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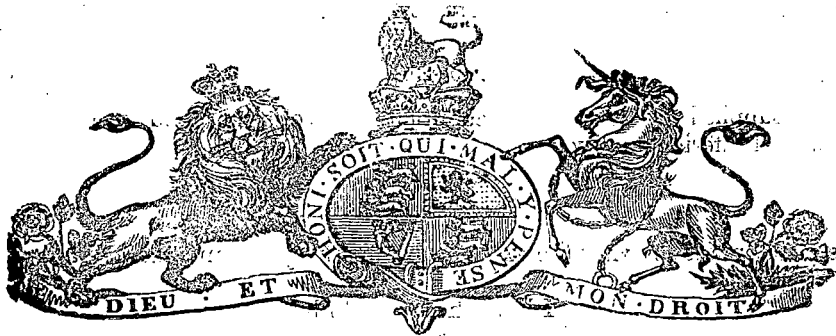
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

INVALID DEPÔT, LAUNCESTON :

REPORT FOR 1879.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Moore, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
August 10, 1880.



INVALID DEPÔT, LAUNCESTON.

ANNUAL REPORT for 1879.

Invalid Depôt, Launceston, 22nd March, 1880.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the Annual Report for this Institution for the year 1879.

On the 1st January the number of Inmates was	114	
Admitted during the year	185	
		— 299
Discharged during the year	134	
Died	32	
		— 166
Remaining on the 31st December	133

It will be observed that the admissions are in excess of the previous year. To accommodate so large a number, and to prevent the expense of their transit to Hobart Town, I arranged for sleeping accommodation for Invalids in two of the Gaol dormitories which were formerly used by prisoners under sentence. This must be considered as a temporary arrangement only, as these dormitories are sometimes required for prisoners from Male House of Correction when the latter Institution is full, which at the present date is the case. Notwithstanding the extra accommodation thus afforded, 33 Inmates were transferred to the Cascade Pauper Establishment, 4 to Brickfields Depôt, 5 to New Town Depôt, and 8 to the General Hospital.

169 cases of sickness were treated during the year.

The average age of those who died, 74·31 years.

The daily average number of Inmates was 125·93. Average age, 68·25 years.

The condition of many of the Inmates on admission was most deplorable. In six cases death occurred within a few days after admission. Although instructions have more than once been issued to the several Wardens and Magistrates, by the Administrator of Charitable Grants, "not to forward Invalids to this Institution without first ascertaining whether there is accommodation for them," I regret to inform you that attention is not always paid to the same. Men arrived frequently from the country who could not be admitted for want of room; but, to prevent their being exposed to the inclemency of the weather, I gave them accommodation in the Gaol until vacancies occurred.

Inmates.

The general conduct of the Inmates has been good. Two absconded, and three were discharged to Police Office for breaches of the Regulations. Many of the Inmates have become very infirm, consequently entailing extra care and attention on the part of the Wardens. The difficulty of procuring the latter class of men capable of performing the duties still continues.

Buildings.

Are in fair order except the roofs. Material for the repair of these has been received, and the work will be done by prison labour as opportunity offers.

Provisions.

The provisions supplied by the various contractors have been good except bread, which on several occasions was of inferior quality.

Expenditure.

Appended is a statement showing the expenditure for the year, and the average cost per head.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. JONES, *Superintendent.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

RETURN of Cost of INVALID DEPÔT, Launceston, for the Year 1879.

<i>Receipts.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>Expenditure.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>
On account of Maintenance of Inmates, &c.	67 10 10	Salaries	293 8 4
Net Expenditure	1697 12 0	Contingencies—	
		Provisions and Medical Comforts	886 11 2
		Medical Attendance and Medicine	31 5 0
		Clothing, Bedding, Stores, and Stationery	263 4 10
		Fuel and Light	155 5 4
		Water	20 0 0
		Washing	69 6 8
		Funeral, Miscellaneous, and Incidental Expenses.....	45 15 6
		Repairs and Alterations to Buildings.....	0 6 0
	<u>£1765 2 10</u>		<u>£1765 2 10</u>

£ s. d.
 Annual cost per head on gross expenditure 14 1 10
 Annual cost per head on net expenditure 13 11 0½