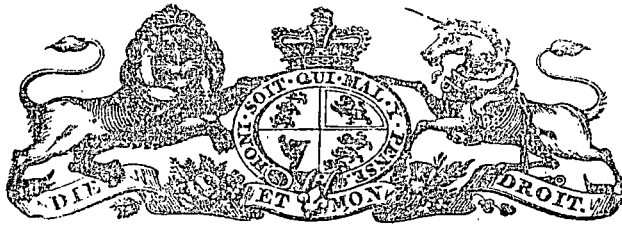


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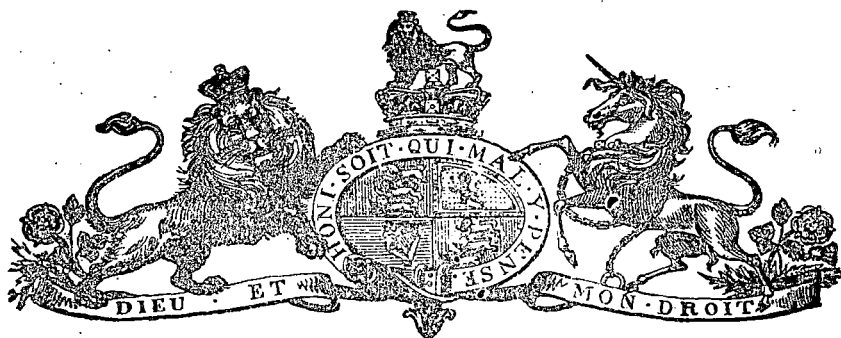
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

INVALID DEPÔT, LAUNCESTON :

REPORT FOR 1883.

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



INVALID DEPÔT, LAUNCESTON.

ANNUAL REPORT for 1883.

Invalid Depôt, Launceston, 28th January, 1884.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit this, my Annual Report for this Establishment for the year 1883 :—

Admissions and Discharges.

The number of inmates remaining on the 1st January was.....	133
Admitted during the year	174
TOTAL.....	307
Discharges	136
Deaths	28
TOTAL.....	164
Remaining on 31st December	143
TOTAL.....	307

Admissions.—The admissions were 2 in excess of the previous year. The daily average was 139·38, 134 being chargeable to Colonial Funds, and 5·38 to Imperial ditto. The daily average for 1882 was 140½.

Discharges.—Four were transferred to the General Hospital, 4 were dealt with under the provisions of 22 Vict. No. 23, and ordered to be removed to the Hospital for Insane, New Norfolk, 7 were convicted at the Police Office for breaches of the Regulations, 1 absconded, and 33 were discharged by approval of the Administrator of Charitable Grants before the period they were ordered to be detained, most of them having obtained suitable employment. In several cases they had to be re-admitted within a very short interval.

Mortality.—The death rate was 10·964 per cent., as against 16·825 for 1882. The average age at death was 72·42, the maximum being 98, and the minimum 59. The united ages of 14 who died was 1110, being an average of 79·28.

Ages.—The average age of inmates was 66·45, exclusive of 1 native under 20 years and 4 under 30.

Civil Conditions of Inmates.—Six natives, 30 free to Colony, 271 free by servitude. Remaining on 31st December—4 natives, 13 free to Colony, and 126 free by servitude.

Religion.—Protestants, 208; Roman Catholics, 99. Remaining on 31st December, 94 Protestants, and 49 Roman Catholics.

Cost.—The gross expenditure for the year was £1968 16s. 1d., being £111 12s. 3d. less than the amount provided for in the Estimates. By the annexed Return it will be observed that the estimated cost of stores, bedding, &c. was £130 8s. 8d. in excess of expenditure. This arose in consequence of the non-receipt of bedding, &c. ordered from England. The cost of provisions was £65 14s. 8d. in excess of the amount as per Estimate, the prices of meat and other articles having increased beyond expectation. I furnish contract prices for 1882 and 1883. The annual cost per head on gross expenditure was £14 2s. 6d., and on net £13 15s. 9½d.; for 1882 the cost was £13 17s. 5d. and £13 10s. 2½d. respectively. The cost of maintenance of inmates of this Institution will bear favourable comparison with a similar institution in Melbourne, where there were 623 inmates on the 31st ultimo.

