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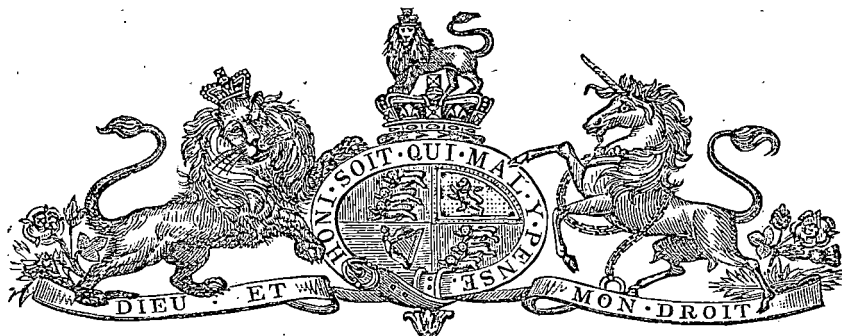
PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

GAOLS, HOBART AND LAUNCESTON:

REPORT FOR 1895.

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Sheriff's Office, 30th May, 1896.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the Annual Report with the statistical information respecting the Gaols, Hobart and Launceston, for the year 1895.

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

	31st December, 1894.		31st December, 1895.	
Hobart.....	141	males—18 females = 159	100	males—14 females = 114
Launceston	11	males— 3 females = 14	12	males— 5 females = 17
	<u>152</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>112</u>
			<u>19</u>	<u>131</u>

being a decrease of 41 males and 4 females in Hobart, and an increase of 1 male and 2 females in Launceston. There is thus a total decrease of 40 males and 2 females as compared with last year.

The total number received and discharged during 1895 was as follows:—

	Received.		Discharged.	
Hobart.....	460	males—134 females = 594	501	males—138 females = 639
Launceston	248	males— 76 females = 324	247	males— 74 females = 321
	<u>708</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>918</u>	<u>748</u>
			<u>212</u>	<u>960</u>

As compared with 1894, there is a decrease in receipts of 246, and in discharges of 239, the receipts and discharges for that year being respectively 1164 and 1199.

The average daily number during the year was 134·6 in Hobart and 20·03 in Launceston, as compared with 174 and 23·23 respectively for 1894, being a decrease of 39·4 in Hobart and 3·2 in Launceston, or a total decrease of 42·6.

At the beginning of the year Colonel Warner replaced Mr. Superintendent Hedberg as Governor of the Gaol, Hobart, and Mr. Berresford replaced Mr. Armstrong as Superintendent of the Gaol, Launceston. The services of one warder have been dispensed with at Hobart, and one additional warder has been appointed at Launceston.

A further improvement has been effected in the Gaol, Hobart, by providing separate cells for the females. The separate-cell system is now in general use throughout the Gaol, Hobart.

A new industry has been started by the introduction of brush and broom-making. The articles produced have given every satisfaction, and the industry is likely to be of a profitable nature.

Under the direction of the Public Works Department a gang of prisoners has been employed making a carriage-road from the Bower to the Springs, Mt. Wellington. The progress made in the work, and the conduct of the men employed, have been highly satisfactory.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

BERNARD SHAW, Sheriff.

The Honorable the Attorney-General.

RETURN showing the Offences, Sentences, Condition, and Number of Convictions of Prisoners in the Gaols, Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1895.

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	IN GAOL 31 DEC., 1894.				RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.				TOTAL.				DISCHARGED DURING THE YEAR.				REMAINING 31 DEC., 1895.			
	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.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against the Person	35	4	3	...	33	7	10	2	68	11	13	2	42	6	12	2	26	5	1	...
Malicious injuries to Property	3	...	...	...	4	1	1	...	7	1	1	...	1	1	1	...	6	...	...	...
Larceny and similar offences	40	4	2	2	180	20	100	16	220	24	102	18	176	19	98	16	44	5	4	2
Offences relating to Coin.....	5	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	5	...	2	...	5	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Forgery and cognate offences.....	8	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	17	...	...	...	11	...	...	...	6	...	...	...
All other offences	50	10	6	1	234	106	135	58	284	116	141	50	266	112	134	56	18	4	7	3
Total	141	18	11	3	460	134	248	76	601	152	259	79	501	138	247	74	100	14	12	5
<i>Condition.</i>																				
Natives	105	13	7	3	317	76	152	41	422	89	159	44	345	78	152	43	77	11	7	1
Free to Colony	30	1	3	...	111	25	57	14	141	26	60	14	123	26	56	12	18	...	4	2
Free by servitude.....	6	4	1	...	32	33	39	21	38	37	40	21	33	34	39	19	5	3	1	2
Total	141	18	11	3	460	134	248	76	601	152	259	79	501	138	247	74	100	14	12	5
<i>Sentences.</i>																				
Death .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Life	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	5	1	...	...
20 years and above 15 years	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
15 " " 10 " .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10 " " 5 "	7	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	11	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	9	...	...	...
5 "	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...
4 "	6	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	7	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	6	2	...	...
3 "	16	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	17	1	...	...	8	...	...	...	9	1	...	...
2 years and 6 months	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
2 years and under	91	14	9	3	372	129	205	70	463	143	216	73	401	133	204	68	62	10	8	5
Unconvicted	6	...	2	...	82	5	43	6	88	5	43	6	86	5	43	6	2	...	4	...
Total	141	18	11	3	460	134	248	76	601	152	259	79	501	138	247	74	100	14	12	5
<i>Convictions.</i>																				
First	56	4	7	1	188	19	110	17	244	23	117	18	214	21	112	17	30	2	5	1
Second	20	1	...	1	72	13	27	4	92	14	27	5	74	11	26	4	18	3	1	1
Third	18	2	1	1	47	10	20	6	65	12	21	6	59	11	20	6	6	1	1	...
Third and over	47	11	3	...	153	92	91	49	200	103	94	50	154	95	89	47	46	8	5	3
Total	141	18	11	3	460	134	248	76	601	152	259	79	501	138	247	74	100	14	12	5

RETURN of the Cost and Earnings of Prisoners in the Gaols, Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1895.

