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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.



ABORIGINES.

(REPORT OF BOARD FOR THE PROTECTION OF, FOR YEAR 1918.)

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The Chairman and Members of the Board for the Protection of Aborigines to The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department.

Office of Board for Protection of Aborigines,

No. 5, Richmond Terrace, Domain,

Sir,

Sydney, 26 August, 1919.

In accordance with the established practice, we, the undersigned members of the Board for Protection of Aborigines, duly appointed under the provisions of the Aborigines Protection Act, 1909, have the honor to submit, for the Chief Secretary's information, the following Report of the operations of the Board during the year ended 31st December, 1918, together with the usual particulars of the number, location, and present condition of the Aborigines throughout the State, and the means adopted for their relief as far as the funds placed at our disposal would admit.

CENTRAL BOARD.

In January, 1918, B. J. Doe, Esq., M.L.A., was appointed a member of the Aborigines Protection Board to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. Scobie, Esq., M.L.A.

INSPECTORS.

During the year the following Stations, Camps, and Reserves were visited:-

Wellington, Talbragar, Bomaderry, Port Kembla, Warangesda, Cootamundra, Byrock, Brewarrina Township, Brewarrina Station, Nyngan, Walhallow, Kiama, Wollongong, Bateman's Bay, Wallaga Lake, Moonacullah, Cumeroogunga, Borah Crossing, Sevington, Euraba, Collihue, Terry-hie-hie, Burragorang, Drake, Pretty Gully, Runnymede, Casino, Cabbage Tree Island, Murwillumbah, Byron Bay, Maclean, Ulgundahi Island, Lawrence, Lower Southgate, Ulmarra, Copmanhurst, Grafton, Coutts' Crossing, Urunga, Cow Creek, Stewart's Island, Taylor's Arm, Euangai, Wirrimbi, La Perouse, Yarra Bay, Roseby Park, Erambie, Karuah, Soldier's Point, Forster, Ashley, Killawarra, Purfleet, Wauchope, Rollands Plains, Burnt Bridge, Greenhills, Bellbrook, Belmore, Fattorini Island, Kinchela Reserve, Pelican Island, and Greenbank.

Owing to the limited funds at the Board's disposal, little has been done in the nature of erection of new huts. In some instances inexpensive repairs and painting have been carried out, but much remains to be done, as the majority of the huts are in a bad state of repair, as funds have not been available to the amount necessary to rebuild same.

EMPLOYMENT.

Many of the able-bodied Aborigines obtain lucrative employment among squatters and farmers in the neighbourhood of the stations. At Cumeroogunga and Warangesda Stations sheep have taken the place of agriculture, on account of the floods prevalent during the past two years.

COOTAMUNDRA TRAINING HOME.

The Matron reports a satisfactory year. Twenty-six girls were in the Home on the 31st December, 1918. Sickness has not been very prevalent among the inmates, though the usual minor maladies common to children presented themselves.

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The girls are thoroughly trained in domestic duties, thereby fitting them to earn their living, and their health and moral welfare are most strictly guarded. The Matron is now ably assisted by a newly appointed Committee of leading townspeople and the advice of some of these ladies and gentlemen has already been acted upon with excellent results. The children are received from different Reserves all over the State, where their surroundings did not conduce either to their physical or moral improvement.

Cootamundra Training Home is not conducted as an ordinary Institution, but as a Home in every sense of the word, and the addition of swings and other facilities for play have proved a great acquisition. The children are perhaps as happy a lot of juveniles as could be found anywhere in the State, and many excellent domestics now in first-class homes all over New South Wales can thank the Cootamundra Training Home for their present welfare and happiness, whilst instruction in horticulture is receiving attention, and arrangements are being made for the senior children to be instructed in this and other lines of light agriculture.

EDUCATION.

The Teacher, Miss Wales, reports satisfactory progress amongst the pupils, and this is endorsed by the report of the Education Department's Inspector. Indeed, these children compare not unfavourably in their ambition to become proficient in their school studies with the white race.

SINGLETON HOME.

The purchase of this property was completed at a cost of £400, and forty-six children were accommodated therein at the 31st December, 1918, and is practically a home for waifs.

This Home is under the management of Mr. G. C. Smith, as Superintendent, and his wife as Matron. These people have been there for many years past in the employ of the Aborigines Inland Mission, and they are deeply imbued with the missionary spirit so necessary in dealing with the welfare of the dark people.

HEALTH.

The health of the aborigines has, on the whole, been satisfactory. Advantage has been taken from time to time for treatment at the Waterfall Sanatorium, Moorcliff Hospital, and also Newington Hospital. The Board convey their thanks to the Director-General of Public Health for his kindly advice, and also for attention to the medical requirements of other Aborigines.

NUMBERS.

