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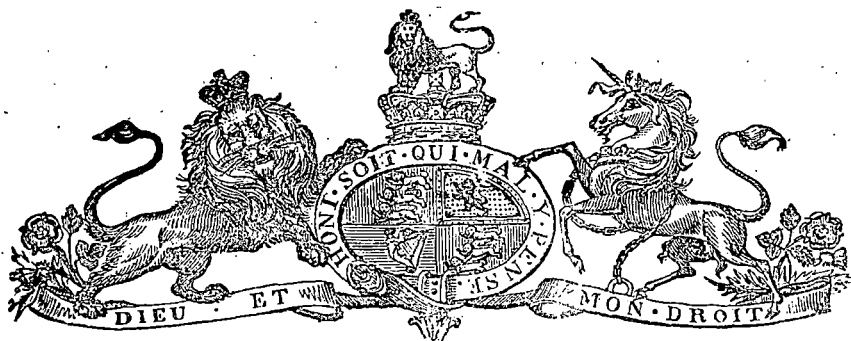
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

ESTABLISHMENT AT PORT ARTHUR.

REPORT FOR 1873.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Chapman, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
July 21, 1874.



Civil Commandant's Office, Port Arthur, 1st March, 1874.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith Returns Nos. 1 and 2, showing the actual cost of maintenance of Convicts, Paupers, Hospital Patients, and Lunatics, for the year ending 31st December, 1873.

It will be seen on reference to my estimates for 1873 that the cost of the various classes was as under :—

	£	s.	d.
Convicts	22	11	4
Paupers	16	10	2
Hospital Patients.....	18	1	6
Lunatics	23	3	0

The actual cost was :—

Convicts	24	19	7
Paupers	16	8	11
Hospital Patients	17	1	6
Lunatics	21	11	8

When the estimate for 1873 was prepared, the meat was calculated at 20s. per 100 lbs., whereas the actual cost of meat for the year amounted to 3½d. or nearly 3¾d. per lb.

The other classes are under the estimate.

The causes necessitating the increase in the cost of a convict are—

- 1st. The increased price of meat.
- 2nd. My inability to send to Town 6 bales of wool in time for the December sales; and
- 3rd. Credit not given for £41 3s. 10d. paid into the Treasury in January for supplies paid for by Stipendiaries in December last.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. H. BOYD, *Civil Commandant.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

Civil Commandant's Office, Port Arthur, 18th March, 1874.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit my Report for the year ending 31st December, 1873.

It will be seen on reference to the accompanying Return, marked A 1, that the total cost of the Establishment for the year 1873 amounted to £10,714.

Return A 2 shows the division under the various headings of expense, net cost per class, and net cost per inmate.

When the estimate was prepared the calculations were made for an average strength of 525 men of all classes. During the year the average strength was 483 men,—thus slightly increasing the cost of an effective prisoner.

The amount due by Imperial Government for maintenance of convicts, paupers, and lunatics is £7198 3s. 4d.,—leaving a balance of £3515 16s. 8d. to be paid by the Colony for the maintenance of about 230 Colonial convicts, or £15 5s. 6d. per head; but, by further deducting the value of six

bales of wool in store, £60, and £41 3s. 10d. paid into the Treasury for December, 1873, not credited, the cost of an effective prisoner, both Imperial and Colonial, is decreased by about 8s. per head,—thus leaving the actual cost of a Colonial prisoner at £14 17s. 6d.

CONDUCT OF PRISONERS.

The conduct of the prisoners as a body has been satisfactory. The number punished magisterially was 75, out of an aggregate strength of 339. The increase, as compared with 1872, will be found in minor offences.—*Vide* Return marked B.

Return marked C shows the labour classes of the prisoners on the 31st December, 1873, as compared with the classes on the 31st December, 1872.

EMPLOYMENT OF PRISONERS.

During the year the able-bodied prisoners have been principally employed in the manufacture of boots and shoes for this Establishment, and the Departments in Hobart Town, Launceston, and New Norfolk; in procuring firewood, logs for the saw-mill, palings, posts, rails, shingles; tanning leather, wool-washing, and in raising vegetables in aid of rations, &c.—*Vide* Return marked D.

The estimated value at contract prices of all agricultural, dairy, and other produce raised during the year, including the amount paid for labour, &c. by stipendiaries, amounts to £2306 1s. 1d.—*Vide* Return E.

The estimated value of timber sawn and split, bricks, firewood, charcoal, shingles, &c. amounts to the sum of £1789 14s. 6d.—*Vide* Return F.

The estimated value of all articles of clothing, &c. made and repaired (the value being charged at prison rates), repairs to buildings, tinsmith, blacksmith, and carpenter's work, clothing and bedding washed, &c. amounts to £1149 8s. 3d.—*Vide* Return G.

DEATHS.

Return H, annexed, shows the number of effective convicts, invalids, paupers, and lunatics who have died during the year, and rate per cent.

ESCAPES.

During the year only one prisoner, named John Smith, absconded from the Settlement; and, as that was through the neglect of the senior constable, his services were dispensed with. Smith was apprehended at Wedge Bay, after having been illegally at large for a period of 12 days.

CONDUCT OF OFFICERS.

I have much pleasure in acknowledging the cordial support I have received from both officers and constables, which has enabled me to maintain thoroughly the discipline of the Establishment.

The strength of the staff will be seen on reference to Return I.

BUILDINGS.

The public offices, station officers' quarters, and about three-fourths of the penitentiary have been re-shingled, and certain alterations effected at the Pauper Dépôt.

A new sheep-dip has been erected at Salt-water River, as per plan furnished by the Chief Inspector. Many slight repairs have been effected to the buildings and officers' quarters.

SOAP.

The manufacture of soap from the refuse fat has been continued during the year, the value of which amounts to £77 12s.

VISITORS.