	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 (Balance after deducting cost of material).</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	124·6	126·2	2488 11 6	1956 19 11	4445 11 5	897 3 0	2112 5 6	3467 14 6	6477 3 0	33 0 6	10 13 4
Launceston	20·03	13·74	273 15 0	327 5 6	601 0 6	<i>Nil.</i>	34 17 6	220 3 3	255 0 9	30 1 0	28 6 1 $\frac{1}{4}$

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RETURN of Prisoners received in, and discharged from, the Gaols, Hobart and Launceston, during the Year 1895.

	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.		
	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	TOTAL.	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	TOTAL.
Strength on 31st December, 1894—						
Convicted	135	18	153	9	3	12
Unconvicted	6	—	6	2	—	2
TOTAL	141	18	159	11	3	14
Received during the year	460	134	594	248	76	324
Totals, including Strength at commencement of the year.....	601	152	753	259	79	338
Discharged during the year—						
By remission	65	10	75	1	—	1
By time	350	123	473	203	68	271
Absconded	—	—	—	—	—	—
Died	—	—	—	—	—	—
Executed	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unconvicted	86	5	91	43	6	49
TOTAL	501	138	639	247	74	321
Strength on 31st December, 1895						
} Convicted.....	98	14	112	8	5	13
} Unconvicted.....	2	—	2	4	—	4
TOTAL.....	100	14	114	12	5	17

RETURN of Educational State of Prisoners in the Gaols, Hobart and Launceston, for the Year 1895.

	Superior Education.		Able to Read and Write.		Able to Read only.		Unable to Read.		TOTALS.	
	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Hobart.....	4	—	466	98	27	9	104	45	601	152
Launceston	—	—	198	46	5	13	56	20	259	79

*RETURN showing the Description and estimated Value of Labour performed at the Gaols,
Hobart and Launceston, for the Year ending 31st December, 1895.*

Nature of Employment.	Hobart.			Launceston.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Botanical Gardens	418	15	6			
Government House Grounds.....	409	13	6			
Queen's Domain	1193	13	6			
Watch-house, Kangaroo Point	11	4	0			
Making new Road to Springs	68	19	0			
Nurses' Home.....	10	0	0			
Carters	97	16	6			
Grooms	52	3	0			
Tinsmiths	34	1	0			
Painters	69	2	6			
Masons and Bricklayers.....	128	0	0			
Blacksmith and Engine-driver	92	14	0	0	12	0
Carpenters	244	8	0	2	4	0
Tailors	147	8	0	3	12	0
Shoemakers	383	6	0	23	7	6
Bakers	338	0	0			
Cooks, &c.	200	0	0	32	10	0
Matmakers	178	17	0			
Hatmakers	124	12	6			
Brushmakers	118	9	6			
Hospital Attendant and Receiving-room.....	103	8	6			
Printers	18	4	0			
Store Labourer	37	5	0			
Washermen	37	5	0			
Wardsmen	271	18	0	65	19	0
Photographers and Writers	58	0	0			
Officers' Attendant.....	29	16	0			
Gatekeepers.....	45	11	0			
Invalids working	8	18	0			
Woodcutters, &c.....	156	3	0	6	19	0
Yardsmen	44	8	0	18	5	0
Servants	0	14	0			
Needlewomen	142	16	0			
Female Servants.....	4	1	0			
Washerwomen.....	201	9	0	38	14	3
Female Yard Cleaners, &c.	39	17	0	6	4	0
Ditto Hatmakers.....	59	12	6			
Garden of Benevolent Asylum .....	...			25	16	0
Police Station.....	...			9	1	6
Whitewashing Gaol Buildings .....	...			15	17	6
Female Dormitories .....	...			5	19	0
	5580	0	0	255	0	9
CASH RECEIVED—						
Sale of Bread	2078	6	11			
Sale of Mats.....	153	13	7			
Sale of Hats.....	5	7	6			
Brushware	28	16	9			
Carpenters	124	19	3			
Tinsmiths.....	5	11	9			
Blacksmiths.....	13	12	9			
Bookbinding	3	16	0			
Shoemaking	376	2	2			
Tailoring	18	3	0			
Washing	4	1	8			
Naval Maintenance.....	5	10	0			
Offal supplied to Training School.....	4	10	0			
Clothing to Country Gaol.....	3	2	4			
Sale of Manure	0	3	0			
Ditto Cart and Harness.....	5	14	0			
TOTAL	2831	10	8			
Cost of Material	£2416	7	8			
Less value of material on hand, 31. 12. 95.....	482	0	0			
	1934	7	8			
Balance Cr.	897	3	0			