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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

B R I C K F I E L D S :

REPORT FOR 1877.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Moore, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
July 16, 1878.



ANNUAL REPORT of the BRICKFIELDS PAUPER ESTABLISHMENT for 1877.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward to the Government the Annual Report of the Brickfields Pauper Establishment for the Year ending December 31, 1877.

In presenting this Report I have to state that the greatest economy is still exercised, and that the expenditure has been kept under the estimate for 1877.

The labour of the inmates has been utilised as far as possible; those able to work have been employed in making the road in Upper Park-street, and the others as wardsmen, gardeners, cleaners, and on other work about the establishment.

The same number of men, viz. 20, are still employed at the Public Cemetery, New Town. (Appended is the Report of the Chairman of Trustees.)

During the first nine months of the year a great number were daily employed at the New Town Farm and Queen's Orphan Asylum Ground, without any expense to the same: had the labour of these men been paid for it would materially have reduced the cost at the Brickfields.

I have to bring under your notice that during the year several of the inmates have left the Depôt, stating to the Medical Officer they were able to go to work, and when employment had been found them they have either not gone to the situation offered, or will not remain, preferring the Depôt to being obliged to earn their own livelihood; others, having had a day's leave of absence, instead of returning will make application at the Enquiring Office the same day, and be admitted into a similar establishment the same evening, thus causing an additional amount of work to all parties concerned.

The conduct of the inmates on the whole has been satisfactory.

The Medical Officer still pays every attention to his duties, visiting twice a week, and immediately at other times when sent for.

The spiritual welfare of the inmates has been well attended to, both by Ministers of Religion and others.

His Excellency the Governor still kindly forwards newspapers for the use of the reading-room.

YEARLY STATE.

Number of inmates, January 1, 1877	260	}	568
Admitted during the year	308		
Discharged during the year	250	}	301
Died during the year	51		
Remaining January 1, 1878		<u>267</u>

Average age of those who died (oldest 87, youngest 45)	73½
Average age of those remaining (oldest 92, youngest 35)	70½
Average daily number of inmates	264¾
	£ s. d.
Expense of maintenance	3508 10 8
Rate per head per annum	13 5 7
Rate per head per diem	0 0 8¼
Number of rations issued to servants.....	1068
Number of rations issued to paupers.....	96,578
	<u>97,646</u>

Produce of garden equal in value to 27,744 lbs. potatoes.

This includes every expense of the establishment, no money value being placed in this Report for the labour of the inmates.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN WITHRINGTON, *Superintendent.*

The Hon. Colonial Secretary.

REPORT of Chairman of Trustees of the Hobart Town Cemetery.

THERE have been twenty invalids stationed at the Cemetery, Cornelian Bay, during the year 1877, whose services were at the disposal of the Trustees, and were of value in cleaning of roads and digging of borders in the Cemetery.

(Signed) H. COOK, *Chairman Cemetery Trustees.*
11th January, 1878.

THE following Extracts are from the Visiting Book, 1877:—

DEVOTED some time to a thorough inspection of every nook and corner of this Establishment, wards, beds, &c.: all in excellent order. The men seemed to be all well clothed, happy, and comfortable. Examined all the provisions, and found them of good quality. Within the last few months I have twice visited the men stationed at the Cornelian Bay Cemetery; all comfortable, but I found several in bed whose age, I think above 70, scarcely fitted them to be of much use there. I should like to see the dry ashes more liberally used in the closet pans; to make the system perfect, sufficient ought to be used to prevent fluid or solid excrement ever to be seen in them. No cobwebs ought to be seen in the roof or ceilings of the wards. The Institution generally, so far as the nature of the buildings and the means allowed, is most creditable to the management of the Superintendent.

(Signed) E. SWARBRECK HALL, *Officer of Health.*

January 11.

HAVING visited the Institution, am pleased to see everything in good order and well conducted.

(Signed) T. WILTON, *J.P., Melbourne.*

February 7, 1877.

MRS. Gibson and Mrs. Gibbins have visited this Institution, and are both very much gratified with cleanliness and regularity here in every part of the building; and we think great credit due to the arrangements.

(Signed) C. GIBSON & R. GIBBINS, *Victoria.*

February 13, 1877.

HAVING gone through this Establishment I can only record the pleasure it has given me in witnessing the order, cleanliness, &c. in this very evidently well-regulated establishment. It reflects much credit on the Superintendent, Mr. Withrington.

(Signed) GEORGE HORNE, *J.P., C.G.*

20th March, 1877.

MEMO.

VISITED this Establishment; very much pleased with the good order and discipline. Heard no complaints. The sick men carefully nursed.

(Signed) THOS. REIBEY, *Col. Secretary.*

March 23, 1877.

Good Friday, 1877.

DROVE up without notice. Walked over the Establishment and found everything in good order.

(Signed) THOS. REIBEY, *Col. Secretary.*

EVERYTHING in good order and satisfactory, so far as the old buildings and the means at the disposal of the officers permit: better ventilation might be easily provided at little expense.

(Signed) FREDK. WELD, *Governor.*

July 3, 1877.

VERY much pleased with the order and cleanliness of the Establishment.

(Signed) S. G. THAWAITES.
M. BEDGOOD.
A. HAGGAR.