His Excellency the Governor visited and inspected all parts of the Establishment on the 27th of March, and was pleased to leave a record of his visit,—a copy of which I annex, with the entries made by other visitors during the year, amongst which will be found the names of the former and present members of the Government, who made an official inspection of the Establishment.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. H. BOYD, *Civil Commandant.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

A.

RETURN showing the Value of Labour and Materials supplied to Public Departments during the Year 1873.

DEPARTMENT.	DESCRIPTION.	AMOUNT.		
		£	s.	d.
Public Works	Timber, &c.	116	1	4½
Colonial Storekeeper.....	Clothing, Provisions, &c.	60	12	0
Queen's Asylum	Boots, &c.	242	5	4½
Gaol, Hobart Town	Stores and Clothing	12	19	6
Hospital, New Norfolk.....	Boots, &c.	99	0	10
Establishments, Cascades.....	Timber, Clothing, &c.	39	9	1
Invalid Depôt, Brickfields	Clothing, Boots, &c.	60	9	1
Gaol, Launceston	Boots, &c.	26	15	10
Invalid Depôt, Launceston	Boots, &c.	67	1	8
Hospital, Launceston	Slippers	2	10	0
New Cemetery, Hobart Town.....	Timber	3	5	8
Government Printing Office	Sheep Skins, &c.	1	11	8
Master Gunner, Hobart Town.....	Slippers	0	7	0
General Hospital, Hobart Town.....	Slippers	2	10	0
Derwent Rowing Club.....	Timber, &c.	16	1	9
	—	£751	0	10

A. H. BOYD, *Civil Commandant.*

PARTICULARS of Expense.

	£	s.	d.
Grazing	5	17	11
Paid Messrs. Lester and Chatfield	3	0	0
Grazing	8	11	1
W. Harrison, Esquire, Expenses	7	7	6
Driving.....	0	15	4
Driving.....	6	0	0
Driving.....	11	0	0
Grazing	4	10	0
Grazing	4	15	6
Proportion of Commission	10	16	0
TOTAL.....	£62	13	4

A. H. BOYD, *Civil Commandant.*

STATEMENT showing the Cost of 144 head of Cattle purchased by the Government for this Establishment, and Expenses attending the same (as per Memorandum attached) during the Year, as also Cost per pound.

No. of Head.	Meat.	Suet.	Tripe.	Total.	Cost.	Expenses.	Total.
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
144	62,229 ^s	792	1031	64,052 ^s	961 11 0	62 13 4	1024 4 4 or 3½ ^s d. per lb.

Mr. Lord's contract was 3½^sd. per lb.

A. H. BOYD, *Civil Commandant.*

STATEMENT of Miscellaneous Payments made on account of the Penal Establishment, PORT ARTHUR, during the Year 1873.

	£	s.	d.
Bran	51	8	7
Tobacco (sheep-wash)	6	19	6
Potatoes, Seed	33	11	5
Seeds	1	11	0
Oats	25	16	2
Hay and Straw	11	0	8
Live Stock	61	3	8
Stationery	53	11	0
Rent of Mount Augustus.....	15	0	0
TOTAL.....	£260	2	0

A. H. BOYD, *Civil Commandant.*

A 1.

EXPENDITURE RETURN FOR 1873.—No. 1.

RETURN showing the various Heads of Expense incurred in maintaining the PENAL, PAUPER, and LUNATIC ESTABLISHMENTS at PORT ARTHUR; the actual Value of Agricultural and Dairy Produce raised and applied in aid of Rations; Amount paid by Stipendiaries and others for Labour, &c. supplied to them; and the Average Daily Number of the several Classes of Inmates, for the Year ending 31st December, 1873.

HEADS OF EXPENSE.	SALARIES AND MONEY ALLOWANCES.			RATIONS, STORES, MEDICINES, &c.						Amount of Produce raised and applied in aid of Rations, also Labour, &c. supplied to Stipendiaries and others and paid for.		GRAND TOTAL.
	Salaries.	Miscellaneous.	TOTAL.	Rations.	Clothing, Bedding, and Dry Stores.	Light.	Medicines.	Purchased during the Year.	TOTAL.	Value of Produce raised and applied in aid of Rations.	Amount received for Labour, Timber, and other Produce.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Br.												
Cost of Supervision of Convicts under detention.....	3071 17 2	—	3071 17 2	573 2 7	—	—	—	—	573 2 7	—	—	3644 19 9
Ditto of Paupers	128 15 6	—	128 15 6	36 14 0	—	—	—	—	36 14 0	—	—	165 9 6
Medical Branch, including Lunatics	927 1 0	—	927 1 0	179 9 7	—	—	—	—	179 9 7	—	—	1106 10 7
Religious and Scholastic Instruction	480 2 0	—	480 2 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	480 2 0
Salaries to Clerks and Storekeepers	252 5 6	—	252 5 6	10 9 2	—	—	—	—	10 9 2	—	—	262 14 8
Signalman, Telegraph Department.....	63 17 6	—	63 17 6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	63 17 6
Pay to Paupers	100 0 0	—	100 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	100 0 0
Clock Repairer, Keeper Government Cottage, and Dairy Woman	15 13 8	—	15 13 8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15 13 8
Paid Mechanic, Turner, and Tanner	181 11 0	—	181 11 0	10 9 2	—	—	—	—	10 9 2	—	—	192 0 2
Transport per Schooner	276 17 6	—	276 17 6	63 9 5	—	—	—	—	63 9 5	—	—	340 6 11
Rations to Prisoners, Paupers, Hospital Patients, and Lunatics	—	—	—	3907 15 5	—	—	—	—	3907 15 5	—	—	3907 15 5
Medical Comforts	—	—	—	540 2 1	—	—	—	—	540 2 1	—	—	540 2 1
Clothing, Bedding, and Dry Stores	—	—	—	—	1421 12 7	—	—	—	1421 12 7	—	—	1421 12 7
Light	—	—	—	—	—	237 3 3	—	—	237 3 3	—	—	237 3 3
Medicines and Surgical Instruments	—	—	—	—	—	—	97 1 2	—	97 1 2	—	—	97 1 2
Rations to Watch and Cattle Dogs	—	—	—	121 3 5	—	—	—	—	121 3 5	—	—	121 3 5
Convict Earnings	—	229 14 3	229 14 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	229 14 3
Miscellaneous Cash Purchases.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	191 11 0	191 11 0	—	—	191 11 0
Stationery	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	53 11 0	53 11 0	—	—	53 11 0
Rent of Mount Augustus.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15 0 0	15 0 0	—	—	15 0 0
TOTAL.....	5498 0 10	229 14 3	5727 15 1	5442 14 10	1421 12 7	237 3 3	97 1 2	260 2 0	7458 13 10	—	—	13,186 8 11
Cr.												
By Amount received from Stipendiaries for Labour and Materials supplied	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32 17 6	
Ditto for Produce sold and paid into Treasury	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	508 4 10	
Value of Produce raised and applied in aid of Rations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	747 8 3	—	
Value of Labour and Materials supplied to Public Departments, as per List A.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	751 0 10	
Sale of Wool	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	432 17 6	
AVERAGE Daily Number of each Class of Inmates during the Year 1873 :—										747 8 3	1725 0 8	2472 8 11
Under Detention	Effectives	Not in Hospital....	224	205		124		483		—	—	10,714 0 0
		In Hospital	12									
	Invalids	Not in Hospital....	20									
		In Hospital	9									
Not under Detention .	Paupers	Not in Hospital....	82	94		483		483				
		In Hospital	42									
	Lunatics.....		—									