General Remarks.—The conduct of the inmates has been very satisfactory. Great difficulty was experienced in procuring suitable Wardsmen, most of the inmates being physically incapable of performing the duties attached to those offices. Thanks are due to the ladies and gentlemen who have continued their interest in the welfare of the inmates in providing them with many little comforts; also to W. H. Westbrook, Esq., and those ladies and gentlemen who, during the winter, kindly provided vocal and musical entertainments for the inmates, which were thoroughly enjoyed by the latter. On each occasion of His Excellency visiting Launceston he has kindly supplied, at his own expense, a supply of tobacco to the old men.

Buildings.—The roofs of the Hospital dormitory, kitchen, mess-room, and Resident Overseer's quarters are in a very bad state of repair, and require re-covering. New window sashes are much needed in the dormitories. Great inconvenience arises for the want of additional mess-room accommodation.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

ALFRED JONES, *Superintendent.*

The Hon. the Chief Secretary, Hobart.

RETURN showing the estimated probable Cost and the actual Amount expended for the Year 1883.

HEADS.	PER ESTIMATE.	ACTUAL COST.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries	323 8 4	323 8 4
Provisions	950 0 0	1015 14 8	65 14 8	..
Stores, Bedding, &c.	400 0 0	269 11 4	..	130 8 8
Fuel and Light, Water	210 0 0	186 6 8	..	23 13 4
Washing	60 0 0	50 18 7	..	9 1 5
Medical Attendance	37 0 0	36 10 0	..	0 10 0
Funerals, Miscellaneous, &c. .	50 0 0	59 11 5	9 11 5	..
Repairs, &c.	50 0 0	26 15 1	..	23 4 11
TOTALS..... £	2080 8 4	1968 16 1	75 6 1	186 18 4

Estimated cost..... £2080 8 4
 Actual ditto 1968 16 1
 Balance to credit of Establishment..... £111 12 3

CONTRACT Prices for the supply of Provisions, Fuel, Funerals, &c. for 1882 and 1883.

ARTICLES.	CONTRACT PRICES.	
	1882.	1883.
Meat—January to 30th June.....	16/8	18/2½
Ditto—1st July to 31st December	27/1	32/9½
Bread, 20 per cent.	10/-	9/11
Potatoes, per cwt.	4/-	4/-
Rice, per lb.	3d.	3d.
Oatmeal, per lb.	2½d.	3d.
Barley, per lb.	3d.	3d.
Soap, per lb.....	2½d.	2½d.
York Plains Coal, per ton	25/-	25/-
Wood	10/6	16/-
Funerals and Interments	32/-	40/-
Milk, per quart	4d.	2½d.

RETURN showing Cost of the INVALID DEPÔT, Launceston, during the Year 1883.

Daily Average.—Colonial Government, 134, Imperial Government, 5·38.

HEAD OF EXPENDITURE.					CASH RECEIPTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS.				
	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	
Salaries				323 8 4	For maintenance of inmates				46 16 6
<i>Contingencies—</i>					Balance, being net Expenditure				
Provisions and medical comforts	1015	14	8		for year.....	...	1921	19	7
Clothing, bedding, stores, and stationery	269	11	4						
Fuel, light, and water.....	186	6	8						
Washing	50	18	7						
Medical attendance & medicines	36	10	0						
Funerals, miscellaneous, and incidental expenses	59	11	5						
Repairs and alterations to buildings	26	15	1						
				1645 7 9					
				£1968 16 1					£1968 16 1

Annual cost per head on Gross expenditure £ s. d. 14 2 6
 Annual cost per head on Net expenditure 13 15 9½

DECENNIAL RETURN showing the number of Persons remaining in the INVALID DEPÔT, 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 Year.	TOTAL.	Discharged during Year.	Died during Year.	TOTAL.	Remaining on 31st December.	Net Cost per Head.	Gross Cost of Establishment.
								£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1874	131	135	266	109	31	140	126	11 8 1	1471 4 1
1875	126	114	240	95	24	119	121	11 3 7½	1484 18 7
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 9½	1968 16 1

A. JONES, Superintendent.

WILLIAM THOMAS STRUTT,
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