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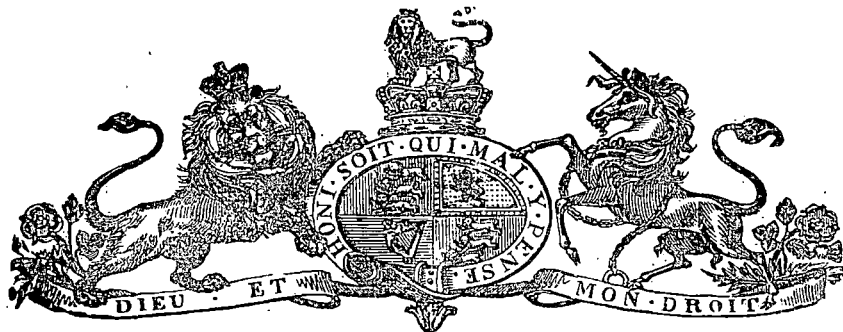
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

NEW TOWN GOVERNMENT FARM :

REPORT FOR 1885.

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



NEW TOWN FARM.

19th March, 1886.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith the Annual Report and the Account Current for the New Town Farm for the year 1885.

The gross receipts for the year amounted to £918 6s. 1d.; the expenditure for that period was £739 2s. 4d., leaving a balance in favour of the Farm of £179 3s. 9d. The net profit for the preceding year was £344 12s.

It was deemed advisable during this year to incur an extra expenditure for the purpose of improving the stock. Accordingly, one pure young Ayrshire bull, six young cows, and two horses were purchased, at a cost of £150. A new pair of harrows and a horse-hoe were also purchased at a cost of £7 10s. This unusual expenditure shows, therefore, a much smaller balance in favour of the Farm this year than in previous years.

The Farm consists of 100 acres of land. Similar description of crops were grown as heretofore. An experiment was tried during the year with lime on four acres of land to be laid down with Italian rye grass; 160 bushels per acre were applied, and proved a very great success. The ground was much sweeter, and did not cake as formerly. The grass grown was most luxuriant. It was cut three times during the spring and summer for green food, and was then allowed to ripen, and yielded about 35 bushels of excellent seed.

The live stock on the 31st December was as follows:—5 horses, 1 bull, 31 cows, 2 calves, and 33 pigs; the estimated value of the stock and crop at that time being £800.

During the year 17 calves and 71 pigs were bred on the Farm, and 78 pigs and 15 calves were disposed of for the sum of £112 6s. 5d. Two old horses and one cow were also disposed of for a sum of £31 16s. 3d.

The work of the Farm was performed with same labour as last year,—two ploughmen and 12 invalids,—who performed the work satisfactorily.

The various institutions were amply supplied with milk during the year.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN HARDING, *Superintendent.*

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.

ACCOUNT CURRENT of the NEW TOWN FARM for the Year 1885.

Dr.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Cr.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
<i>Cash Receipts.</i>									<i>Salaries.</i>								
By sale of 78 pigs.....		96	6	5				Superintendent	180	0	0						
Ditto 17 calves		16	0	0				Ploughman	91	5	0						
Ditto 2 horses		23	16	3				Ditto	78	0	0						
Ditto 1 cow.....		8	0	0				Employment of Invalids from Institution	21	12	0						
<i>Milk sold to Officers at Government Institutions—</i>															370 17 0		
General Hospital, 5930 pints, at 2d.		49	8	4				<i>Miscellaneous Farm Expenses—</i>									
Honorary Medical Officers, 1041 pints, at 2d.		10	16	10				Oats, 100 bushels, at 3s., £15; mangold wurzel, 25 lbs., at 1s., £1 5s.	16	5	0						
New Town Charitable Institution, 2220 pints, at 2d.		18	10	0				Tares, 8 bushels, at 7s., £2 16s.; clover, 16 lbs., at 1s. 6d., £1 4s.	4	0	0						
Gaol, Hobart, 8039 pints, at 2d.		66	19	10				Carrots, 3 lbs., at 4s., 12s.; 1120 bushels bran, at 11d., £51 6s. 8d.	51	18	8						
<i>Milk supplied to Establishments—</i>					289	17	8	Lime, 425 bushels, at 1s., less 5 per cent.	20	3	9						
General Hospital, 42,732 pints, at 2d.		356	2	0				Grinding bones, 24 cwt., at £3 per ton	3	12	0						
New Town Charitable Institution, 28,249 pints, at 2d.		235	8	2				Carting hay, £2; salt, 1 ton, £3	5	0	0						
Gaol, Hobart, 3086 pints, at 2d.		25	14	5				1 pair harrows, £2 5s.; 1 horse-hoe, £5 5s.	7	10	0						
Immigration, 843 pints, at 2d.		7	0	6				Hay purchased, 19 cwt. 21 lb., at £4 per ton	3	16	9						
Training School, Cascades, 404 pints, at 2d.		3	7	4				Straw, 10 cwt.	1	0	0						
Hospital for Insane, Cascades, 96 pints, at 2d.		0	16	0				Stationery, 19s. 4d.; advertising, 15s.	1	14	4						
					628	8	5	Blacksmith, £18 6s. 6d.; extra pay, night labour, £10.	28	6	6						
								Ironmongery, £2 5s. 2d.; repairs to harness, £4 16s. 6d.	7	1	8						
								Allowance for pigs' food from General Hospital	12	0	0						
								Ditto, New Town Charitable Institution	12	0	0						
								Tobacco allowed to Invalids	1	7	0						
													175	15	8		
								Fuel and light	18	19	1			
								Purchase of live stock	150	0	0			
								Repairs to buildings.....	23	10	7			
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								Balance in favour of the Farm	179	3	9			
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JOHN HARDING, Superintendent.