A. H. BOYD, Civil Commandant.

A 2.

No. 2.

RETURN showing the Number of Convicts under detention, Paupers in and out of Hospital, and Lunatics, with the Cost of their Maintenance from 1st January to 31st December, 1873.

	Convicts.	Paupers.	Hospital Patients.	Lunatics.	TOTAL.
Average daily Number of each Class of Inmates	265	82	42	94	483.
Cost of Superintendence of Convicts under detention	£ s. d. 3644 19 9	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d. 3644 19 9
Cost of Superintendence of Paupers .....	.. ..	165 9 6	.. ..	.. ..	165 9 6
Medical Branch, including Lunatics	268 14 2	61 0 3	31 5 0	745 11 2	1106 10 7
Religious and scholastic instruction	263 8 2	81 10 2	41 14 11	98 8 9	480 2 0
Salaries to Clerks and Storekeepers	144 3 0	44 12 1	22 16 11	51 2 8	262 14 8
Telegraph Department	63 17 6	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	63 17 6
Pay for Paupers employed in replacing effective convict labour	42 17 0	57 3 0	.. ..	.. ..	100 0 0
Allowances to Clock Repairer, Keeper of Government Cottage, and Dairy Woman	8 12 1	2 13 3	1 7 3	3 1 1	15 13 8
Allowances to paid Mechanic, Turner and Tanner	105 6 11	32 12 0	16 13 11	37 7 4	192 0 2
Transport per schooner	186 14 8	57 15 7	29 11 11	66 4 9	340 6 11
Rations to Prisoners, Paupers, Hospital Patients and Lunatics	2672 12 3	543 5 11	208 18 2	482 19 1	3907 15 5
Medical comforts	125 12 7	.. ..	207 8 3	207 1 3	540 2 1
Clothing, bedding, and dry stores	779 19 8	241 7 1	123 12 5	276 13 5	1421 12 7
Light	130 2 5	40 5 3	20 12 6	46 3 1	237 3 3
Medicines and surgical instruments	53 5 0	16 9 7	8 8 10	18 17 9	97 1 2
Rations to watch and cattle dogs	121 3 5	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	121 3 5
Miscellaneous payments for stores, stationery, and rent of Mount Augustus	235 18 7	9 1 10	4 13 2	10 8 5	260 2 0
Convict earnings	229 14 3	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	229 14 3
TOTAL	9077 1 5	1353 5 6	717 3 3	2038 18 9	13,186 8 11
Deduct payments for labor, materials, and produce supplied	2457 14 11	4 14 0	.. ..	10 0 0	2472 8 11
Net Cost per Class	6619 6 6	1348 11 6	717 3 3	2028 18 9	10,714 0 0
Net Cost per Inmate	24 19 7	16 8 11	17 1 6	21 11 8	..

ESTIMATED Cost for 1873.

	£ s. d.
Convicts	22 11 4
Paupers	16 10 2
Hospital Patients	18 1 6
Lunatics	23 3 0

ACTUAL Cost for 1873.

	£ s. d.
Convicts	24 19 7
Paupers	16 8 11
Hospital Patients	17 1 6
Lunatics	21 11 8

A. H. BOYD, Civil Commandant.

B.

RETURN showing the Number of Prisoners under detention at PORT ARTHUR, and their Conduct during the Year ending the 31st December, 1873.

Number of Prisoners at Penal Establishment, Port Arthur, during the Year 1873... 339

OFFENCES.	PUNISHMENTS.										TOTAL.
	5 years' hard labour.	6 months' hard labour.	4 months' hard labour.	3 months' hard labour.	2 months' hard labour.	1 month's hard labour.	1 month and above 14 days' solitary confinement.	14 days and above 7 days' solitary confinement.	7 days and under solitary confinement.	Reprimanded.	
Common Assault	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	3
Escaping*	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Absconding †	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Wilful destruction of Government Property*	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	2
Disobedience of Orders.....	—	1	—	3	2	—	—	1	6	—	13
Idleness	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
Drunkenness	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Insolence	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	3	2	—	7
Misconduct and other breaches of discipline*	—	4	3	12	2	7	—	5	9	3	45
	1	5	3	18	5	9	1	10	20	3	75

15 of the number for the offences marked * were ordered to be kept in the Separate Prison for periods varying from 3 to 12 months.

† Escaped in 1871.

C.

