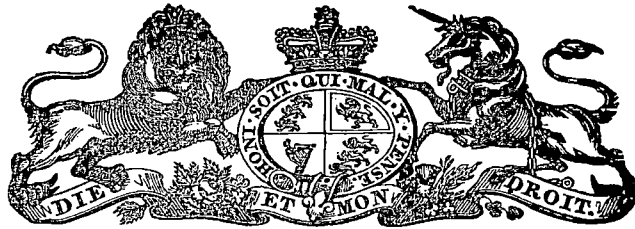


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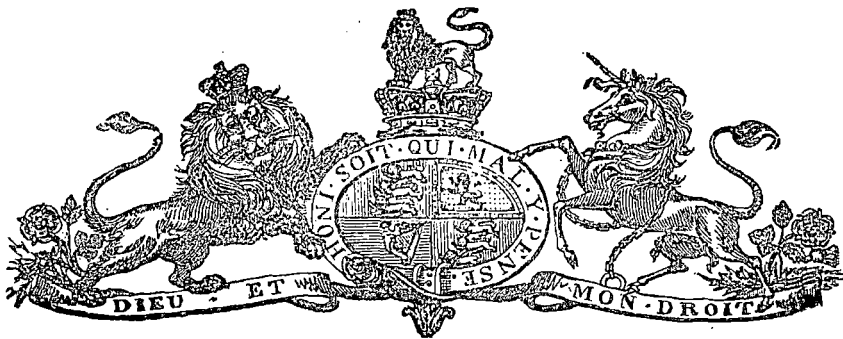
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

INVALID DEPÔT, LAUNCESTON :

REPORT FOR 1885.

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



INVALID DEPÔT, LAUNCESTON.

ANNUAL REPORT for 1885.

Invalid Depôt, Launceston, 15th February, 1886.

SIR,
I HAVE the honor to submit this my Annual Report for this Establishment for the year 1885:—

Admissions and Discharges.

The number of inmates remaining on the 1st January was.....	144
Admitted during the year	178
TOTAL.....	322
Discharges	142
Deaths	31
TOTAL.....	173
Remaining on the 31st December, 1885	149

Admissions.—The admissions were 14 more than the previous year. The daily average number of inmates was 150·2, of which 147·12 were chargeable to the Colonial Government, and 3·07 to Imperial Fund. The daily average for 1884 was 147·47.

Discharges.—12 were transferred to the General Hospital, 10 to the Police for breaches of the Regulations, 5 absconded, and 43 were discharged by approval of the Administrator of Charitable Grants.

Mortality.—The death rate was 9·627 per cent., as against 11·075 for 1884. The average age at death was 73·464, the maximum being 89, and the minimum 45. The united ages of 16 oldest who died was 1312, being an average of 82·0.

Ages.—The average age of inmates was 67·70, inclusive of 5 between twenty-six and fifty-one.

Civil Condition of Inmates.

Free by servitude.....	267
Arrived free	43
Natives of the Colony	12
TOTAL	322

Remaining on the 31st December.

Free by servitude.....	122
Arrived free	22
Natives of the Colony	5
TOTAL	149

Religion.—224 were Protestants, and 98 Roman Catholics; of those remaining on the 31st December, 118 were Protestants and 31 Roman Catholics.

Cost.—The gross expenditure for the year was £2294 0s. 7d., being an excess over estimates of £127 12s. 3d. The annual cost per head on gross expenditure was £15 5s. 5½d., and £14 19s. 0¼d. on the net expenditure. The cost for 1884 was £15 7s. 6½d., and £14 16s. 10¾d. respectively. This will bear favourable comparison with the Benevolent Society of Melbourne. There they had a daily average of 625, the cost of maintenance being £15 10s. 6d. per head per annum.

General Remarks.—The conduct of the inmates has been very satisfactory. The difficulty of obtaining suitable persons as Wardsmen from amongst the inmates still continues, very few of those remaining in the establishment being capable of performing light work.

I am pleased to be able to report that interest continues to be taken in the temporal and spiritual welfare of the inmates by those ladies and gentlemen referred to in my last Report. Thanks are due to Messrs. Walsh Brothers and Birchall and several gentlemen for the supply of newspapers and periodicals for the use of the inmates.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Honorable the Chief Secretary.

