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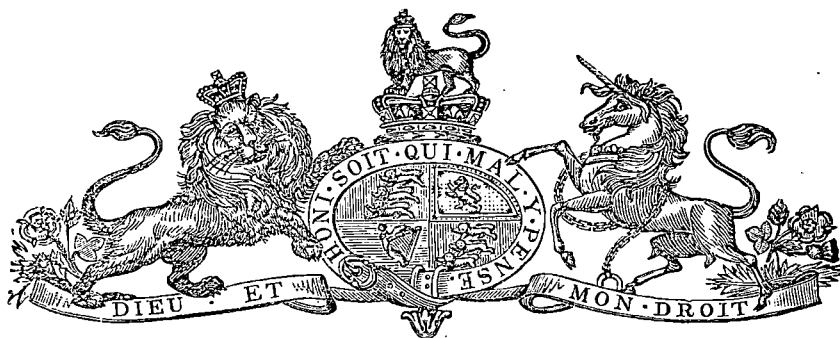
PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

CHARITABLE GRANTS DEPARTMENT:

REPORT FOR 1900.

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New Town, 22nd May, 1901.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report of the Charitable Grants Department for the year 1900.

Out-door Relief, &c.

Return A shows the expenditure under Items 1 to 8 inclusive of Section XVI. of the Estimates, from which it will be seen that the expenditure was £268 18s. 4d. less than the amount voted.

During the year the sums of £2 13s. 6d. for out-door relief, &c., and £7 9s. 6d. for transport and funeral expenses on account of the year 1899 were paid. These amounts were provided for by Supplementary Estimates, the votes for that year having lapsed.

The repayments for the year were £94 10s. 7d. Of this amount, £5 19s. 5d. was received from the Imperial Government, and £59 14s. 3d. from the various districts, being their unexpended balances at the end of the year.

Deaf, Dumb, and Blind.

Return B shows the number of deaf, dumb, and blind persons who have been maintained during the year at the expense of the State. The establishment of an Institution for the Blind in Tasmania has enabled the Government to place therein all persons in this State willing to avail themselves of the great benefits of such an institution, and there is now but one person, a deaf and dumb girl, being educated out of the State, and she will soon be apprenticed to a trade.

Having visited the Tasmanian Institution for the Blind, and, to a considerable extent, used the brushware made at that institution, I can testify to the importance of such an institution in this State, and I understand it is intended to extend its sphere of usefulness in the near future.

The amount expended by the State on the deaf, dumb, and blind for the year was £181 19s. 3d., or £124 6s. less than in 1899.

Out-door Relief (including the two Cities).

Return C shows the comparative expenditure on out-door relief, &c., in the cities of Hobart and Launceston, and in the various Municipal and Police Districts throughout the State for the last ten years, and the expenditure for 1900 shows a decrease, as compared with that of 1899, of £84 7s. 1d.

Charitable Institutions.

Return D shows the daily average number of inmates maintained in the New Town Charitable Institution, and the Launceston Benevolent Asylum during the last ten years, from which it will be seen that the decrease during the decade is 224—viz; males 173, females 51.

Out-door Relief in Country Districts.

Return E shows the actual amount expended on out-door relief, medical attendance on paupers, and temporary provision for tramps. It will be observed that the cost per head, based on the estimated population, was $5\frac{1}{2}d.$ in municipal, and $2d.$ in police districts, or an average cost of $3d.$ per head, which is slightly under the cost for 1899.

This item extends over a considerable range of relief, granted throughout the State, and entails a considerable amount of investigation and care, yet, notwithstanding that the vote has not been wholly expended, not a single case of distress which has been represented to this department has been turned away, and in several instances relief has been given to prevent the separation of man and wife, or mother and children.

In consequence of a change in the system of paying out-door relief allowances, which came into force on 1st January, 1901, all balances in hands of Districts on 31st December, 1900, were called in and repaid to the Treasury.

I again desire to thank the Commissioner of Police for the valuable assistance rendered by his department, in conducting inquiries into applications for relief; also the Wardens and Stipendiary Magistrates throughout the State for their zealous and most efficient assistance.