RETURN showing the Labour Classes of the Prisoners on the 31st December, 1872 and 1873 respectively.

Date.	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	4th Class, Invalids and Lunatics.	TOTAL.
31st December, 1872	153	70	47	40	310
31st December, 1873	96	41	24	34	195

D.

RETURN showing the various descriptions of Labour at which the Prisoners have been employed during the Year ending 31st December, 1873.

Attendants on sick.	Gardeners.	Shinglers.
Bakers.	Herdsmen.	Shoemakers.
Blacksmiths.	Harness maker and repairer.	Soapmaker.
Bark-procurers.	Labourers, agricultural.	Splitters.
Bark-cutters.	Labourers, general.	Stokers.
Bookbinder.	Limeburners.	Strikers to blacksmiths.
Brickmakers.	Laundrymen.	Sweep.
Bricklayers.	Lamplighter.	Scavengers.
Butcher.	Lime shell gatherers.	Signalmen.
Barbers.	Land clearers.	Semaphore repairers.
Bullock-drivers.	Masons and stone cutters.	Tanners and curriers.
Boatmen.	Moulders and foundrymen.	Tool repairers.
Carpenters.	Mat makers.	Tailors.
Cooks.	Oakum pickers.	Tin-plate workers.
Charcoal burners.	Plumbers, painters, and glaziers.	Tramroad layers and repairers.
Cemetery keeper	Plasterers.	Vycemen.
Carters.	Ploughmen.	Writers.
Dairymen.	Procurers of firewood.	Watchmen assisting police.
Drovers.	Procurers of logs and spars.	Wardsmen and station cleaners.
Engine driver.	Saddlers.	Wool and water carriers.
Fitters and locksmiths.	Sawyers and saw-mill men.	Wool washers.
Fencers.	Servants.	Wharf and jetty repairers.

E.

RETURN showing the Quantity and estimated Value at Contract and other Rates of Agricultural, Dairy, and other Produce raised during the Year ending 31st December, 1873, with the Amount paid for Labour by Stipendiaries.

<i>Produce.</i>	<i>Quantity.</i>	<i>Price.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
			£ s. d.
Wheat, lbs. - - - - -	1458	5s. per bushel	6 1 6
Barley, lbs. - - - - -	232	3s. 3d. ditto	0 15 1
Hay, lbs. - - - - -	58,073	£4 per ton	103 14 0
Straw, lbs. - - - - -	3700	£2 ditto	3 6 1
Green fodder, lbs. - - - - -	137,623	£1 ditto	61 8 9
Mangold wurtzel, lbs. - - - - -	98,470	30s. ditto	65 18 9
Grass, hay, lbs. - - - - -	15,500	£1 ditto	6 18 4
Italian rye, hay, lbs. - - - - -	14,000	£1 ditto	6 5 0
Lucerne, ditto, lbs. - - - - -	6510	£1 ditto	2 18 1
Potatoes, for rations, lbs. - - - - -	73,437	84s. ditto	185 16 10
Other vegetables, ditto, lbs. - - - - -	25,679	84s. ditto	
Potatoes for feeding stock, lbs. - - - - -	26,220	42s. ditto	
Other vegetables, ditto, lbs. - - - - -	10,981	42s. ditto	34 17 6
Peas, field, lbs. - - - - -	4294	3s. 6d. per bushel	12 10 6
Peas, white, lbs. - - - - -	1636	3s. 6d. ditto	4 15 5
Beans, broad, lbs. - - - - -	190	3s. 6d. ditto	0 11 1
Beef, lbs. - - - - -	18,627 ⁴	3½d. per lb.	285 12 4
Veal, lbs. - - - - -	872	3½d. ditto	13 7 5
Lamb, lbs. - - - - -	2555 ¹²	3½d. ditto	39 3 9
Pork, fresh, lbs. - - - - -	692 ⁴	4d. ditto	11 10 9
Pork, salt, lbs. - - - - -	2454 ⁴	5d. ditto	51 2 7
Bacon, lbs. - - - - -	592	9d. ditto	22 4 0
Sucking pigs, No. - - - - -	12	4s. each	2 8 0
Lard, lbs. - - - - -	129 ⁸	1s. per lb.	6 9 6
Tripe, lbs. - - - - -	1286	3½d. ditto	19 14 4
Suet, lbs. - - - - -	1398 ⁴	3½d. ditto	21 8 9
Fish, lbs. - - - - -	4245	1½d. ditto	29 3 9
Butter, lbs. - - - - -	1080	9½d. ditto	44 11 0
Milk, pints - - - - -	20,582	2d. per pint	171 10 4
Eggs, No. - - - - -	2801	1d. each	11 13 5
Fowls, No. - - - - -	17	2s. ditto	1 14 0
Cheese, lbs. - - - - -	2297 ⁸	7d. per lb.	67 0 2
Soap, lbs. - - - - -	6208	3d. ditto	77 12 0
Labour paid for by Stipendiaries - - - - -	—	—	32 5 3
Leather { Kip, lbs. - - - - -	1925	2s. per lb.	192 10 0
Leather { Sole - - - - -	2134	1s. ditto	106 14 0
Leather { Calf - - - - -	66	3s. 6d. ditto	11 11 0
Leather { Harness - - - - -	66	1s. 6d. ditto	4 19 0
Leather { Kangaroo - - - - -	18	3s. 6d. ditto	3 3 0
Sheep-skins, dressed, No. - - - - -	1138	10d. each	47 8 4
Calves, No. - - - - -	19	15s. ditto	14 5 0
Lambs, No. - - - - -	275	6s. ditto	82 10 0
Pigs, No. - - - - -	23	5s. ditto	5 15 0
Wool, lbs. - - - - -	6918	—	432 17 6
			£2306 1 1

F.

RETURN showing the Quantity of Timber, sawn or split, Bricks made, and other Materials, Fuel, &c. procured during the Year ending 31st December, 1873, with the Value of the same at Departmental and Prison Rates.

