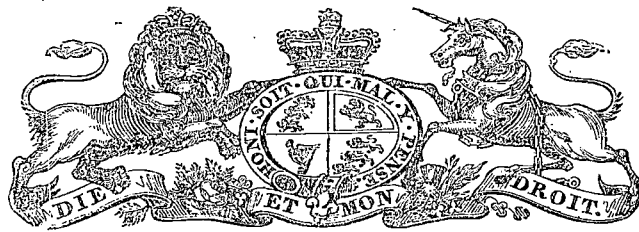


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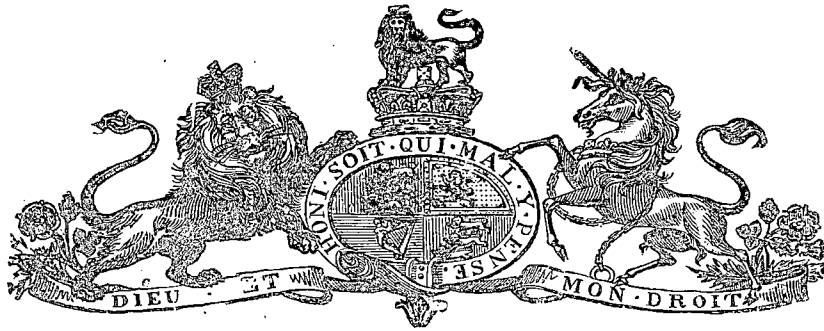
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

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



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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

THE Trustees of the Tasmanian Museum and Botanical Gardens, incorporated by the Act 49 Victoria, No. 34, have the honour to submit to Your Excellency, in accordance with the 11th Section of that Act, this, their Eighth Annual Report.

1. The Museum and Art Gallery during the year 1893 have been opened to the public on week days from 10 A.M. until 5 P.M. in the summer, and until 4 P.M. in the winter. The attendance of 1893 has been very great, approximately 150 visitors daily, and the average attendance on Sunday afternoons over 500.

2. As has been previously pointed out by the Trustees, the increasingly large collection of museum and art treasures severely taxes the limited resources of the present building, and, as it is fully expected that some large and valuable additions will be received as gifts and on loan at the close of the Tasmanian International Exhibition, the Trustees would urge upon the Government the desirability of completing the building according to the original design.

3. The Art Gallery educationally has been extremely useful during the year, as numbers of students take advantage of the privilege to study the works of art. Many excellent pictures have been received on loan, and of these special mention should be made of a magnificent collection of etchings and engravings kindly lent for exhibition by Mr. C. J. Barclay, who from the first has taken a kindly interest in the Gallery. Before leaving London the late Agent-General, Sir E. N. C. Braddon, induced a well-known English water-colour artist (Mr. Walter Severn) to present a picture to our National Gallery, which may shortly be expected to arrive.

4. Various alterations have been made in the arrangement of the Museum during the past year, one very great improvement being the exchange between the Australian and New Zealand with the Tasmanian rooms. Formerly the Tasmanian collection was placed in an upstairs room, almost out of the way of visitors, who naturally wish first to see the productions of our Colony; now the whole of that collection has been brought down to the ground floor and placed in the first room from the entrance at the right. This change has been highly approved of by the numerous visitors, both colonial and foreign. Large additions have been made to the Museum during the year, chiefly in the mineral section. Some very valuable specimens, mounted, of mammals and birds have been received from the Royal Museum at Florence, and a further donation has been promised by the Director, Professor Giglioli. Sir James Hector, K.C.M.G., F.R.S., Director of the Colonial Museum at Wellington, New Zealand, has presented several interesting specimens; Dr. Stirling, C.M.G., F.R.S., Hon. Director of the Adelaide Museum, has also promised a collection.

5. The Aquarium has been very largely attended during the year. The Trustees were in hopes that this useful and most interesting adjunct to the Museum might have been enlarged; but they regret to say that the small amount annually voted for its support was not available for 1893.

6. The Trustees would again strongly urge upon Parliament the advisability of setting apart a sum annually for the purchase of one or more works of art for the National Gallery.

7. The Trustees regret having to report the resignation, owing to ill-health, of Mr. C. T. Belstead, who for many years took a great interest in the Museum. Mr. Belstead's place has been filled by the election of Mr. Bernard Shaw.

8. Annexed to this Report are the following Appendices :—

- I. Balance-sheet, Museum and Gardens.
- II. Report of the Superintendent of the Gardens.
- III. List of Exchanges and Donations to the Gardens.