Item 7, Section XVI of Estimates.

This vote, amongst other items, provides for the maintenance of persons in country hospitals, and maintenance of destitute persons not otherwise provided for; the former is of considerable importance, as it enables the poor in country districts to receive the benefit of skilled advice and attendance, and the latter enables this department to assist urgent cases of distress, wives deserted by their husbands, &c.

Imperial Claims.

The amount charged to the Imperial Government for repayment of the cost of maintenance of paupers in the various Charitable Institutions, and in receipt of out-door relief during the year was £663 6s. 8d.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

F. R. SEAGER,
Administrator Charitable Grants

A.

RETURN showing the Expenditure of the Charitable Grants Department for the Year 1900, and the Receipts for the same period.

EXPENDITURE.			RECEIPTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Salaries	215	0 0	Repayments on account of Out-door Relief	64	15 9
Out-door relief, medical attendance on the Poor in Country Districts, and temporary provision for Tramps ..	1920	6 8	Repayments on account of Deaf, Dumb, and Blind, &c.	9	6 6
Maintenance of Deaf, Dumb, and Blind.....	181	19 3	Repayments of Transport and Funeral expenses	14	8 11
Maintenance of Persons in Country Hospitals	191	6 0	Refund by Imperial Government ...	5	19 5
Maintenance of Destitute Persons not otherwise provided for	185	10 11			
Examination of Insane	78	6 6			
Stationery and Stores	28	12 5			
Miscellaneous expenses	16	18 0			
Transport and Funeral expenses	378	1 11			
	<u>£3196</u>	<u>1 8</u>	Balance, being net cost to the State..	3101	11 1
				<u>£3196</u>	<u>1 8</u>

	£	s. d.
Per Estimate	3465	0 0
Expenditure	3196	1 8
Under Estimate.....	<u>£268</u>	<u>18 4</u>

B.

DEAF, DUMB, AND BLIND.

RETURN of Deaf, Dumb, and Blind persons who have been maintained and educated at the expense of the Government of Tasmania in the undermentioned Institutions during the Year 1900.

	Remaining 31st Dec., 1899.				Admitted during year.				Discharged during year.				Remaining 31st Dec., 1900.				Cost to Government.	
	Deaf and Dumb.		Blind.		Deaf and Dumb.		Blind.		Deaf and Dumb.		Blind.		Deaf and Dumb.		Blind.			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	£	s. d.
Deaf and Dumb Institute, Newcastle, N.S.W.	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	15	2 2
New South Wales Institute for Deaf, Dumb, and Blind	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	3 8
Tasmanian Society for the Blind	...	...	2	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	3	130	13 5	
Total	1	1	2	4	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	3	181	19 3	

C.

DECENNIAL Return of Expenditure for Out-door Relief in Tasmania during the Years from 1891 to 1900 inclusive.

Year.	Expenditure.						Repayments to be deducted.	Total Expenditure.				
	Hobart and Suburbs.		Launceston Municipal and Police Districts.		Municipalities and Police Districts.							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1891	734	17	9	2385	19	6	59	7	2	3061	10	1
1892	787	16	3	2448	15	2	...	56	5	3180	5	7
1893	740	16	1	2202	11	10	...	53	1	2890	6	4
1894	702	8	6	2091	17	4	...	24	13	2769	12	8
1895	740	0	0	2131	5	9	...	35	8	2835	17	6
1896	740	0	0	†380	0	0	1862	7	11	*2959	11	7
1897	740	0	0	†350	0	0	1898	6	2	2986	5	6
1898	889	8	10	†780	0	0	1942	15	4	3612	3	4
1899	740	0	0	†380	0	0	1954	11	5	3044	12	1
1900	740	0	0	†380	0	0	1920	6	8	2960	5	0

* This amount includes expenditure for medical attendance on paupers in country districts and temporary provision for tramps, which in former years was included in a separate vote on the Estimates.

† Launceston and Suburbs.

D.

DECENNIAL Return of the Daily Average Number of the several Invalid Depôts during the Years 1891 to 1900 inclusive.