Articles.	Quantity.	Price.	Amount.		
			£	s.	d.
Battens, feet	13,901	6s. 6d. per 100 feet	45	3	6½
Boards, feet	18,186	7s. 6d. ditto	68	3	11½
Boards, coffin, feet	2783	7s. 6d. ditto	10	8	8½
Planks, feet	1509	6s. ditto	4	10	6½
Beams and other large timber, feet	8407	6s. ditto	25	4	5
Posts, sawn, feet	11,398	6s. ditto	34	3	10½
Joists, feet	13,558	6s. ditto	40	13	5½
Arris rails, feet	6589	7s. ditto	23	1	2½
Quartering, feet	11,887	6s. ditto	35	13	2½
Boards, lightwood, feet	408	7s. 6d. ditto	1	10	7½
Planks, ditto, feet	656	6s. ditto	1	19	4½
Joists, ditto, feet	93	6s. ditto	0	5	7
Quartering, ditto, feet	560	6s. ditto	1	13	7½
Shingles, No.	231,613	9s. per 1000	104	4	6
Palings, 6 feet long, No.	310	6s. per 100	0	18	7½
Ditto, 2 feet long, No.	1800	2s. ditto	1	16	0
Posts, split, No.	363	20s. ditto	3	12	7½
Rails, split, No.	476	20s. ditto	4	15	2½
{ 26 feet long, 12 inches through, No.	4	7s. each	1	8	0
{ 9 feet long, 12 inches through, No.	18	2s. ditto	1	16	0
{ 6 feet long, 12 inches through, No.	24	1s. 4d. ditto	1	12	0
Firewood for the Establishment, tons	4827	5s. per ton	1206	15	0
Charcoal, bushels	2350	9d. per bushel	88	2	6
Lime, shell, bushels	1100	1s. ditto	55	0	0
Coffins, No.	23	4s. each	4	12	0
Bricks, No.	15,000	30s. per 1000	22	10	0
			£1789	14	6½

G.

RETURN showing the Number and Description of all Articles of Convict Clothing and other Stores made or repaired during the Year ending 31st December, 1873, with the Value of such work at Prison Rates, the Quantity of Washing performed for the Prisoners, Repairs of Buildings, &c.

Articles.	Quantity.	Price.	Amount.		
			£	s.	d.
Boots, men's, pairs	1384	3s. 9d. per pair	259	10	0
Boots, boys', pairs	426	3s. ditto	63	18	0
Boots, girls', pairs	338	3s. ditto	50	14	0
Shoes, men's, pairs	150	3s. ditto	22	10	0
Shoes, women's, pairs	180	3s. ditto	27	0	0
Slippers, brown leather, pairs	184	1s. ditto	9	4	0
Boots, men's, repaired, pairs	133	2s. 6d. ditto	16	12	6
Uniform { Jumpers for Constabulary, No.	60	1s. 6d. each	4	10	0
{ Trousers, ditto, pairs	68	1s. 6d. ditto	5	2	0
Jackets, grey, No.	187	1s. 6d. ditto	14	0	6
Trousers, grey, pairs	42	1s. 6d. ditto	3	3	0
Waistcoats, grey, No.	128	9d. ditto	4	16	0
Shirts, flannel, No.	142	1s. ditto	7	2	0
Drawers, flannel, No.	29	1s. ditto	1	9	0
Shrouds, calico, No.	22	1s. ditto	1	2	0
Leggings, leather, pairs	5	1s. per pair	0	5	0
Slippers, cloth, pairs	28	8d. ditto	0	18	8
Mats, grass, No.	29	1s. each	1	9	0
Ration bags, No.	188	2d. ditto	1	11	4
Napkins, diaper, No.	12	1d. ditto	0	1	0
Pillow cases, linen, No.	21	2d. ditto	0	3	6
Towels, diaper, No.	19	1d. ditto	0	1	7
Caps, blue cloth, No.	255	3d. ditto	3	3	9
Frocks, blanket, No.	113	9d. ditto	4	4	9
Braces, cloth, pairs	19	4d. ditto	0	6	4

