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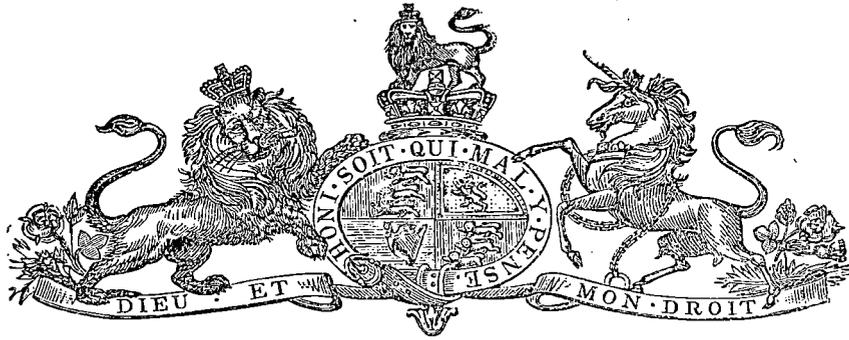
PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

GAOLS, HOBART AND LAUNCESTON:

REPORT FOR 1898.

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Sheriff's Office, 23rd May, 1899.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report, with the statistical information, respecting Gaols, Hobart and Launceston, for the year 1898.

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

	31st December, 1897.		31st December, 1898.	
Hobart.....	94 males	7 females = 101	74 males	6 females = 80
Launceston	14 males	2 females = 16	11 males	5 females = 16
	<u>108</u>	<u>9</u> 117	<u>85</u>	<u>11</u> 96

being a decrease of 20 males and 1 female in Hobart, and a decrease of 3 males and an increase of 1 female in Launceston, or a total decrease of 21 prisoners as compared with last year.

The total number received and discharged during 1898 was as follows:—

	Received.		Discharged.	
Hobart.....	371 males	93 females = 464	391 males	94 females = 485
Launceston	199 males	54 females = 253	202 males	51 females = 253
	<u>570</u>	<u>147</u> 717	<u>593</u>	<u>145</u> 738

As compared with 1897, there is a decrease in receipts of 19, and in discharges of 18, the receipts and discharges for that year being respectively 736 and 756.

By a comparison of the number of prisoners (96) in custody on 31st December, 1898, with the estimated population of the Colony on that date, namely, 177,340, the proportion of prisoners to each thousand is 0·54, as compared with 0·68 for 1897.

The average daily number during the year was 90 in Hobart and 18·20 in Launceston, as compared with 105 and 18·95 respectively for 1897, being a decrease of 15 in Hobart and 0·75 in Launceston, or a total decrease of 15·75.

The average cost per head for the year was £46 0s. 6d. in Hobart and £35 0s. 1d. 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 was made, the average cost per head is reduced to £25 0s. 11d. for Hobart and to £32 2s. 1d. for Launceston, or to £26 4s. 8d. as the average cost per head for both Gaols.

The officers generally have performed their duties in a satisfactory manner.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

BERNARD SHAW, Sheriff.

The Honourable the Attorney-General.

RETURN showing the Description and Estimated Value of Labour performed at the Gaols, Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1898.

<i>Nature of Employment.</i>	<i>Hobart.</i>			<i>Launceston.</i>		
	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Botanical Gardens	312	4	0			
Government House	307	2	6			
Domain	474	15	6			
Police Station and Court	79	3	0			
Bakers.....	377	10	0			
Blacksmiths	74	14	0			
Bricklayers and Masons	29	15	0	30	6	0
Brushmakers	115	3	0			
Carpenters	200	13	0	3	19	6
Carters and Grooms	117	1	6			
Cooks and Assistants.....	135	9	0	31	6	0
Engine Driver	45	3	0			
Hatmakers	78	7	6			
Matmakers	225	18	6			
Painters	57	18	6	2	5	0
Photographer and Writers	53	11	0			
Receiving Room.....	52	13	6			
Shoemakers.....	303	8	0	14	15	0
Store Labourer.....	35	7	6			
Tailors.....	99	6	0	0	15	0
Tinsmiths	49	19	0	3	2	6
Yardsmen and Wardsmen.....	210	4	6	75	11	0
Washermen.....	37	12	6			
Watchmen	45	3	0			
Woodcutters and Casuals	107	8	0	9	9	6
Needlewomen	73	19	0			
Washerwomen	114	18	0	53	12	0
Wardswomen	14	6	6	13	15	6
Whitewashing Buildings, Benevolent Society.....	...			20	15	0
Garden of Benevolent Society .....	...			32	0	6
Officers' Servants .....	...			18	5	0
	3828	14	6	310	4	0
Value of work done for other Departments.....	1173	5	0	52	15	6
For ordinary Gaol purposes	2655	9	6	257	8	6
CASH RECEIVED—						
Sale of Bread.....	2274	9	4			
Sale of Brushware.....	43	16	6			
Sale of Mats	143	2	11			
Sale of Hat.....	0	10	0			
Carpenters	330	6	8			
Shoemakers.....	297	15	6			
Tinsmiths	40	15	0			
Blacksmiths	1	0	6			
Tailors.....	23	1	0			
Washing	1	19	0			
Maintenance of Naval Prisoners	26	1	0			
Sale of Old Lead in London.....	22	6	0			
Miscellaneous	31	15	7			
	3236	19	0			
Cost of Material	£2722	2	6			
Less value of Material on hand, 31. 12. 98.	200	0	0			
	2522	2	6			
Balance Cr.....	714	16	6			

RETURN showing the Offences, Sentences, Condition, and Number of Convictions of Prisoners in the Gaols, Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1898.