Year.	New Town.	Launceston.	Total.
1891.....	545	215	760
1892.....	535	224	759
1893.....	541	214	755
1894.....	549	204	753
1895.....	545	200	745
1896.....	530	188	718
1897.....	499	197	696
1898.....	470	188	658
1899.....	406	173	579
1900.....	372	164	536

E.

RETURN showing the Expenditure of Out-door Relief, Medical Attendance on Paupers, and temporary provision for Tramps, in the various Municipal and Police Districts during the Year 1900, and the Expenditure per head of Population.

District.	Municipal or Police.	Estimated Population, 31 Dec., 1899.	Balance in hands of Districts on 1 Jan., 1900.	Amount paid from Treasury during year.	Expended during year.	Balance in hands of Districts on 31 Dec., 1900.	Expenditure per head of Population.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.
Brighton	M	2380	2 8 3	52 0 0	53 4 6	1 3 9	0 5·36
Bothwell.....	M	1410	0 2 11	29 17 2	28 5 4	1 14 9	0 4·81
Campbell Town.....	M	2116	5 9 3	161 8 0	166 2 3	0 15 0	1 6·84
Carnarvon.....	P	843	...	39 19 0	36 6 6	3 12 6	0 10·34
Clarence.....	M	1951	...	22 10 0	20 0 9	2 9 3	0 2·46
Deloraine.....	M	5721	...	143 5 1	143 5 1	...	0 6·00
Devon East.....	P	16,667	4 11 4	162 8 8	166 11 4	0 8 8	0 4·45
Devon West.....	P		...	165 8 3	142 16 3	22 12 0	
Evandale.....	M	2335	2 9 8	53 0 0	55 9 8	...	0 5·74
Emu Bay.....	P	6312	...	29 6 4	29 6 4	...	0 1·11
Fingal.....	M	3856	...	80 0 0	80 0 0	...	0 4·98
Franklin.....	P	6741	2 3 6	127 0 0	126 5 2	2 18 4	0 4·49
Glenmorgan.....	M	1131	...	26 14 2	26 14 2	...	0 5·66
Glenorchy.....	M	2213	0 7 3	24 15 0	25 1 11	0 0 4	0 2·72
Green Ponds.....	M	1470	...	20 13 0	20 13 0	...	0 3·37
George Town.....	P	4068	0 4 11	44 0 0	43 12 0	0 12 11	0 2·57
Hamilton.....	M	1971	2 1 9	21 6 2	23 7 11	...	0 2·84
Kingborough.....	P	2749	2 15 7	41 5 0	38 2 9	5 17 0	0 3·32
Longford.....	M	4707	0 1 5†	159 0 9	158 19 4	...	0 8·10
Macquarie.....	P	21,612	...	3 3 0	3 3 0	...	0 0·03
New Norfolk.....	M	4796	...	115 12 9	112 17 1	2 15 8	0 5·64
Outlands.....	M	3755	0 7 2	91 5 0	89 6 10	2 5 4	0 5·71
Portland.....	P	1801	2 18 0	45 14 1	48 12 1	...	0 6·47
Ross.....	M	921	1 3 6	27 5 2	28 8 8	...	0 17·41
Richmond.....	M	2457	...	36 10 0	36 4 6	0 5 6	0 3·53
Russell.....	P	2016	...	...	...	...	...
Ringarooma.....	P	5414	2 7 2	26 5 0	19 11 5	9 0 9	0 0·86
Spring Bay.....	M	1035	2 3 0	4 5 0	5 11 0	0 17 0	0 1·28
Sorell.....	M	2354	0 13 3	18 15 0	17 3 7	2 4 8	0 1·75
Selby.....	P	6674	...	...	...	...	...
Westbury.....	M	5943	...	147 15 1	147 15 1	...	0 5·96
TOTAL.....	...	127,419	32 5 1	1920 6 8	1892 17 6	59 14 3*	0 3·56
Municipal Districts ...	...	52,522	...	...	1238 10 8	...	0 5·65
Police Districts.....	...	74,897	...	...	654 6 10	...	0 2·09

† Balance due to Districts.

* All Balances since repaid to the Treasury.