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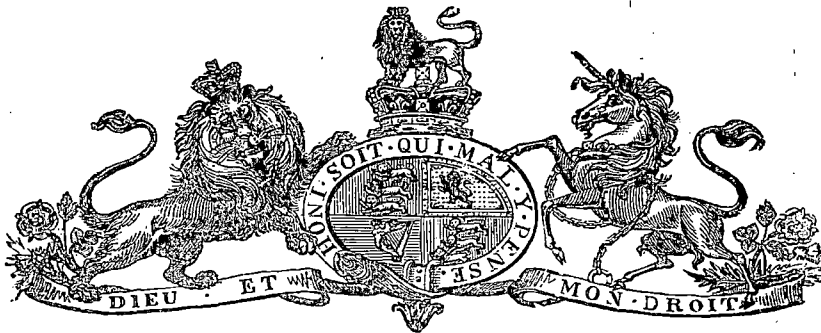
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REPORT FOR **1889.**

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



## OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

*REPORT for 1889.*

*Charitable Grants Department, 28th April, 1890.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the following Report for the year 1889 with reference to the Out-door Relief, &c., of Paupers throughout the Colony, and the expenditure for transport and funeral expenses.

In the Return attached hereto is set forth the total sum disbursed during the year for Out-door Relief in the City of Launceston and in each of the Municipal and Police Districts, amounting to £2628 8s. 3d.—a decrease of £368 9s. 2d. as compared with the previous year.

As the circumstances under which the payment in each case was made were fully given in the weekly abstract forwarded for your approval, I assume it will not be necessary for me on the present occasion to do more than furnish, as in the past six years, the total number of cases in which relief was afforded, and the number of persons amongst whom it was distributed:—viz., total number of cases, 290; number of individuals, 731—366 adults and 365 children, belonging to 91 families.

Of the 290 cases—

117 were those of aged, infirm, and afflicted persons without family ties—males, 48; females, 69.

82 were of the same class, but composed of married couples.

7 were deserted wives with families.

49 were widows, also with children to support.

30 were parents to whom assistance was given during illness or recovery from accidents; and

5 were the mothers of children whose fathers were undergoing imprisonment for various offences.

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290 Total.

In each of these cases the fullest inquiry was instituted before assistance was given, and on the expiration of the authority for payment the circumstances of the recipients were again carefully investigated before further payments were sanctioned.

Every effort was also made to discover if applicants had relatives in the Colony who were in a position to assist them, and upon it being ascertained that there were such they were at once called upon to contribute.

In pursuing these investigations I had to depend largely upon the assistance of the Wardens, Police Magistrates, and other officials in the Districts in which applicants for relief resided, and I take this opportunity to acknowledge the prompt and courteous manner in which my requests for information were invariably complied with.

With regard to the relief to the poor residing in the City of Hobart, at New Town, and Sandy Bay, the report of the Executive Committee of the Benevolent Society, under whose immediate supervision it was distributed, will no doubt give all necessary particulars. The expenditure under this head amounted to £900 14s. 6d., of which £193 4s. was paid in cash, and the balance—£707 10s. 6d.—represents the cost of rations issued.

The above amount, £900 14s. 6d., added to the £2628 8s. 3d. previously referred to, makes the total expenditure for Out-door Relief throughout the Colony £3529 2s. 9d., but repayments to the amount of £45 15s. were recovered from relatives, which reduced the actual outlay to £3483 7s. 9d. A further sum of £35 14s. 11d. was recovered from the Imperial Government, which, if taken into account, would still further reduce the expenditure to £3447 12s. 10d.

The sum of £992 0s. 4d. was also expended in connection with destitute persons—viz., £246 for the maintenance, clothing, and education of eight children in the New South Wales Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind; £29 2s. 5d. for the maintenance of a lad in the Victorian Asylum and School for the Blind; and the balance was devoted to the liquidation of claims for medical attendance and medicines to out-door paupers residing in the country districts; fees for medical examination in cases of lunacy; maintenance of paupers in Cottage Hospitals; maintenance and supervision of inmates of the Lying-in Home, Hobart; the supply of food and lodging to casual paupers and tramps at the Campbell Town Police Station; commission to Collectors for Charitable Institutions, and other items of a similar character. Under the above heads the expenditure was £6 3s. 5d. less than last year, although an additional sum of £59 2s. 5d. was required in connection with the Institutions for the Blind in Sydney and Victoria.

The cost of transport and funeral expenses amounted to £520 12s. 4d., but the sum of £19 2s. was received as repayment, which reduced the actual expenditure to £501 10s. 4d., as against £510 0s. 3d. the previous year. In addition, the sum of £3 2s. 6d. was repaid by the Imperial Government on account of transport.

In the expenditure for transport, &c. is included the cost of the conveyance to the New Town Charitable Institution of 21 destitute persons for whom there was no room in the Dépôt at Launceston. Of these, 13 came from Launceston, 3 from Latrobe, 2 from Campbell Town, and one from each of the Municipalities of Longford, Deloraine, and Ross.