	IN GAOL 31 DEC., 1897.				RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.				TOTAL.				DISCHARGED DURING THE YEAR.				REMAINING 31 DEC., 1898.			
	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.....	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Offences against the Person.....	34	4	4	...	33	4	14	1	67	8	18	1	48	8	18	1	19	...	...
Malicious injury to Property.....	9	1	...	...	9	...	...	...	18	1	...	...	18	1	...	...	...	...	...
Larceny and similar offences.....	...	2	5	1	117	10	74	15	117	12	79	16	79	11	74	15	38	1	5	1
Offences relating to Coin.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Forgery and cognate offences.....	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	
All other offences.....	46	...	5	1	211	79	110	38	257	79	115	39	243	74	110	35	14	5	5	4
TOTALS.....	94	7	14	2	371	93	199	54	465	100	213	56	391	94	202	51	74	6	11	5
<i>Condition.</i>																				
Natives.....	73	7	9	...	228	75	124	33	301	82	133	33	248	77	128	30	53	5	5	3
Free to Colony.....	12	...	3	...	118	5	55	7	130	5	58	7	112	5	55	7	18	...	3	...
Free by servitude.....	9	...	2	2	25	13	20	14	34	13	22	16	31	12	19	14	3	1	3	2
TOTALS.....	94	7	14	2	371	93	199	54	465	100	213	56	391	94	202	51	74	6	11	5
<i>Sentences.</i>																				
Death.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Life.....	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
20 years and above 15 years.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
15 " " 10 ".....	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...
10 " " 5 ".....	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	4	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	4	...	...	...
5 ".....	4	...	...	...	2	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...
4 ".....	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...
3 ".....	10	...	...	...	1	...	1	11	...	1	...	7	...	1	...	4	...	...	...
2 years and under.....	64	7	13	2	325	86	170	51	389	93	183	53	338	87	175	48	51	6	8	5
Unconvicted.....	1	...	...	...	43	7	28	3	44	7	28	3	43	7	25	3	1	...	3	...
TOTALS.....	94	7	14	2	371	93	199	54	465	100	213	56	391	94	202	51	74	6	11	5
<i>Convictions.</i>																				
First time.....	32	...	4	...	131	13	109	9	163	13	113	9	140	12	109	7	23	1	4	2
Second time.....	13	...	5	...	43	2	18	4	56	2	23	4	44	2	21	4	12	...	2	...
Third time.....	19	4	...	...	18	3	13	3	37	7	13	3	30	7	11	2	7	...	2	1
Over three times.....	30	3	5	2	179	75	59	38	209	78	64	40	177	73	61	38	32	5	3	2
TOTALS.....	94	7	14	2	371	93	199	54	465	100	213	56	391	94	202	51	74	6	11	5

RETURN of Prisoners received in, and discharged from, the Gaols, Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1898.

	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.		
	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.
Strength on 31st December, 1897—						
Convicted	93	7	100	14	2	16
Unconvicted	1	—	1	—	—	—
TOTALS	94	7	101	14	2	16
Received during the year	371	93	464	199	54	253
Totals, including Strength at commencement of year	465	100	565	213	56	269
Discharged during the year—						
By remission	38	3	41	—	—	—
By time	332	87	419	177	48	225
Absconded and not retaken	—	—	—	—	—	—
Died	—	—	—	—	—	—
Executed	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unconvicted	21	4	25	25	3	28
TOTALS	391	94	485	202	51	253
Strength on 31st December, 1898						
Convicted.....	73	6	79	8	5	13
Unconvicted.....	1	—	1	3	—	3
TOTAL.....	74	6	80	11	5	16

RETURN of Educational State of Prisoners in the Penal Establishments, Hobart and Launceston, for the Year 1898.

	Superior Education.		Able to Read and Write.		Able to Read only.		Unable to Read.		TOTALS.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Hobart.....	11	—	369	81	3	3	82	16	465	100
Launceston	—	—	161	35	3	6	49	15	213	56

RETURN of Cost and Earnings of Prisoners in the Gaols, Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1898.

	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>	TOTAL.	<i>Cash Payments.</i>	<i>Value of Work performed for other Departments.</i>	<i>For ordinary Gaol purposes.</i>	TOTAL.	<i>Gross.</i>	<i>Net, allowing for Cash received for work performed for other Departments, but not including work for Gaol.</i>
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Hobart	90	84·81	2596 3 6	1546 3 4	4142 6 10	714 16 6	1173 5 0	2655 9 6	4543 11 0	46 0 6	25 0 11
Launceston	18·20	13·87	272 10 0	364 11 6	637 1 6	<i>Nil.</i>	52 15 6	257 8 6	310 4 0	35 0 1	32 2 1