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Melbourne, 27th September, 1906.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

The Board for Protection of the Aborigines have the honour to submit for Your Excellency's consideration their Forty-second Report on the condition of the Aborigines of this State, together with the reports from the managers of the stations and other papers.

- 1. The Board have held eleven ordinary and three special meetings during the year.
- 2. The number of Aborigines under the care of the Board on the 30th June, 1906, was 275. The total number on the several stations and depôts on that date and the average attendance at each during the year were as follows:—

	Station	١.			Total.		Average Attendance.
Coranderrk	•••			•••	58	•	63
Lake Condah	•••	•••	•••	•••	51	•••	34
Lake Wellington	•••	•••	•••	•••	41		39
Lake Tyers	•••	•••		•••	52	•••	45
Framlingham	***	•••	•••	•••	21	•••	21
Depôts—							
Antwerp	• • •	•••	•••	•••	5		
Birchip	•••	•••	•••	•••	1		
Goyura		•••	•••	•••	13		
Koondrook	•••	•••	•••	•••	1		
Mildura and I			•••	•••	15		
Swan Hill and	d District	•••	•••	•••	13		
Wahgunyah	•••		•••	•••	4		
	Total	•••	•••	•••	275		

3. The returns of marriages, births, and deaths were as follow:-

	Static	on.		Marriage	Birth#.		Deaths.		
Coranderrk		•••	•••		•••	5	• • •	5	
Lake Condah	•••	•••	•••	1	•••	—	•••	1	
Lake Wellington	•••	•••		1		2	•••	5	
Lake Tyers			***	 .			•••	1	
Tranlingbon and	Doghte			/ -===				40	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Totals	•••	•••	2	•••	7		20	

- 4. Rations and clothing have been supplied to the Aborigines, and to those half-castes who were in distressed circumstances. Medical attendance and medicines have been provided when required.
- 5. The funds granted by Parliament for the use of the Aborigines have been carefully administered. Of the amount voted for the past year the sum of £34 9s. 1d. was unexpended. A tabulated statement showing the amount expended in administering to the wants of the natives for the past sixteen years is appended.

STATEMENT OF AMOUNTS VOTED BY PARLIAMENT, OF REVENUE RECEIVED, AND OF NET COST OF BOARD FROM 1891 TO 1906.

Yea	ar.	Amount Voted.		Amount Expended.			Unexpended Vote.			Revenue fro Produce, &c. Treasu		Net Cost of Board.				
		£	8.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	8.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	ε.	d.
1891		8,883	0	0	8,692	4	5	190	15	7	1,051	3	5	7,631	1	0
1892		7,800	0	0	6,745	6	7	1,054	13	5	1,124	1	3	5,621	5	4
1893		6,788	0	0	5,578	0	5	1,208	19	7	487	0	3	5,091	()	2
1894		5,600	0	0	5,596	7	10	3	12	2	414	2	\mathbf{s}	5,182	5	2
1895		5,630	0	0	5,515	19	9	114	0	3	560	15	4	4,955	4	5
1896		5,501	0	()	5,459	17	3	41	2	· 9	409	10	6	5,050	6	9
1897		5,497	0	0	5,407	7	5	89	12	7	442	11	7	4,964	15	10
1898		5,515	0	0	5,451	14	10	63	5	2	215	10	0	5,236	4	10
1899	•••	5,523	0	0	5,080	17	4	442	2	8	301	13	1	4,779	4	3
1900		5,483	0	0	4,845	0	4	639	19	8	181	14	6	4,663	5	10
1901	•••	5,300	. 0	0	4,704	12	9	595	7	3	326	10	11	4,378	1	10
1902	•••	5,182	0	0	4,633	7	7	543	12	5	431	5	3	4,202	2	4
1903	•••	4,870	0	0	4,810	4	7	59	15	5	630	11	.1	4,179	13	3
1904	•••	4,703	0	0	4,406	15	9	296	4	3	622	18	9	3,783	17	0
1905	•••	4,569	0	0	4,152	18	O	416	2	0	354	16	3	3,798	1	9
1956	(4,359	0	0	4,324	10	11	34	9	1	359	11	5 ;	3, 964	19	6

- 6. A detailed statement of the expenditure in connexion with each station is given in Appendix VII.
 - 7. The revenue received and paid into the Treasury was as follows:-