Returns of the Annual Expenditure for Out-door Relief and the Daily Average Number of Inmates of the several Dépôts in the Colony from 1879 to 1889, both years inclusive, are forwarded herewith. It will be seen that the figures for 1889 compare very favourably with those of previous years.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. O'BOYLE, *Administrator of Charitable Grants.*

*The Hon. the Chief Secretary.*

*RETURN of Expenditure for Out-door Relief in the City of Launceston and the several Municipal and Police Districts during the Year 1889.*

|                        | £   | s. | d. |                       | £     | s. | d. |
|------------------------|-----|----|----|-----------------------|-------|----|----|
| Brighton.....          | 78  | 11 | 9  | Launceston.....       | 491   | 8  | 6  |
| Bothwell.....          | 10  | 3  | 11 | Longford.....         | 238   | 13 | 10 |
| Campbell Town.....     | 133 | 3  | 3  | Latrobe.....          | 119   | 4  | 10 |
| Clarence.....          | 19  | 11 | 5  | Macquarie Plains..... | 30    | 14 | 11 |
| Deloraine.....         | 79  | 4  | 9  | New Norfolk.....      | 119   | 10 | 1  |
| Emu Bay.....           | 32  | 12 | 1  | Oatlands.....         | 38    | 2  | 11 |
| Evandale.....          | 70  | 5  | 11 | Portland.....         | 23    | 11 | 5  |
| Fingal.....            | 49  | 12 | 6  | Richmond.....         | 71    | 0  | 4  |
| Franklin.....          | 170 | 18 | 8  | Ross.....             | 4     | 10 | 10 |
| George Town.....       | 53  | 0  | 11 | Russell.....          | 25    | 19 | 2  |
| Glamorgan.....         | 32  | 1  | 5  | Sorell.....           | 112   | 2  | 4  |
| Glenorchy.....         | 40  | 9  | 6  | Spring Bay.....       | 22    | 3  | 4  |
| Green Ponds.....       | 88  | 11 | 10 | Ulverstone.....       | 81    | 14 | 1  |
| Hamilton.....          | 63  | 14 | 1  | Westbury.....         | 158   | 2  | 2  |
| Hedberg, Mr. O. E..... | 37  | 3  | 6  |                       |       |    |    |
| Kingston.....          | 132 | 4  | 0  |                       | £2628 | 8  | 3  |

*RETURN of Expenditure for Out-door Relief in Tasmania during the Years 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, and 1889.*

| Year.     | Expenditure.        |                                 | Repayments to be deducted. | TOTAL EXPENDITURE. |
|-----------|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
|           | Hobart and Suburbs. | Launceston, Municipalities, &c. |                            |                    |
|           | £ s. d.             | £ s. d.                         | £ s. d.                    | £ s. d.            |
| 1879..... | 2361 2 3            | 4956 17 7                       | ...                        | 7317 19 10         |
| 1880..... | 2088 19 9           | 3783 17 4                       | ...                        | 5872 17 1          |
| 1881..... | 1633 9 11           | 3542 9 9                        | 45 1 1                     | 5130 18 7          |
| 1882..... | 1579 13 9           | 3387 15 8                       | 81 5 0                     | 4886 9 5           |
| 1883..... | 1473 13 10          | 3222 17 2                       | 76 19 2                    | 4619 11 10         |
| 1884..... | 1469 8 3            | 3051 3 9                        | 42 1 5                     | 4478 10 7          |
| 1885..... | 1329 6 8            | 2845 13 0                       | 38 3 0                     | 4136 16 8          |
| 1886..... | 1270 0 1            | 2945 12 5                       | 33 9 5                     | 4191 3 1           |
| 1887..... | 1296 15 9           | 3026 6 11                       | 51 19 4                    | 4271 3 4           |
| 1888..... | 946 6 11            | 2996 17 5                       | 39 19 5                    | 3903 4 11          |
| 1889..... | 900 14 6            | 2628 8 3                        | 45 15 0                    | 3483 7 9           |

*RETURN of the Daily Average Number of Inmates of the several Invalid Depôts during the Years 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, and 1889.*

| Year.     | Brickfields. | New Town. | Launceston. | TOTAL. |
|-----------|--------------|-----------|-------------|--------|
| 1879..... | 222          | 550       | 125         | 897    |
| 1880..... | 134          | 569       | 140         | 843    |
| 1881..... | 119          | 611       | 146         | 876    |
| 1882..... | 89           | 577       | 140         | 806    |
| 1883..... | ...          | 642       | 139         | 781    |
| 1884..... | ...          | 626       | 147         | 773    |
| 1885..... | ...          | 609       | 150         | 759    |
| 1886..... | ...          | 670       | 128         | 798    |
| 1887..... | ...          | 661       | 148         | 809    |
| 1888..... | ...          | 624       | 188         | 812    |
| 1889..... | ...          | 589       | 189         | 778    |