J. BARNARD, *Chairman.*

ALEXANDER MORTON, *Curator and Secretary.*

APPENDIX I.

STATEMENT of the Funds of the TASMANIAN MUSEUM and BOTANICAL GARDENS for the Year 1893.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Museum—</i>							Balance from last year			151	14	6
Government Grant	500	0	0				<i>Museum—</i>						
				500	0	0	Salaries.....	383	0	0			
<i>Botanical Gardens—</i>							Current expenditure.....	174	10	5			
Government Grant	800	0	0								557	10	5
Sale of plants, &c.	84	14	8				<i>Botanical Gardens—</i>						
				884	14	8	Salaries.....	210	0	0			
Balance as per Bank Book.....	132	0	5				Wages	530	6	0			
Outstanding cheques.....	69	1	3				Current expenditure.....	136	5	5			
				201	1	8					876	11	5
				£1585	16	4					£1585	16	4

I have examined this Balance Sheet and compared the entries with the vouchers and Bank Book, and find the balance, £201 1s. 8d., to be correctly stated. I find there is an amount of £200 due from the Botanical Gardens to the Museum from 1886 to 1893.

H. NICKOLLS, *Auditor.*

2nd April, 1894.

APPENDIX II.

REPORT on the Progress and Condition of the Botanical Gardens during the Year 1893.

THE continuance of showery weather during the spring and early summer months has had the effect of inducing vigorous growth in the plants generally, and of keeping up a continuance of blooms in the Gardens, more especially with the roses, which have been flowering freely all the summer. Grass, generally, too, has kept its verdure for a longer period than in ordinary seasons. This has been especially noticeable in the Domain, where the grass has remained green for a much longer period this year than is usually the case, and consequently there have been no destructive fires.

Plants introduced.—About the usual number of new plants have been introduced during the year, several being of special merit. From an ornamental point of view the following are worthy of notice :—A collection of ornamental-leaved Maples ; numerous Palms ; several species of *Metroxiderox*, including the true “Rata” (*Metroxiderox scandens*) ; the golden and other ornamental-leaved Oaks ; *Doryanthas Guilfoylei*, the giant Queensland speciality ; about 40 varieties French Canna ; and many others of equal merit. A special effort will be made to have these plants effectively planted during the coming autumn.

Bush House and Conservatory.—It is to be regretted that the amount recently voted by Parliament for a new Bush House and Conservatory has been included in a “Disallowance Bill” passed by the Legislature last Session, and consequently these two much-needed structures have been indefinitely delayed. The Bush House was urgently required for the accommodation of numerous *Rhododendrons*, *Camellias*, *Azaleas*, *Palms*, *Ferns*, and other shade-loving plants, which are at present cramped for sufficient room for natural development. As a temporary measure the old Bush House in the propagating yards has been removed for the purpose of erecting a more suitable building for the accommodation of the above-mentioned plants. The work is now in hand, and will be completed in time for this season’s planting out.

Propagating Yards.—The propagating pits in these yards are undergoing a general overhaul for the purpose of making them more efficient for the work to which they are put. In some cases it will be necessary to entirely renew the glass and sash bars to effect the necessary alterations. During the coming autumn a general revision of the plants in these yards will take place with a view to greatly reduce the number on hand. Many of the plants will be utilised in the Gardens, and others not required disposed of in other ways. Propagation will in the future be confined to such plants required for exchange or such as are best adapted for general planting in public reserves. The limited sale for plants under present circumstances will not warrant an extended cultivation with a view for profit.

Walks.—During the past year the whole of the walks in the Gardens have been re-gravelled, over 1000 loads of gravel being used for the purpose. This work has been carried out by the ordinary garden staff, assisted by a gang of prisoners, the material being obtained in close proximity to the Gardens.

Visitors.—The estimated number of visitors was 65,300, or about 4500 less than in 1892. This difference may be accounted for by the fact of there having been seven band performances in 1892 as against three only in 1893.

F. ABBOTT, *Superintendent Botanical Gardens.*

APPENDIX III.

PLANTS RECEIVED AT THE BOTANICAL GARDENS DURING 1893, IN EXCHANGE.

