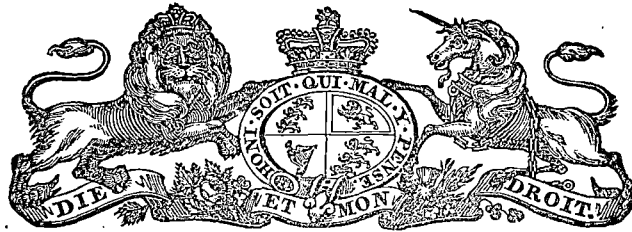


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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

**NEW TOWN CHARITABLE INSTITUTION
FOR MALES :**

REPORT FOR 1879.

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



ANNUAL REPORT of the NEW TOWN CHARITABLE INSTITUTION FOR MALES for
the Half-year ending 31st December, 1879.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the first Report of the New Town Charitable Institution for Males for the Half-year ending 31st December, 1879.

This Institution was opened for the reception of Male Invalids on the 1st July, 1879,—one hundred and eight men being transferred from the Cascades Invalid Depôt, the remaining Inmates of the Cascades being forwarded during the month; so that on the 31st July all the Invalids (with the exception of ten men left to assist in taking in the crops and performing other necessary works at the Hospital for Insane), numbering three hundred and thirty-five from the Cascades, were admitted into this Institution. One hundred and sixteen Invalids were also received from the Brickfields Invalid Depôt.

I have, during the half-year, been most particular in placing every man upon admission before the Medical Officer, in order to ascertain their capabilities for work, so as to utilise their labour as far as possible. All classified for light labour and refusing to work have at once been ejected from the Institution.

Twenty men are stationed at the New Town Cemetery, to assist in keeping the grounds clean and to perform other such light labour. Thirteen are also located at the New Town Farm,—being employed as milkmen, farm labourers, &c. The others remaining in the Institution who have been classified by the Medical Officer for light work have been kept constantly employed, all tradesmen being worked at their trades as far as possible.

The health of the Inmates, considering that the majority are aged and have led very hard and dissolute lives, may be favourably compared with other Charitable Establishments; and the death-rate, viz., thirty during the six months, will not excite surprise when it is borne in mind that the average age of deceased Inmates is over 73 years.

The conduct of the Inmates as a whole does not admit of any special complaint. Of course there are many malcontents; but, generally speaking, mildness and firmness have kept them in order. Much inconvenience, however, is felt in the management, owing to the want of approved Rules for the guidance of the officers and men.

Great want is experienced—and as the winter season sets in the want will be severely felt—of suitable Day-room accommodation, to protect the Inmates from wet and cold. Last winter the absence of these requirements was painfully apparent.

The spiritual welfare of the Inmates has been well attended to by Ministers of Religion and others,—ladies and laymen frequently visiting during the week-days, and also on Sundays.

The conduct of the officers, limited as they are in number, deserves the highest commendation. The duties and all instructions have been cheerfully and efficiently carried out.

STRENGTH RETURN.

No. of Inmates 1st July, 1879.....	108	
Admitted during the half-year	580	
		688
Discharged ditto	252	
Died ditto	30	
		282
Remaining 31st December, 1879.....		<u>406</u>

DEATH RETURN.

No. of deaths during the half-year	30
Average age of those who died (oldest 89, youngest 58)	73½
Average age of those remaining 31st December, 1879 (oldest 93, youngest 30)	72

EXPENDITURE for Half-year ending 31st December, 1879. (Average No. 400.)

PARTICULARS.	£	s.	d.	PARTICULARS.	£	s.	d.
Salaries and allowances	288	4	3	Refund of allowance to E. Jones (Pauper)...	0	7	6
Contingencies—				Maintenance of Pensioners and others.....	45	5	3
Clothing, bedding, stores, and stationery...	284	17	8	Net cost	2686	14	3
Provisions and medical comforts	1772	2	2				
Medicines and medical attendance.....	52	7	6				
Fuel and light	132	7	6				
Miscellaneous, including funeral expenses, &c.....	45	11	6				
Repairs and additions to buildings	156	16	5				
	<u>£2732</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£2732</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>

Gross cost per head, £6 16s. 7¼d. Net cost per head, £6 14s. 4d. for half-year, or 8¾d. per diem.

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

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JNO. WITHRINGTON, *Superintendent.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

EXTRACTS from the VISITING BOOK, 1879.

THIS Institution was opened on July the first, Eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, for the reception of Male Paupers. 108 were removed from the Cascades to this place.

1st July, 1879.

THOS. REIBEY, *Colonial Secretary.*

Saturday, 19th July, 1879.

VISITED this Institution with Minister of Lands and Works. Went over every part of the Establishment with Mr. Withrington, who pointed out the additions and alterations necessary. The Superintendent deserves credit for the desire he has evinced to carry out the instructions of the Government.

THOS. REIBEY.

August 7.

HAVE visited both Establishments at the Asylum, and am glad to be able to record the pleasure which the inspection has afforded me.

FRED. A. WELD, *Governor.*

August 16th.

I INSPECTED the Establishment, and pleased with the increasing cleanliness and good order. No complaints. Patients contented.

THOS. REIBEY.

August 23rd.

INSPECTED both Male and Female Departments. Went over all the wards, and examined all alterations. Pleased with the improved condition of the Establishment.

THOS. REIBEY.

September 6th.

I HAVE this afternoon inspected both Male and Female Establishments. Good order and management prevail. The comfort of the Male Invalids is, from the space afforded, greater than at the Cascades. Every consideration is shown, both by Superintendent and subordinates, to the wants of the infirm.

WILLIAM LODEK. CROWTHER, *Premier.*

September 6th.

ACCOMPANIED Dr. Crowther in his inspection. Pleased with the good order of both Institutions. 418 males and 153 females. Total 571.

THOS. REIBEY.

September 20th.

INSPECTED this and the Female Division. Found both in excellent order.

THOS. REIBEY.

ANTONIO Esteves Cordeiro, Portuguez, Rezidente no Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, vezita este Hospicio no dia 20 de Septbro. de 1879. Em viagem por todo mundo.

ANTO. ESTEVES CORDEIRO.

September 27th.

VISITED this Institution, and am glad to find so much progress made in the arrangements for the comfort of the inmates, which are much to the credit of Mr. Withrington and the rest of the officers.

HENRY T. C. COX.
MARION COX.

October 4th, 1879.

INSPECTED both Male and Female Divisions. Pleased with the order and cleanliness of the Institution. Decided improvement, and every sign of Mr. Withrington's care and attention to his duties. 415 men and 161 women—576.

THOS. REIBEY.

October 23rd, 1879.

VISITED the Institution, both Departments, and found them in perfect good order and cleanliness in every way, and reflect great credit on the Superintendent.

W. P. GREEN, *J.P.*

20th November, 1879.

WE have this day visited this Institution throughout, and are surprised at the great improvement made during the short time the new arrangements have been commenced, and consider that they reflect great credit on the officers.

A. SPURLING.
H. BENSENS, *Lubeck, Germ.*