The details of the census of the Aboriginal population of the State, taken by the police as on the 1st September, 1918, are as shown in Appendix C.

The return discloses a population of 580 males, 429 females, 442 children, full bloods, an increase of 125 on the previous year. Half-castes, 1,361 men, 1,003 woman, 2,677 children, an increase of 119 for the year, or a grand total increase of 244.

These figures can only be taken as approximate owing to the difficulty in collecting the returns, on account of the nomadic habits of the race.

The only distinction made in the collection of the census has been between full-bloods and half-castes, and the latter term has included quadroons and octoroons.

ABORIGINES PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1918.

In February, 1918, an amendment was made in the Aborigines Protection Act, 1909 (and 1915 Amendment), to provide that the word "Aborigine" should include full-bloods and half-castes, and to give the Board power to deal with any person apparently having an admixture of Aboriginal blood in his or her veins, whether in receipt of assistance or otherwise from the Board.

The supply of liquor to full-bloods, half-castes, or any person apparently having an admixture of blood in his or her veins, natives of New South Wales, is an offence against this Act.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The total expenditure by the Government on behalf of the Aborigines for the year was £25,639 18s. 8d.—

				£	s.	d.
Parliamentary Vote			 	 17,106	0	0
Stores Supply Department			 	 3,056	7	0
Education Department			 	 4,657	17	4
Department of Public Healt	h	•••	 	 705	16	4
Resumed Properties Departr	nent		 	 113	18	0
				£25,639	18	8

whilst a further sum of £1,256 was expended from the Board's Produce Account in the purchase of machinery, stock, &c., for the year ended 31st December, 1918.

Christmas

CHRISTMAS DINNER.

As usual, the Board provided a sum of money for the purpose of entertaining the Aborigines on Christmas Day on the various Aboriginal Stations under the control of Managers.

Sports were held at most of the places, and an enjoyable time was spent.

The ingredients of a plum pudding, &c., were provided to those residing on Reserves.

HOME FINDER.

On the 31st December, 1918, there were 170 girls in situations, all enjoying the comfort of good homes and learning the general duties of housework, fitting them in time to come to be useful citizens.

The amount at deposit with the Board representing wages earned on the 31st December, 1918, was £2,775 14s. 6d.

All employees in and around Sydney have been visited at regular intervals, and those who showed a tendency to lapse—fortunately there were very few—have had special attention and more frequent visitations.

Of these, 9 were married, 1 admitted to Glebe Home, and 1 to Parramatta Industrial School.

RESERVES.

The following Reserves, comprising an area of 5 acres, were set apart for the use of Aborigines during 1918:---

No.	County.	Parish.	Date Notified.	Area.
52841 from Sale 52842 ,, Lease	Raleigh	 Bowra	21st June, 1918	5 acres

The undermentioned Reserves for the use of aborigines were revoked during the year 1918 for the benefit of Returned Soldiers:--

No.				County.		Parish.	Date Notified.		Area.
32747			•••	Pottinger		Baan Baa	25th May, 1901		20 acres, the whole
48448	from	Lease		Macquarie		Killawarra	31st December, 1	1912	50 acres
48447	,,	Sale-	-for	use of Abori	igin	es still stands	over this area, th	e Reser	ve from lease being
			1	evoked in ord	er t	o grant a Spe	cial Lease over th	e area.	

IMPROVEMENTS.

Many very necessary repairs and improvements have of necessity had to stand over, but your Board have been able to give effect to the following:--

Cumeroogunga—Erection of wool shed.	Euraba-Erection of flood wall.
Urunga-Verandah to manager's residence.	Pilliga—Erection of huts.
Mount Olive-Erection of w.cs.	Condobolin-Removing of camp.
Cabbage Tree IslandErection of w.cs.	Burnt Bridge-Erection of tanks.
Moonacullah-Erection of flood wall.	Moonacullah-Erection of huts.

In conclusion, the Board would respectfully point out that the strictest economy has been exercised but there is very important work calling for attention; erection of school buildings, and repairing of huts, whilst the erection of a Home for Boys, where they may be encouraged to learn a trade under proper instruction and superintendence, is urgently needed to equip them to better earn their livelihood in after life.

The Board desire to express their high appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the members of the Police Force throughout the State to improve the lot of the Aborigines.

We have the honor to be,

Sir.

Your obedient Servants,

JAMES MITCHELL,

Chairman, Aborigines Protection Board.

E. B. HARKNESS,

Vice-Chairman, Aborigines Protection Board.

ROBT. T. PATON,

A. W. GREEN,

J. DAWSON,

B. J. DOE,

W. MILLARD,

Members, Aborigines Protection Board.

APPENDICES.

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APPENDIX A.