From—

Baron Ferd. von Mueller, Government Botanist, Victoria—Several Sendings of Plants, and Seeds.
W. R. Guilfoyle, Esq., Director of the Botanic Gardens, Melbourne—Several Sendings of Plants, and Seeds.
The Botanic Gardens, Durban, Natal—Collection of Seeds.
The Botanic Gardens, Jamaica—Various Seeds.
The Botanic Gardens, Madras Presidency, India—Seeds, Bamboos, and Mammee Apple.
The Botanic Gardens, Trinidad—Various Seeds.
Messrs. J. Smith & Sons, Nurserymen, Riddell's Creek, Victoria—Case of Ornamental Oaks, &c.
Mr. S. Purchase, Nurseryman, &c., Parramatta, N.S.W.—Case Japan Maples, &c.
Messrs. Shepherd & Co., Sydney—Case of Plants, various.
Napier Bell, Esq., N.Z.—Collection of Seeds.
Mr. C. F. Creswell, Hobart—Collection of Canna.
Mr. J. Latham, Hobart—Plants and Seeds.
Mr. G. Luckman, Hobart—Collection Chrysanthemums.

PLANTS AND SEEDS SENT FROM THE BOTANICAL GARDENS, HOBART, IN EXCHANGE.

To—

Baron Ferd. von Mueller, Government Botanist, Victoria—Various Sendings of Seeds and Plants of Bamboo.
W. R. Guilfoyle, Esq., Director Botanic Gardens, Melbourne—Seeds of various Eucalypti.
The Botanic Gardens, Port Natal—Seeds, Tasmanian Plants.
The Botanic Gardens, Trinidad—Seeds of Australian Plants.
The Botanic Gardens, Mauritius—Seeds of Australian Plants.
The Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Ireland—Seeds, Eucalypti and Arthrotaxis.
The Botanic Gardens, Kew, London—Seeds, Tasmanian Plants.
Messrs. Shepherd & Co., Sydney—Case of Plants and Seeds, various.
Messrs. Smith & Sons, Riddell's Creek—Case of Plants and Seeds.
The Royal Horticultural Society, London—Seeds, Tasmanian Plants.
Messrs. Vilmorin, Andrieux, & Co., Paris—Seeds, Hardy Eucalypti.
Messrs. Purchase & Co., Sydney—Case of Plants and Seeds.
Napier Bell, Esq., N.Z.—Case of Seeds, Tasmanian Plants.
Mr. J. Latham, Seedsman, Hobart—Plants and Seeds.
Mr. C. F. Creswell, Hobart—Plants and Seeds.

PLANTS SUPPLIED DURING 1893 FOR PUBLIC PLACES.

Government House Grounds, 40 Plants and 6 Cordyline, value £2 10s.
The Court House, Campbell-street, 12 Plants, value 12s.
St. Mary's Cathedral, Hobart, 42 Plants, value £1 14s.
The Recreation Ground, George Town, 204 Plants, value £7 13s.
The New Norfolk Asylum for the Insane, 200 plants, value £7 13s.
Dean Beechinor, for church purposes, Launceston, 205 Plants, value £7 13s.
The Recreation Ground, Evandale, 206 Plants, value £7 14s. 6d.
The Recreation Ground, Ross, 105 Plants, value £3 18s. 9d.
The Hamilton Municipality, 42 Plants, value £1 11s. 6d.
The Launceston Improvement Association, 350 Plants, value £13 2s. 6d.
Inspector of Police for Zeehan, &c., 184 Plants, value £3 18s.
The Catholic Church, Franklin, 52 Plants, value £1 19s.
Horton College, Ross, 100 Plants, value £4 2s. 6d.
New Norfolk Board of Advice, 53 Plants, value £2.
Hobart Gaol, 22 assorted Plants, value £1 10s.
Hobart Railway Station, 30 assorted Plants, value £1.
Dr. McCall, for Ulverstone, Seeds and Coniferæ, value £1 11s.
The Latrobe Cemetery, 50 Plants, value £1.
The Cemetery, Longley, 25 Plants, value 19s. 6d.
For church purposes, Evandale, 12 Cypressess, value 9s.
The Sorell Railway Enclosure, 15 Plants, value 10s.
Fingal Municipality, 101 Plants, value £1 15s. 9d.
Hobart Hospital, 40 Plants, value £1 10s.
George's Bay Improvement Association, 13 large Oaks, value 19s. 6d.
Rev. A. D. Thompson, Sorell Church, 102 Plants, value £3 15s.
St. David's School, Hobart, 14 Plants, 14s.
The Variety Fair, Hobart, 42 Plants, value £1 15s.
Queen's Domain Quarry, 200 Plants, value £10.
Hobart University, 147 Plants, value £7 10s.
New Town Charitable Institution, 100 Plants, value £3 15s.
Total value supplied—£101 17s. 6d.

F. ABBOTT, *Superintendent Botanical Gardens.*