Articles.	Quantity.	Price.	Amount.
			£ s. d.
Pads for irons, pairs	18	6d. each	0 9 0
Table cloths, diaper, No.	3	9d. ditto	0 2 3
Saddle cloths, No.	8	3s. ditto	1 4 0
Sheets, No.	4	9d. ditto	0 3 0
Shirts, cotton, repaired, No.	391	6d. ditto	9 15 6
Shirts, flannel, ditto, No.	385	6d. ditto	9 12 6
Drawers, flannel, ditto, No.	220	6d. ditto	5 10 0
Flags, ditto, No.	9	1s. ditto	0 9 0
Hammocks, ditto, No.	17	6d. ditto	0 8 6
Blankets, ditto, No.	674	6d. ditto	16 17 0
Trusses, ditto, No.	3	8d. ditto	0 2 0
Stockings, worsted, ditto, pairs	30	3d. ditto	0 7 6
Rugs, ditto, No.	86	4d. ditto	1 8 8
Socks, cotton, ditto, pairs	90	1d. ditto	0 7 6
Saddle cloths, ditto, No.	3	1s. ditto	0 3 0
Axes for waggons, made, No.	6	4s. ditto	1 4 0
Bolts and nuts, No.	160	2d. ditto	1 6 8
Bars, crow, No.	1	1s. ditto	0 1 0
Brasses for waggons, &c. No.	60	8s. ditto	24 0 0
Pedestals for waggons, No.	36	10s. ditto	18 0 0
Rollers for turn-tables, No.	39	4s. ditto	7 16 0
Chairs for turn-tables, No.	33	1s. 6d. ditto	2 9 6
Hooks, S, No.	58	½d. ditto	0 2 5
Hooks, large, No.	6	1d. ditto	0 0 6
Hinges, pairs	3	2s. per pair	0 6 0
Knives, chaff, No.	2	1s. 6d. each	0 3 0
Knives, butchers', No.	4	6d. ditto	0 2 0
Mauls, iron, No.	5	1s. ditto	0 5 0
Nails, chair, No.	1400	½d. ditto	1 9 2
Picks, miners', No.	13	1s. ditto	0 13 0
Shoes, horse, No.	460	3d. ditto	5 15 0
Standards for waggons, No.	22	2s. 6d. ditto	2 15 0
Tires, wheel, No.	2	10s. ditto	1 0 0
Rings, iron, No.	26	3d. ditto	0 6 6
Piston-rod for engine	1	60s. ditto	3 0 0
Rivets, copper, No.	344	½d. ditto	0 7 2
Wrenches, No.	2	2s. ditto	0 4 0
Wedges, iron, No.	177	3d. ditto	2 4 3
Waggon, tip	1	50s. ditto	2 10 0
Waggons, railroad, No.	9	120s. ditto	54 0 0
Wheels, waggon, No.	36	10s. ditto	18 0 0
Wheels, truck, No.	5	5s. ditto	1 5 0
Beams for tannery, No.	1	20s. ditto	1 0 0
Barrows, ration, No.	1	6s. ditto	0 6 0
Barrows, hand, No.	1	3s. ditto	0 3 0
Barrows, wheel, No.	2	6s. ditto	0 12 0
Doors, ledge, No.	2	15s. ditto	1 10 0
Gates, No.	19	8s. ditto	7 12 0
Handles, axe, No.	28	2d. ditto	0 4 8
Handles, pick-axe, No.	30	2d. ditto	0 5 0
Ladders, No.	2	4s. ditto	0 8 0
Posts, mile, No.	12	2s. ditto	1 4 0
Patterns, No.	5	4s. ditto	1 0 0
Stools, night, No.	4	5s. ditto	1 0 0
Semaphores, No.	2	120s. ditto	12 0 0
Sledge for quarry, No.	1	5s. ditto	0 5 0
Shelves, No.	25	1s. ditto	1 5 0
Steps, Hospital, No.	8	1s. ditto	0 8 0
Trestles, bricklayers', No.	4	2s. ditto	0 8 0
Troughs, pig, No.	10	2s. 6d. ditto	1 5 0
Yokes, bullock, No.	12	2s. 6d. ditto	1 10 0
Buckets, No.	13	2s. 6d. ditto	1 12 6
Tubs, urine, No.	26	3s. 6d. ditto	4 11 0
Tubs, butter, No.	8	3s. 6d. ditto	1 8 0
Belts, mill, No.	2	40s. ditto	4 0 0
Sheep-dip, Salt Water River	1	£10 ditto	10 0 0
New hut, coal mines	1	£10 ditto	10 0 0
Hut, East Bay Neck	1	£5 ditto	5 0 0
Hut, and fitting weigh-bridge, wood-yard	1	30s. ditto	1 10 0
Division of cook and bake-house	—	60s. ditto	3 0 0
Steaming apparatus, settlement farm	1	£10 ditto	10 0 0
Brass taps and couplings for ditto	8	7s. 6d. ditto	3 0 0
Windlass for coal-miners	1	10s. ditto	0 10 0
Wool-washing machine	1	50s. ditto	2 10 0
Pig-shed, settlement farm	1	48s. ditto	2 8 0
Pumps	2	15s. ditto	1 10 0
Shingling Civil Commandant's Office, Penitentiary, and Officers' Quarters	—	£20	20 0 0

Articles.	Quantity.	Price.	Amount.		
			£	s.	d.
Axletrees, repaired, No.	2	1s. each	0	2	0
Axes, felling, ditto, No.	16	4d. ditto	0	5	4
Barrows, wheel, ditto, No.	4	1s. ditto	0	4	0
Boats, schooner, ditto, No.	1	30s. each	1	10	0
Boats, Settlement, ditto, No.	2	20s. ditto	2	0	0
Buckets, water, ditto, No.	16	6d. ditto	0	8	0
Carts, chaise, ditto, No.	4	6s. ditto	1	4	0
Carts, horse, ditto, No.	2	8s. ditto	0	16	0
Chains, bullock, ditto, No.	18	6d. ditto	0	9	0
Casks, manure, ditto, No.	2	2s. ditto	0	4	0
Doors, cell, Penitentiary, ditto, No.	5	2s. ditto	0	10	0
Flooring, ditto, ditto	—	20s. ditto	1	0	0
Engine at saw-mill, ditto	—	£12	12	0	0
Ploughs, ditto, No.	2	2s. each	0	4	0
Pumps, ditto, No.	4	2s. 6d. ditto	0	10	0
Drays, bullock, ditto, No.	3	8s. ditto	1	4	0
Shares, plough, ditto, No.	4	6d. ditto	0	2	0
Tires, wheel, cut and shut, ditto, No.	6	1s. ditto	0	6	0
Tubs, urine, ditto, No.	12	1s. ditto	0	12	0
Tools for tinsman and mechanics, ditto, No.	—	20s. ditto	1	0	0
Wedges, ditto, No.	120	1d. ditto	0	10	0
Windows glazed, No.	274	1d. ditto	1	2	10
Gates, road, repaired, No.	10	1s. ditto	0	10	0
Horse-shoes, removed, No.	68	3d. ditto	0	17	0
Waggons, railroad, various, No.	—	£5	5	0	0
Water-pipes and drains, ditto, No.	—	£5	5	0	0
Wharf and jetty, ditto, No.	—	30s.	1	10	0
Painting schooner	—	60s.	3	0	0
Painting Hospital and Infirmary	—	40s.	2	0	0
Alterations at Pauper Depot for Hospital	—	£10	10	0	0
General repairs to Officers' Quarters	—	£15	15	0	0
Harness repaired, various	—	£4	4	0	0
Belts, mill, ditto, No.	2	15s. each	1	10	0
Hammock straps, ditto, No.	176	½d. ditto	0	7	4
Clothes washed, dozens	4399	11d. per dozen	201	12	5
Bedding { Blankets, ditto	200	3s. ditto	30	0	0
{ Rugs, ditto	66	3s. ditto	9	18	0
{ Palliasses, ditto	21	2s. ditto	2	2	0
{ Sheets, ditto	8	2s. ditto	0	16	0
Cans, tin, 3 gallons, made, No.	4	1s. 6d. ditto	0	6	0
Covers, boiler, No.	10	1s. ditto	0	10	0
Cases for plans, &c. No.	3	1s. 6d. ditto	0	4	6
Dippers, No.	5	9d. ditto	0	3	9
Dishes, milk, zinc, No.	24	1s. 6d. ditto	1	16	0
Funnels, No.	2	9d. ditto	0	1	6
Kettles, camp, No.	36	1s. 6d. ditto	2	14	0
Kettles, bush, No.	47	9d. ditto	1	15	3
Lamps for ½ tops, No.	20	1s. ditto	1	0	0
Ladles, No.	2	1s. ditto	0	2	0
Measures, No.	1	6d. ditto	0	0	6
Pots, watering, No.	6	2s. 6d. ditto	0	15	0
Scoops, No.	6	1s. ditto	0	6	0
Tureens, No.	12	2s. 6d. ditto	1	10	0
Tablets for Hospital, No.	50	1d. ditto	0	4	2
Urns, tea, No.	12	3s. ditto	1	16	0
Baths, repaired, No.	1	3s. ditto	0	3	0
Basins, wash-hand, No.	3	6d. ditto	0	1	6
Cans, water and mess, No.	32	6d. ditto	0	16	0
Cans, milk, No.	6	6d. ditto	0	3	0
Cups, tin drinking, No.	125	1d. ditto	0	10	5
Dishes, 18in., No.	12	6d. ditto	0	6	0
Dishes, 13½in., No.	16	4d. ditto	0	5	4
Dippers, No.	4	3d. ditto	0	1	0
Kettles, camp, No.	25	6d. ditto	0	12	6
Kettles, bush, No.	13	3d. ditto	0	3	3
Lamps, No.	4	6d. ditto	0	2	0
Pans, close-stool, No.	51	6d. ditto	1	5	6
Pans, dust, No.	1	3d. ditto	0	0	3
Oil-feeder, No.	1	3d. ditto	0	0	3
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H.