Department.	Rations, medical comforts, seed, farm implements, fencing wire, boats, erection of buildings, dwellings, &c. (for the Aborigines generally)	ded		
Aborigines Protection Board {	erection of buildings, dwellings, &c. (for the Aborigines generally) Expenses of maintaining the undermentioned Aboriginal Stations and Homes:— Angledool Brewarrina Brungle Cootamundra Cumeroogunga Euraba Grafton Moonscullsh Mount Olive Roseby Park Runnymede Sevington Terry-hie-hie Ulgundahi Island Urunga Wallaga Lake Warangesda Walhallow Singleton Home Head Office Salaries— Inspectors	5,031 210 434 474 604 1,334 695 226 329 133 298 292 165 341 188 211 300 426 339 428	19 11 14 11 12 2 9 13 11 16 10 10 12 17 12	
Department of Public Health Department of Education Resumed Properties Department Stores Supply Department	Medical attendance and medicine Teachers' salaries, materials, &c. Sanitary attendance	705 4,657 113	16 17 18	
	Total	£23,182	13	

APPENDIX B.

PRODUCE AND SALE STORE ACCOUNT.

STATEMENT of Receipts and Expenditure for the period 1st January to 31st December, 1918, for presentation to Parliament under the provisions of Section 4 of the Special Deposits Accounts Act, No. 5, 1911.

		RE	CEIPTS.					EXPENDI	TURE.	
Stations.	Wheat and Maize. Skins, Wool, &c.	Stock.	k. Sundries. Sale Store. Total. Machinery, Plant, Plant, Harness. Shearing, Harness. Alteration, & &c. &c. &c.		Total. Plant,		Improve- ments, Fencing, Live Stock, Farriery, Fodder, and Sundries.	Sale Store.	Total	
Brewarina Brungle Cumeroogunga Grafton Roseby Park Runnymede Terry-hie-hie Sevington Ulgundahi Isld. Walhallow Wallaga Lake Warangesda Mount Olive Mount Olive Miscellaneous Euraba	6 18 11 29 11 6 614 3 9	£ s. d. 340 9 7 5 10 9 57 6 5 111 12 0 56 16 11 22 0 0 101 17 9 264 19 10	£ s. d. 88 2 0 0 3 4 49 5 6 10 15 9 1 9 0 5 8 0 10 0 0 0 10 0 0 52 15 0 11 3 0 11 3 0 11 0 0 31 12 5 452 9 8 6 3 0	£ s. d. 432 17 4 15 11 4 31 14 4 81 19 5 71 1 9 36 0 5 11 38 16 1 38 16 1 320 2 1 154 15 10 68 10 4 64 3 6 13 2 5 12 19 9	£ s. d. 1,156 11 2 124 2 9 9 123 2 9 123 2 9 181 19 5 127 18 8 37 9 5 207 13 11 45 15 0 431 19 10 194 7 4 1,000 8 11 65 6 6 27 2 5 125 3 5 454 19 8 233 6 7	£ 8. d. 52 17 8 8 14 0 38 11 10 43 11 7 1 9 2 6 3 3 2 0 6 5 12 3 46 18 11 7 18 0	£ a. d. 22 18 4 41 15 4 47 10 2 7 6 3 1 2 6 30 11 6 9 17 4 324 0 4 252 9 6 4 7 6	£ s. d. 17 17 0 26 9 8 558 10 9 13 16 6 15 0 0 1 0 0 6 19 5 5 2 8 524 10 3 20 10 5 156 10 0	£ s. d. 127 18 2 245 14 3	£ s. d. 221 11 2 76 19 0 1,290 6 11 64 14 4 53 6 7 35 5 6 192 19 6 35 5 9 222 16 4 131 5 11 904 8 0
Total	1,726 6 4	963 3 3	743 6 8	2,020 4 3	5,453 0 6	218 17 2	1,141 18 9	1,346 6 7	1,378 4 5	4,080 6 11

APPENDIX C. CENSUS RETURNS, 1918.

		Full-b	oloods,	Half-castes.					
	Ad	ults.	Children		Adults.		Children.	Total.	
	Males.	Females.	Children.	Total,	Males.	Females.	Candrea	TOUM.	
By Return, 1917 Do 1918	549 383 580 429		394 442	1,326 1,451	1,248 1,361	986 1,003	2,687 2,677	4,921 5,040	
Increase	31	46	48	125	113	17		119	
Decrease							10	٧.	

APPENDIX D.

STATEMENT of Amounts expended for Sanitary Attendance at Aborigines' Reserves for the year ended 31st December, 1918.

						£	S.	d.
Burnt Bridge School, Kempsey			 	 		0	18	8
Cumeroogunga Reserve			 	 		27	0	0
Erambie Reserve, Cowra			 	 		11	14	0
Aborigines' Training Home, C		undra	 	 		46	16	0
Gulargambone Aborigines' Rese	erve		 	 		3	9	4
La Perouse Reserve			 	 		16	18	0
Wallaga Lake Aborigines' Rese	rve		 	 		6	0	0
Mount Olive Aboriginal Station	1	•••	 	 		1	2	0
								_
					£	113	18	0

APPENDIX E.

