females, 21.

*Discharges.*—15 were transferred to General Hospital and other Institutions, 6 to the police for breaches of the regulations, 8 absconded, 45 were discharged by the approval of the Administrator of Charitable Grants, 13 were let out on pass, 53 were discharged at their own request, 38 died.

*Mortality.*—The death-rate was 12·40 per cent., as against 10·34 per cent. for 1886. The average age at death was 73·04; the maximum being 90, and the minimum 39 years. The united ages of the 13 oldest who died were 1079, being an average of 83 years.

*Ages.*—The average ages of inmates was—Males, 67·08; females, 62·41.

#### *Civil Condition—*

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Free by servitude.....	259	30	
Arrived free .....	39	6	
Natives .....	15	5	
TOTAL .....	313	41	354

Remaining on 31st December—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Free by servitude.....	109	21	
Arrived free .....	22	3	
Natives .....	4	1	
	<u>135</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>160</u>

The gross expenditure for the year was £2050 5s. 11½d. The annual cost per head was £13 15s. 0¾d., and £13 7s. 2d. on gross and net expenditure respectively, as against £14 3s. 9¼d. and £13 12s. 8½d. for 1886.

Remarks.—The conduct of the inmates has been satisfactory. Appended are Returns of Expenditure, Contract Prices, and Decennial Returns.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,  
A. JONES, Superintendent.

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.

RETURN showing the Cost of the INVALID DEPÔT, Launceston, for the Year 1887.

Daily Average—Colonial Government, 145·66 ; Imperial Government, 3·42.

HEAD OF EXPENDITURE.			CASH RECEIPTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Salaries.....	...		415	8	1
Contingencies—					
Provisions & medical com- forts .....	1065	9 11			
Clothing, bedding, stores, and stationery .....	258	1 6	For maintenance of inmates.....	58	16 10
Washing .....	39	5 1½	Balance, being Net Expenditure for year..	1991	9 1½
Medical attendance and me- dicines .....	30	0 0			
Funerals, furniture, miscel- laneous, and incidental ...	111	5 10			
Fuel, light, and water .....	61	19 2			
Repairs and alterations to buildings .....	68	16 4			
	<u>1634</u>	<u>17 10½</u>			
	<u>£2050</u>	<u>5 11½</u>		<u>£2050</u>	<u>5 11½</u>
			Annual cost per head on Gross Expenditure .....	13	15 0¾
			Annual cost per head on Net Expenditure .....	13	7 2

RETURN showing the estimated probable Cost, and the actual Amount expended, for the Year 1887.

Heads.	Per Estimate.	Actual Cost.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries .....	424 11 2	415 8 1	..	9 3 1
Provisions .....	894 0 0	997 13 8½	103 13 8½	..
Medical comforts .....	80 0 0	67 16 2½	..	12 3 9½
Stores, bedding, clothing, & stationery	345 0 0	258 1 6	..	86 18 6
Washing .....	45 0 0	39 5 1½	..	5 14 10½
Medical attendance and medicines ..	35 0 0	30 0 0	..	5 0 0
Funerals, furniture, miscellaneous, and incidental .....	120 0 0	111 5 10	..	8 14 2
Repairs and alterations to buildings ..	315 0 0	68 16 4	..	246 3 8
Fuel, light, and water.....	100 0 0	61 19 2	..	38 0 10
	<u>2358 11 2</u>	<u>2050 5 11½</u>	<u>103 13 8½</u>	<u>411 18 11</u>
Estimated cost.....			£2358 11 2	
Actual cost .....			<u>2050 5 11½</u>	
Excess of Estimate.....			<u>Nil.</u>	

CONTRACT Prices for the supply of Provisions, Fuel, Funerals, &c., for 1886 and 1887.

Articles.	Contract Prices.			
	1886.		1887.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
Meat, January to 30th June, per 100 lbs.....	22	11	23	6
Meat, 1st July to 31st December, per 100 lbs.....	32	11	26	11
Bread, 20 per cent., January to April, per 100 lbs.....	8	3	9	0
Ditto, May to December, per 100 lbs.....	9	0	9	1½
Bread, fine, January to April, per 100 lbs.....	9	11	10	0
Ditto, May to December, per 100 lbs.....	10	0	10	1½
Potatoes, per cwt.....	6	0	4	6
Rice, per lb. . . . .	0	2½	20s. per cwt.	
Oatmeal, per lb. . . . .	0	2½	17s. per cwt.	
Barley, per lb. . . . .	0	2¾	20s. per cwt.	
Soap, per cwt. . . . .	32	0	30s. per cwt.	
York Plains Coal, per ton . . . . .	25	0	..	
Longford Coal, per ton . . . . .	20	0	..	
Mount Nicholas Company Coal, per ton . . . . .	..	..	6	11
Cornwall Company Coal, per ton . . . . .	..	..	15	0
Funerals and Interments.....	48	0	48	0
Milk, per quart.....	0	3	0	2½
Wood.....	17	0	15	0

DECENNIAL RETURN showing the Number of Persons remaining in the INVALID DEPÔT, Launceston, on 1st January ; Number received, discharged, and remaining on the 31st of 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 Establish-ment.		
								£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
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	9½	1968	16	1
1884..	143	164	307	129	34	163	144	14	16	11¾	2286	3	1
1885..	144	178	322	142	31	173	149	14	19	0¼	2294	0	7
1886..	149	140	289	147	29	176	113	13	12	8½	1816	4	11
1887..	131	223	354	154	40	194	160	13	7	2	2050	5	11½