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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

CASCADES PAUPER ESTABLISHMENT:

REPORT FOR 1877.

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CASCADES PAUPER ESTABLISHMENT.

Cascades Pauper Establishment, 31st December, 1877.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor, by direction, to forward herewith the Annual Report, showing the working of the Establishment for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

On the 1st April I relieved Mr. A. H. Boyd, and on the 11th of the same month the Female Prisoners were transferred to the Gaol, Campbell-street. The building was thoroughly lime-washed and painted throughout, and all necessary alterations made for the reception of the Paupers and Insane Patients from Port Arthur. That portion of the building formerly occupied by the Prisoners was fitted up for the use of the Paupers; the mess-room brick-nogged and plastered, and appropriated as a dormitory. In the Laundry a new floor put down, and fitted up as a sick-ward for men suffering from ulcers, &c. The Wards formerly used for dry stores and offices cleaned out and converted into dormitories, thus giving total sleeping accommodation for 390, allowing 600 cubic feet for each, with the exception of 31 cells in H. Division. The remainder of the old Prison appropriated to the refractory Lunatics. The number of Paupers on the 1st April was 206; received from Port Arthur during the month, 81. I found the Hospital patients much neglected, from the want of proper attendance; the attendants were selected from amongst the Paupers, a class, as a rule, totally unsuited for such work,—being too infirm, and otherwise quite incapacitated from rendering the assistance required by the unfortunate old men placed under their care. This I represented to the Government, and recommended that effective men be employed. It was approved; and in a very short time a marked improvement was observable, both in the state of the patients and wards, without any additional cost. I had screens placed in front of the earth-closets for privacy; the copper-house, in late Female Division, fitted as a bath-room. The messing accommodation very defective; I recommended that a glass front should be put to the room, as in its present condition the old men are exposed to the weather in all seasons. The cook-house is also defective, much too small, and badly ventilated. I brought this under the notice of the Government, pointing out how it could be remedied. There is no day-room, and in cold or wet weather this want is very trying to old people. I pointed out where one could be erected at a small expense.

So much work had to be got through, in the way of preparations, for the reception of the Paupers and Lunatics, with so little time to do it in, that agriculture was, to a great extent, neglected.

The additions and alterations effected in the Lunatic Division I leave for the Commissioners to mention in their report.

I beg to annex the under-mentioned Returns:—

- A. Return showing the number of Invalids in the Depôt on the 31st December, 1876; the number of admissions and discharges during the year; and the number remaining on the 31st December, 1877.
- B. Return showing the number and average age at death.
- C. Return showing the Receipts and Expenditure, and net cost per head, during the year.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

R. ATKINS, *Superintendent.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

A.

RETURN showing the Number of Inmates in the Male Invalid Depôt, Cascades, on the 31st December, 1876; also the Number of Admissions and Discharges during the Year 1877.

	Colonial.	Imperial.	TOTAL.
Number of Inmates remaining on 31st December, 1876	140	56	196
Number of Inmates received during the year 1877	288	103	391
Number of Inmates discharged during the year 1877	260	84	344
Number of Inmates remaining on 31st December, 1877	168	75	243

Religion.

Protestants	147
Presbyterians	76
Roman Catholics	20
TOTAL	243

B.

RETURN showing the Number, and Average Age at Death, of Male Invalids during the Year 1877.

Number of deaths during the year	53
Average age	71

C.

RETURN showing the Cost of the Male Invalid Department, Cascades, during the Year 1877.

Average daily Number—Colonial, 199; Imperial, 74: Total, 273.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Salaries—				Invalid Depôt—Vegetables supplied	5	7	3
Officers and servants	639	1	11	Training School—Ditto	2	18	9
Contingencies—				General Hospital—Ditto	0	4	2
Provisions and medical comforts	2755	1	8	Hospital for Insane—Ditto	0	3	11
Bedding, clothing, stores, and stationery ..	596	19	6	Invalid Depôt—Milk supplied	58	2	11
Fuel and light	325	11	3	Training School—Ditto	0	7	8
Medicine and medical attendance	93	15	0	Hospital for Insane—Ditto	24	13	10
Repairs and alterations to buildings	76	3	5	Invalid Depôt—Pork supplied	8	10	9
Miscellaneous incidental expenses	94	15	0	Female House of Correction—Ditto	0	19	1
				Training School—Ditto	0	8	1
				Hospital for Insane—Ditto	1	17	5
				Invalid Depôt—Boots made and repaired ..	51	4	3
				Female House of Correction—Shoes ditto ..	1	10	9
				Training School—Boots ditto	8	12	6
				Ditto—Washing performed	2	9	1
				Hospital for Insane—Ditto	10	18	3
				Female House of Correction—New wheels;			
				painting and repairing van	7	10	0
				Hospital for Insane—Repairing 4 night and 2			
				washing tubs	0	6	0
				Ditto—Stores and stationery supplied ..	103	11	9
				Ditto—Services of carpenter, 137 days ..	45	8	1
				Gaol, Hobart Town—Leather supplied	23	18	3
				Ditto—12 urine tubs supplied	4	4	0
				Ditto—13 buckets repaired	1	6	0
				Ditto—5 washing tubs repaired	0	10	0
				Ditto—144 grass brooms supplied	1	16	0
				Ditto—900 stone-hammer handles ditto ..	1	16	0
				Stores Office—Cleaning and repairing clock.	0	5	0
				Cash receipts—Sale of cows	33	0	6
				Ditto pigs	53	17	9
				Ditto pork	39	11	6
				Repayment of salaries (T. Woods, B.			
				M. Clusky, J. Bully)	0	8	3
				Miscellaneous cash	0	7	6
				Sale of 4 calves	0	10	0
				Ditto 1 pigskin	0	4	0
				Ditto 1 cow hide	0	10	8
				Ditto old rags	0	13	9
				Maintenance of pensioners	23	2	5
				Total Reimbursements	521	6	1
				Net Cost	4060	1	8
TOTAL	£4581	7	9	TOTAL	£4581	7	9

Net cost per head £14 17s. 5d.

R. ATKINS, Superintendent