ABORIGINAL RESERVES.

RETURN for year ending 31st December, 1918.

Notifications.

		77.5.7.07.0		
Number.	County.	Parish.	Date Notified.	Area.
52 841 from sale	Raleigh	Bowra	21st June, 1918	5 Acres.
	Revocat	ions.		
Number.	County.	Parish.	Date Revoked.	Area.
32,747 from sale	Macquarie	Killawarra	31st December, 1912.	50 acres.
	APPENI	OIX F.		

EXPENDITURE from the Stores Supply Department. Vote on behalf of the Aborigines Protection Board during the Calendar Year 1918.

		s.	d.
Blankets	966	13	4
Clothing (Gaol Issue)	1,653	11	9
Other stores	370	19	9
Stationery	40	10	0
Furniture	24	12	2
		-	-
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APPENDIX G.

STATEMENT of Expenditure by the Department of Education on account of Aborigines during the year 1917.

School.	Salaries,			Book		travell	Forage and travelling expenses.		Repairs, rent, furniture. cleaning, fuel, conveyance.		Total.	
	£		d.		s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	8.	d.
Brewarrina Station	164	0	0					5 1		169	11	0
Brill Brill		Nil										
Burnt Bridge	129		4	70.01.01			5 8			135		0
Cabbage-tree Island	150		ō	0	7 3			3 1			19	3
Cootsmundra East	144		0	ő				3 1		147		0
Oraki	144	0	o	"	-				7	144		Õ
umaroogunga	358	9	ŏ		1 2	5 1		11 1		379	-	4
Cumeroogunga	123	-	-	0		2 10			1 2	129		4
Erambie			2		5 6		-	3 1		173		6
Euraba	170		0	-		14			1 6	143		1
Fattorini Island	125		2			1		2 1		172		_
Forked Mountain	170	1000	0	0	6 11					150		0
loogeedee	144	0	0	*******					1 0	149	-	2
rafton Common	147	_	11	0	8 6	***************************************		11				
Arush	144	0	0			*********	•••••	3 1		147		0
doonacullah	164	0	0	0	7 0	***********			0 6	167	-7	6
Mount Olive	144	0	0			********		4 1		148		0
New Angledool	164	0	0					3 1	2 0	167	12	0
loocoorilma	144	0	0							144	0	0
fulla Creek	144	0	0	1	3 6			11	6 0	146	19	6
Pilliga	144	0	0	0	7 0			3 1	2 0	147	19	0
loseby Park	163	14	0	0	4 8			5 1	1 0	169	9	8
tewart Island	99	0	0	0 1	1 3			2 1	4 0	102	5	3
tony Gully	147	0	Õ							147	0	0
erry-hie-hie	165	o	0	0				3 1	7 0	168	6	4
owabba	133	0	0	0.1		3 19		11		139	7	7
Igundahi Island	184		0	0	7 9			5 1		190	8	9
Teunge	192	0	0	ő	2 0	********			7 0	138	9	0
runga		0	0	0 1					io	183	1	9
Vallage Take	176	-	-					5 1	-	149		0
Wallaga Lake	144	0	0					5 1		149		5
Warangesda	144	0	0	0	7 5			5 1		140		
Total£	4,507	9	7	11	7 4	81 12	6	107	7 11	4,657	17	4

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APPENDIX H. Amounts paid for Medical Attendance on Aborigines, year ending 31st December, 1918.

Locality. Bombala		ount	i.	Locality.	Amou		unt.	
		10	d. 0	Lismore		s. 18		
Bomaderry	6	17	6	Macleay River		0		
Brewarrina	38	18	4	Peak Hill	0	10	0	
Broadwater	8	15	0	Port Macquarie	35	0	0	
Bulgandramine	5	0	0	Roseby Park	4	12	6	
Burra Burra Dee	2	2	0	Singleton	18	17	6	
Casino	30	0	0	Taree	40	0	0	
Cobargo	39	16	0	Tumut	50	0	0	
Coonabarabran	30	0	0	Walcha	5	0	(
Cootamundra	71	5	0	Walhallow	55	18	(
Cumeroogunga	75	0	0	Wallaga Lake	3	5	(
Delegate	3	0	0	Wauchope	17	18	(
Deniliquin	2	10	0	Wee Waa	0	10	(
Grafton	60	0	0	Wingham	25	0	(
nverell	0	10	0	Wollongong	4	15	(
Karuah	12	18	0			_	_	
Katoomba	3	10	0	Total£	705	16	4	

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