From Coranderrk—

Sale of Stock £117 10 0

Hops 238 1 5

Framlingham—Grazing Fees 4 0 0

Total ... £359 11 5

8. The areas of land reserved for the use of the aborigines are as follow:-

								Acres.
Coranderrk		***	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	2,400
Lake Condah			•••	•••	•••	•••		2,050
Lake Tyers		•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	4,000
Lake Welling	tou	•••	•••	•••		•••	•••	860
Colac	•••		•••	•••	•••	•••		20
Gayfield			•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	2,000
Framlingham	•••	· •••		•••	•••	•••		548
Tallageira		•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	620
Lake Mooden	nere	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	21
Dunecd	•••	•••		•••		•••	•••	1
							-	
								12,520
								•

Several of the above-named areas, being no longer required for the aborigines, steps have been taken to have the reservation revoked of the following:—Colac, 20; Duneed, 1; Gayfield, 2,000; Tallageira, 620.

- 9. The education of the children has been carefully attended to, and the progress made in that connexion has been highly satisfactory, especially at Coranderk, Lake Tyers, and Lake Wellington. At Lake Condah the State school is only a half-time one, and consequently the children there are more backward in their education than at stations where there are full-time schools.
- 10. The Board have under consideration the amalgamation of certain stations, which, when effected, will considerably reduce the cost of management. The interests of the aborigines will receive careful attention, and their transfer arranged so that no hardship will be felt.

I have the honour to be, Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

> H. P. KEOGH, Vice-Chairman.

His Excellency

The Honorable Sir Reginald Arthur J. Talbot, K.C.B., &c., &c., &c.

APPENDIX I.

Coranderrk Aboriginal Station,

4th July, 1906.

SIR.

I have the honour to forward you my Annual Report of this station for the year ended 30th June, 1906.

1. The highest number of blacks and half-castes on the station was 66. The average daily attendance 63, and the number living on the station during each month of the year has been as follows:—

1905.			Highe	st. 1	Lowest.		1906.			Highest.	L	owest.
July		•••	65		65	1	January		•••	66	•••	64
August	•••		64	•••	64	l l	February	•••	•••	64	• • •	63
Septemb er	••• 1	•••	64	•••	64	i	March	•••	•••	64		64
October	• • •	•••	65	•••	64	- 1	April	•••	•••	62	•••	61
November	•••	•••	63	•••	63	1	May	•••	• • •	63	•••	57
December			64		er,		June			8.3		58

2. The number of half-castes residing on the station is fourteen, but four boys should shortly go out to situations, which will reduce the number to ten, who do not come under the operation of the Act relating to half-castes.

The number of blacks is 58.

It is necessary to keep the young half-castes away from the stations as much as possible, as it is neither good for them nor the blacks to have them "loafing" about.

(b)	BIRTHS.

[Date.		Sex.	Name.			Parents' Names.	Colour.	
2th October, 1905		М.	Frank Leslie	•••	•••	Jacob Harrison Lizzie Harrison	:::}	Black.
rd December, 1905		F.	Margaret Alice	•••	•••	W. Robinson	:::}	Do.
3th January, 1906		F.	Grace Adeline	•••	•••	JE. Foster R. Foster	{	Do.
th February, 1906		F.	Alice Florence		•••	A. White D. White	}	Do.
st May, 1906		M.	Robert Frederick	•••	•••	Wm. King B. King	}	Do.

(c) DEATHS.

Date.	Sex. Name.		Colour.	Cause	Age.		
17th January, 1906 23rd January, 1906 11th February, 1906 31st March, 1906 15th April, 1906	M. F. F. M.	Frank L. Harrison Margaret A. Robinson Christina Robinson Louisa Russell Cameron E. Robinson	Do Half-caste	Phthisis Tuberculosis		•••	3 months. 7 weeks. 30 years. 59 years. 3 years.

- 3. On Sundays and week-day mornings short religious services have been regularly held, also Sunday school for the children, and with one or two exceptions, were well attended.
- 4. The children of school age still continue to attend the State school, and, I am pleased to say, make satisfactory progress in the various subjects taught.
- 5. The land reserved for the use of the natives consists of about 2,000 acres, but I should mention that about one-third of it is frequently flooded during the winter months. It is divided into twelve paddocks, varying in size from about 6 acres to 300 acres.
- 6. With regard to cultivation, we have generally about 30 acres under crop of oats, wheat, potatoes, and hops, and, although the last season was not good, we harvested a fairly good crop all round.

We sold hops to the amount of £238 is. 5d., and cattle to the amount of £117 ios. Total, £355 iis. 5d., which was paid into the Treasury.