A. JONES, *Superintendent.*

RETURN showing Cost of the INVALID DEPOT, Launceston, for the Year 1885.

Daily Average—Colonial Government, 147·12; Imperial Government, 3·07.

HEAD OF EXPENDITURE.				CASH RECEIPTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
Salaries...	...			406	18	2	For maintenance of inmates	35	11	0
Contingencies—							Other sources	12	14	11
Provisions & medical comforts	1008	10	4				Balance, being Net Expenditure for year....	2245	14	8
Clothing, bedding, stores, and stationery.....	454	11	11							
Fuel, light, and water	225	18	7							
Washing.....	38	16	2							
Medical attendance and medicines.....	38	12	1							
Funerals, miscellaneous, and incidental expenses	87	10	0							
Repairs and alterations to buildings.....	33	3	4							
				1887	2	5				
				£2294	0	7				
								£2294	0	7

Annual cost per head on Gross Expenditure £ s. d. 15 5 5½
 Annual cost per head on Net Expenditure 14 19 0¼

DECENNIAL RETURN showing the Number of Persons remaining in the INVALID DEPOT, Launceston, on 1st January; Number received, discharged, and remaining on the 31st December of each year; Net Cost per head; and the Total Cost of Institution.

YEAR.	Remaining on 1st January.	Received during the Year.	TOTAL.	Discharged during the Year.	Died during Year.	TOTAL.	Remaining on 31st December.	Net Cost per Head.	Gross Cost of Establishment.
								£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1876	121	118	239	88	28	116	123	14 6 2½	1786 14 4
1877	123	137	260	108	32	140	120	13 18 7	1797 5 5
1878	120	132	252	110	28	138	114	12 9 10	1662 10 9
1879	114	185	299	134	32	166	133	13 9 7	1765 2 10
1880	133	176	309	152	20	172	137	13 6 0	1898 14 0
1881	137	151	288	118	33	151	137	12 6 6	1919 1 5
1882	137	172	309	124	52	176	133	12 3 0	1943 14 7
1883	133	174	307	136	28	164	143	13 15 9¼	1968 16 1
1884	143	164	307	129	34	163	144	14 16 11½	2286 3 1
1885	144	178	322	142	31	173	149	14 19 0¼	2294 0 7

RETURN showing the estimated probable Cost, and the actual Amount expended, for the Year 1885.

<i>Heads.</i>	<i>Per Estimate.</i>	<i>Actual Cost.</i>	<i>Increase.</i>	<i>Decrease.</i>
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries	409 8 4	406 18 2	...	2 10 2
Provisions	950 0 0	1008 10 4	58 10 4	
Stores, bedding, &c.	400 0 0	454 11 11	54 11 11	
Fuel, light, and water	210 0 0	225 18 7	15 18 7	
Washing	60 0 0	38 16 2	...	21 3 10
Medical attendance and medicines.....	37 0 0	38 12 1	1 12 1	
Funerals, miscellaneous, &c.	70 0 0	87 10 0	17 10 0	
Repairs, &c.	30 0 0	33 3 4	3 3 4	
	2166 8 4	2294 0 7	151 6 3	23 14 0

Estimated cost	£2166 8 4
Actual cost	2294 0 7
Excess of Estimate.....	<u>£127 12 3</u>

CONTRACT Prices for the supply of Provisions, Fuel, Funerals, &c. for 1884 and 1885.

<i>Articles.</i>	<i>Contract Prices.</i>			
	1884.		1885.	
	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Meat, January to 30th June, per 100 lbs.....	24	5½	25	9
Meat, 1st July to 31st December, per 100 lbs.....	32	6	27	6
Bread, 20 per cent., January to April, per 100 lbs.....	9	11	8	5
Ditto, May to December, per 100 lbs.	8	5	8	3
Bread, fine, January to April, per 100 lbs.	11	11	9	2½
Ditto, May to December, per 100 lbs.	9	2½	9	11
Potatoes, per cwt.....	6	0	8	0
Rice, per lb.	0	3¼	0	3
Oatmeal, per lb.	0	3	0	3
Barley, per lb.	0	3¼	0	3
Soap, per lb.	0	3¼	0	3¼
York Plains Coal, per ton	25	0	25	0
Carting, per ton	1	8		
Funerals and interments	45	0	45	0
Milk, per quart.....	0	3	0	3
Wood	18	0	18	0