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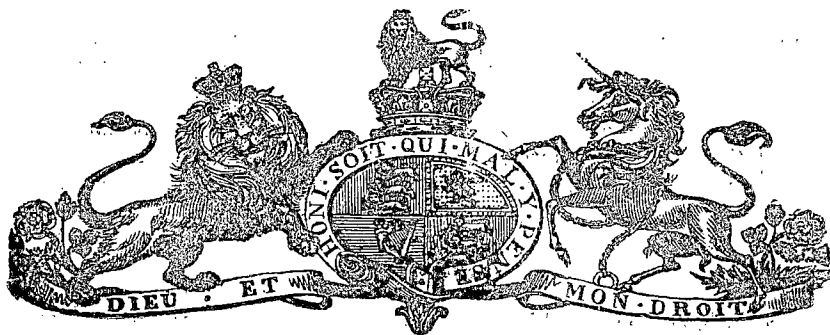
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INVALID DEPÔT, LAUNCESTON:

REPORT FOR 1880.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, July 19, 1881.



INVALID DEPÔT, LAUNCESTON.

ANNUAL REPORT for 1880.

Invalid Depôt, Launceston, 5th February, 1881.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the Annual Report for this Institution for the year 1880.

On the 1st January the number of Inmates was	133	
Admitted	176	
	309	
Discharged.....	152	
Died	20	
	172	
Remaining on the 31st December	137

176 were admitted as against 185 in 1879. The reduction in number was owing to many applicants from country districts being forwarded direct to the Institutions at New Town and Brickfields instead of passing through this Institution as heretofore. The number of applications for admission has been in excess of the accommodation, although I have continued to provide sleeping accommodation for 46 in the Gaol, to prevent the expense of their transit to other institutions.

Of those discharged, 13 were transferred to the Brickfields, 4 to the General Hospital, and 1 to the Hospital for Insane.

The death rate has been exceptionally low as compared with former years, as the following table will show :—

<i>Daily Average Number of Inmates.</i>		<i>Deaths.</i>
1874.....	129	31
1875.....	123	24
1876.....	122·81	28
1877.....	125·348	32
1878.....	124·09	28
1879.....	125·93	32
1880.....	140·62	20

111 cases of sickness were treated during the year.

The average age of those who died, 72·6.

The average age of Inmates, 66·89.

Inmates.

Inmates capable of working were, when the weather permitted, employed for a few hours daily. Many, before the expiration of the period for which they were admitted, were discharged, having sufficiently recovered to seek and obtain employment. The conduct of the Inmates has on the whole been satisfactory. Seven absconded, and eleven were charged at the Police Office with breaches of the Regulations. It is a matter of regret that light employment, such as hair and coir picking, cannot be procured for the Inmates, as many are quite able to perform such work, though unfit for out-door labour.

Buildings.

Several of the roofs have been re-shingled, and other necessary repairs performed during the year by prison labour.

Provisions.

Again I have to report that the bread supplied by the present contractor has on several occasions been of inferior quality. The quality of other provisions supplied by the various contractors has been good.

Cost of Establishment.

This must be a matter of Supplementary Report, as the Returns necessary to enable me to furnish it cannot be supplied from the Treasury until the end of this month or the beginning of the next.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

ALFRED JONES, *Superintendent.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

EXTRACTS from Visitors' Book.

THE cleanliness and order of the Invalid Depôt, which I have this day gone over, do the greatest credit to Mr. Jones' superintendence.

(Signed) F. SMITH.
16 June, 1880.

EXTREMELY well satisfied with the cheerfulness, cleanliness, and substantial comfort of this establishment, which does much credit to Mr. Jones.

(Signed) J. H. LEFROY,
22 November, 1880.

Invalid Depôt, Launceston, 30th March, 1881.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith the Return showing the cost of this Establishment for the year 1880.

The cost per head per annum on gross expenditure for each Inmate was £13 10s. 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ d., and on net expenditure £13 5s. 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.

The cost per head for 1879 was £14 1s. 10d. and £13 11s. 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. respectively. The total expenditure was £27 less than the amount voted by Parliament.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. JONES, *Superintendent.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

RETURN showing the Cost of the INVALID DEPÔT, Launceston, during the Year 1880.

Average daily number—Colonial, 137·38 ; Imperial, 3·24.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
On account of Maintenance, &c. of Inmates	32 10 9	Salaries.....	293 14 8
Net Expenditure	1866 3 3	Contingencies—	
		Provisions and Medical Comforts	929 0 2
		Medical Attendance and Medicines.....	31 0 0
		Clothing, Bedding, Stores, and Stationery	333 14 4
		Fuel and Light	165 11 0
		Water	20 0 0
		Washing.....	48 0 6
		Funeral Expenses.....	30 16 0
		Repairs and Alteration to Buildings	46 17 4
	<u>£1898 14 0</u>		<u>£1898 14 0</u>

	£ s. d.
Annual cost per head on gross expenditure.....	13 10 0 $\frac{1}{4}$
Annual cost per head on net expenditure.....	13 5 0 $\frac{1}{4}$

A. JONES, *Superintendent.*