RETURN showing the average Number of effective Convicts, Invalids, Paupers, and Lunatics, for the Year ending 31st December, 1873, the Mortality during the period, and Rate per cent.

PERIOD.	AVERAGE NUMBER OF EACH CLASS.				MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR.		
	<i>Effective Convicts under Detention.</i>	<i>Paupers and Invalid Convicts.</i>	<i>Lunatics.</i>	<i>TOTAL.</i>	<i>Convicts under Detention.</i>	<i>Paupers, Invalid Convicts, and Lunatics.</i>	<i>TOTAL.</i>
From 1st January, 1873, to 31st December, 1873.	236	153	94	483	3 or 0·0127 per cent.	16 or ·0647 per cent.	19

I.

RETURN showing the Strength of the Staff of the Establishment at Port Arthur on the 31st of December, 1873.

1 Civil Commandant.	1 Mate, schooner "Harriet."
1 Protestant Chaplain.	3 Overseers.
1 Roman Catholic Chaplain.	4 Assistant Overseers.
1 Medical Officer.	1 Senior Constable.
1 Station Officer.	1 Senior Warder in charge of Paupers.
1 Chief Clerk.	1 Sergeant, Civil Guard.
1 Storekeeper.	2 Warders, Pauper Dépôt.
1 Clerk and Assistant Storekeeper.	9 Attendants on Insane.
1 Schoolmaster.	42 Constables.
1 Schoolmistress, Free School.	1 Paid Carpenter.
1 Head Keeper of Insane.	1 Signalmen, Mount Augustus.
2 Under Keepers of Insane.	3 Seamen, schooner "Harriet."
1 Medical Clerk and Dispenser.	1 Keeper, Government Cottage.
1 Coxswain, Guard Boat, Woody Island.	1 Clock Repairer.
1 Master, schooner "Harriet."	1 Dairy-woman.

TOTAL..... 88.

EXTRACTS FROM VISITORS' BOOK.

Official visit of His Excellency the Governor.

I HAVE paid my annual visit to Port Arthur, and inspected every portion of the Establishment. I have much pleasure in repeating the opinion I expressed last year as to the perfect discipline, good order, and cleanliness which is maintained in the Establishment. I must also record my approbation of the manner in which the Civil Commandant is endeavouring to utilise all the effective labour which he can command in developing the resources of the Peninsula.

(Signed) CHARLES DU CANE, Governor.

Government Cottage, Port Arthur, March 28th, 1873.

Official visit of the late Ministry.

WHILE at Port Arthur I have inspected the Settlement, and visited the tramway works and the outposts at Safety Cove, Fortesque Bay, Eagle Hawk Neck, &c. The order and discipline at the Settlement appear good; and a greater amount of labour is obtained from the convicts than I expected.

I am sorry to notice that, from old age, most of the wooden buildings and shingled roofs require considerable repair.

I also desire to express my sense of the courtesy and kindness shown to my family and myself by the Civil Commandant and the officers of the Establishment during a stay of nearly three weeks.

(Signed) JAMES R. SCOTT.

30th January, 1873.

I HAVE spent a week at Port Arthur, and have had a good opportunity of observing the routine of the Penal Establishment at the Settlement and the condition of the out-lying Stations. I have come to the conclusion that the Civil Commandant is showing great energy and good judgment in the manner in which he is endeavouring to develop the resources of the Peninsula, whilst, at the same time, promoting the discipline of the prisoners.

Out of some 50 prisoners who had interviews with me not one complained of any grievance connected with the working of the Establishment; and I am informed that not a single convict has absconded during the last 18 months: this I believe to be one of the most satisfactory features of Mr. Boyd's administration.