7. The stock consists of the following, namely:—52 cows, 11 calves, 28 heifers, 40 steers, 2 bulls, 6 working bullocks, and 12 horses. Total, 151.

On an average, about twelve cows are milked daily for the use of the whole station. Several families milk a cow for themselves, and any family can do so who will attend to the milking regularly early every morning. The number and kinds of cattle that have been killed for meat is as follows:—24 steers, 6 cows, and 1 heifer. Total 31.

- 7A. The number of houses is 21, besides the hop kiln, stable, workshop, and other necessary outbuildings. All the houses, except two, are occupied and fairly well kept in order by the people. I wish, however, to mention that the weatherboard buildings should have a good coat or two of paint as soon as convenient, to preserve the wood from decay, as well as improve the appearance. Some of them would be more comfortable with a little more furniture, but it is not good for the natives to have over much, as they soon damage and destroy it for want of proper use and care.
- 8. The work of the farm and station is all done by the able-bodied men, for which they receive a small payment in money, besides rations, clothing, and medical attendance, &c. The men also earn a considerable amount of money, particularly in the summer months, by the sale of boomerangs, and other weapons, to visitors, so also do the women by the sale of baskets which they make from grass.
- 9. The natives have no need now to spend much time in hunting for native game for food, as they are well and regularly supplied with all the necessaries of life.
- 10. Occasionally we have some trouble through the men getting intoxicating drink, and there is great difficulty in preventing them doing so, as they will not tell how or where they obtain it.
- rr. On behalf of the natives, I have to thank the Secretary and Board for the prompt attention and continued liberality with which all things necessary for the comfort and well-being of the people have been supplied.

The Secretary, B.P.A., Melbourne. I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
JOSEPH SHAW.

APPENDIX II.

Mission Station, Lake Condah, Milltown, 27th July, 1906.

SIR,

In compliance with your request of the 19th inst., I have the honour to forward my Annual Report on the state and condition of the Aborigines under my charge for the year ended 30th June, 1906.

r. The attendance during the past twelve months was as follows:-

1905.				1906.							
July	•••	•••	34	January	•••	•••	35				
August	***		32	February	•••	•••	35				
September	***		32	March	•••		33				
October	•••		32	April	•••	•••	35				
November	***	•••	34	May	•••	•••	38				
December	• •	•••	38	June	•••	•••	35				

Total number belonging to the station, 51.

2. Number of marriages, births, and deaths.

(a)-MARRIAGES.

Date.			Names.					Colour.		
8th May, 1906	•••	{Daniel Cortwine Catherine Turner	•••	•••	•••	•••	 	Black Black		

(b) Births. Nil.

(c) DEATH.

Date.	Sex.	Name.	Colour.	Cause.	Age.		
30th December, 1905	м.	Patrick McDuff	Black	Consumption	20 years.		

- 3. Religious instruction was imparted daily and church services were held twice every Sunday, also Sunday school for the children, all of which were well attended.
- 4. The day school is a half-time one, but as the attendance has increased considerably, I would recommend that a full-time school be opened again. The progress made by the children would also be greater if a full-time school were kept.

Part of this 5. The land belonging to the station is the same as before, viz., 2,000 acres. is almost valueless, as it is very poor and overgrown with stringybark suckers, owing to the frequent is almost valueless, as it is very poor and overgrown with stringybark suckers, owing to the frequent recurrence of bush fires, while it should also be noted that the flat, consisting of about 300 acres, is liable to be flooded at any time, and at the present moment there are several feet of water all over it, rendering it quite useless for pasturing stock, until the flood subsides. The whole reserve is fenced in and subdivided into different padocks for rearing stock, and for cultivation as far as practicable. We had 14 acres under crop for hay. Seven acres were on the hilly land, but the wet winter completely destroyed all prospects of getting any hay, and, unfortunately, when the other 7 acres could be put in in the flat, the dry season set in at once, so that this also came to nothing. I never experienced anything like it here for the last 30 years. A new paddock was laid out and fenced in and put under cultivation and so far the crop of oats for hay looks fairly promising. An additional and put under cultivation and so far the crop of oats for hay looks fairly promising. An additional fence was also erected to enclose some ground outside of the cemetery, and the approach to the latter is now from the road, so that the last resting place of the natives will be undisturbed, whatever the future of the reserve may be.

6. The stock on hand is as follows:—Cows, 32; calves, 26; heifers, 27; steers, 29; bull, 1;

ewes, 47 lambs, 15; ram, 1; horses, 7.