(Signed) JOHN A. JACKSON.
14. 2. 73.

HAVING inspected the principal Establishment at Port Arthur, with the works in course of execution, and had ample opportunity of seeing the men in every class—prisoners, paupers, invalids, and lunatics—we have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the universal order, cleanliness, and discipline maintained, and to the pervading vigilance of the Commandant. We desire also to record our opinion that Mr. Boyd is ably seconded by the Clergymen and Medical Officer of the Establishment.

(Signed) FREDK. M. INNES.
CHARLES MEREDITH.

Official visit of the Ministry.

HAVING spent four days at Port Arthur, inspecting the various Departments, the Members of the Government desire to express their entire satisfaction at the order, cleanliness, and discipline maintained throughout the Establishment by the able management of the Civil Commandant; and also at the large amount of profitable labour obtained from the prisoners by his persevering energy,—lessening considerably their annual cost to the country.

(Signed) ALFRED KENNERLEY.
THOS. D. CHAPMAN.
P. O. FYSH.
W. R. GIBLIN.
WM. MOORE.

16th December, 1873.

THROUGH the kindness of the Commandant and officers I have been enabled to visit every part of this Establishment. I have been greatly interested in all that I have seen, and much pleased with the discipline, order, and cleanliness that prevail in every department; also with the system of improvements adopted and carried out by the energy of the present Commandant.

(Signed) ALLAN CAMPBELL.

Government Cottage, January 5th, 1873.

Yacht Linda, 18th January, 1873.

I HAVE visited Port Arthur in my yacht, on my way from England to Sydney; and, independent of my admiration of the perfect order and discipline which prevail in the Establishment, and the respectful behaviour of the prisoners, I cannot sufficiently express my thanks for the marked attention and kindness myself and crew have received from the Commandant and all the officers during my stay of eight days; and it is with regret that I leave this lovely harbour and its enchanting scenery.

(Signed) FREDK. R. LEE, R.A.

WE arrived by the schooner *Meteor* on Monday, the 10th; and, by the kindness of Mr. A. H. Boyd, the Commandant, we have been allowed to visit the Public Buildings and Establishments of Port Arthur. We are much impressed with the admirable order and system pursued in everything affecting the daily life of the Settlement, and with the weight of responsibility that is thrown upon the head of the gentleman at the head of its administration.

We also visited the Railway, and marked the energy with which the work has been carried on; and we shall not forget the pleasure which this visit has given us.

(Signed) GEORGE CLARKE.
JAMES SALIER.
FREDK. ROUT.
CHAS. E. WALCH.
CHAS. A. GRACE CALVERT.
W. R. GIBLIN.
THOS. WHITESIDES.

Wednesday, 12th February, 1873.

Mrs. TIMMS and myself have been staying at Port Arthur for the last fortnight; and I have experienced much pleasure in visiting the Penal Establishment and the various places of interest. We would here record our thanks to the Commandant for his kindness in placing the means of doing so at our disposal, and to the officers and others for their courtesy.

I have never visited a similar Establishment before; but the thorough order, cleanliness, and discipline that prevail cannot but strike the eye of anyone.

The great interest Mr. Boyd takes in his work, and the energy he displays in developing the resources of the place, and in utilising to the utmost the labour at his command, are very praiseworthy.

We boarded with Mr. W. Todd, and were very comfortable, and received every attention.

10th February, 1873.

(Signed) JOHN TIMMS, *Geelong, Victoria.*

I CANNOT leave Port Arthur without expressing my warmest thanks to the Commandant for the marked courtesy he has evinced towards me during my brief visit. I have been all over the Establishment; and, as far as I am capable of giving an opinion, nothing can be more perfect than are the arrangements in every department,—the which I think reflects greatly to the credit of Mr. Boyd's judgment, energy, and tact.

(Signed) E. BATTERSBEE, *New Zealand.*

Port Arthur, 24th February, 1873.

AFTER a visit of some days to Port Arthur, I have much pleasure in testifying to the apparent discipline and good order maintained at the Establishment; and have also to express my thanks to Mr. A. H. Boyd, the Civil Commandant, for his great kindness.

8th March, 1873.

(Signed) C. T. BELSTEAD.

I HAVE been much gratified by my visit to Port Arthur. I have found that the same good order, discipline, and respectful demeanor on the part of the prisoners, which I was wont to observe on former occasions, still prevails.

I must also bear testimony to the energetic employment of the men in useful labour by the Commandant, and to the courtesy, attention, and consideration which I received at his hands.

11th March, 1873.

(Signed) V. FLEMING.

DURING my visitation of the Roman Catholics of Port Arthur I visited its several departments, accompanied by the Rev. W. Fitzgerald, and was much pleased by the discipline and order which appeared to prevail throughout the Establishment.

I was particularly struck by the cleanliness and cheerful appearance of the Hospital and apartments for Invalids and the Insane, and could not help expressing a wish to my companion that these may be continued if at any time the Penal Establishment should be broken up: the regard for the comforts of suffering humanity extorted this wish from me.

Great credit is, I think, due to the Civil Commandant for this admirable state of things, as well as the energy displayed by him in developing the resources of the Peninsula; and I beg to thank him for the kindness and courtesy which he has shown me during my stay.

(Signed) DANIEL MURPHY, *Bishop of Hobarton.*

I HAVE been much pleased with the great improvement in penal discipline at Port Arthur during my visit,—more especially when I find there are only seven inmates in the Model Prison,—and three of these being boys required to be kept apart from the contaminating influence of the more hardened offenders: the others are confined for valid reasons, in order to maintain the good order and discipline among the convicts on the Station.

The amount of work completed is surprising, when I take into consideration the small number of prisoners that are employed. The meat and other articles of food are very good; and every order and cleanliness prevailed during my inspection.

(Signed) JAMES ECKFORD, *M.D., late Surgeon of Convict Hospitals of New South Wales and Tasmania.*