7. The total income from the land from all sources, apart from the value of stock killed for the supply of meat during the past year, was as follows:-

Inc	OME.				1	Exp	ENDITURE				
			£ 8.						£	8.	d.
Balance, 1st July, 1905	•••		76 3	11	General	•••	•••	• • •	36	16	91
Wool	• • •		10 17	4	Wages		•••	•••	8	6	6
Hides and Skins			10 15	3	Meat	•••	•••	•••	9	0	I
Sundries	•••		5 0	0	Miscellaneous	•••	•••	•••		4	7
					Balance	•••		•••	41	7	9
Total	•••	•••	102 15	81/2	Total		•••	•••	102	15	8 1

8. The buildings are the same in number as last year, viz., 25, inclusive of church, school, and mission house.

9. The men were employed in fencing, grubbing, and clearing ground, gardening, carting fire-

wood, splitting posts, and carrentering.
10. Instead of hunting native game, the blacks are kept busy digging rabbit-burrows, and

trapping rabbits and foxes.

11. The health and conduct of the people were fair, and no special case of drunkenness occurred.

12. We have no half-castes resident here at present, except such as are—owing to age and

being married to full blacks-exempt from the Act relating to half-castes.

13. The rations and supplies of clothing were liberal, and of good quality, and I desire to thank the Board for Protection of Aborigines for them on behalf of the aboriginal residents of this station.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

J. H. STAHLE.

Mr. Wm. J. Ditchburn, Acting Secretary, B.P.A., Melbourne.

APPENDIX III.

Ramahyuck Mission Station, 9th July, 1906.

I have the honour to forward to you the annual report on the work and progress among the Aborigines at this station, from the 1st July, 1905, to the 30th June, 1906, from which you will observe that the number of blacks is constantly decreasing, but that, on the whole, fair progress has been made on the station.

1. The attendance of the people has been as follows:-

		1905					1906.			
July August September October November		•••	Highest. 44 45 45 44 46	 Lowest. 39 41 42 42	January February March April May		•••	Highest. 33 36 39 40 35 30	•••	Lowest. 32 36 35 39 34 97
December	•••	***	42	 40	June	•••	• • •	30	•••	27

(b) MARRIAGE

	(o) MARKERIA		
Date.	Name.	Age.	Colour,
October 5, 1905 {	Braggin Scott Sarah Moffat	29 years 19 years	Black. Black.

(c) Births.

Date	Name.	Sex.	Parents.	Colour.
29th August, 1905 17th March, 1906		F.	(Affice Login	Black.

(d) DEATHS.

Date.	Sex.	Name.		Colour.	Cause of Death.	Age.	
10th October, 1905 10th December, 1905 10th December, 1905 15th January, 1906 9th March, 1906	M. M. F. M. F.	Phillip Pepper George O'Rourke Ellen O'Rourke Hamilton Moffat Muriel Edwards	•••	Half-caste Half-caste Half-caste Black Black	Consumption Inflammation of Bowels Heart Failure Sunstroke Gastric Fever	•••	31 years, 10 days, 25 years. 9 months. 7 months.

- 2. The religious services every day, and especially the regular Sunday meetings, as well as Sunday school, have been well attended at all times during the year.
- 3. The school for the few aboriginal children residing on the station is still carried on by Mr. Geissler, the Board's appointed teacher, with fair success, and is of very important use to the children.
- 4. The quantity of land belonging to the reserve is about 750 acres of inferior grazing land. It is subdivided into three large and four small paddocks, is well fenced, and kept in good order. There are now about 100 head of well-bred cattle on the reserve. The only produce grown, besides all kinds of vegetables, has been a fair crop of hay for station use. The cattle are the Board's property.
- 5. The roo head of cattle include about twenty milking cows, which supply all the people with milk and butter all the year round. A considerable quantity of meat is required for the daily support and the surplus stock is sold in the sale-yards, and the income applied for paying sundry expenses at the station. The work of clearing and other station work is done by the able-bodied men, for which they receive a small sum monthly.
- 6. The total amount of income from all sources, besides the value of the fat stock for home use for meat during the past year, has been as follows:—

I	NCOME.		٠.	,	Expenditure.	_		
Balance of last year	•••	•••	£ .	11	General Station Expenses, in-		s.	
Surplus Stock	•••	•••	34 9	6	cluding wages			51
Hides	•••	***	7 3	3	Bank Cash Balance	18	18	3
Total	•••	•••	73 17	8	Total	73	17	8

These station accounts are now duly examined by the Auditor-General and his officers, which is of great importance for station managers.

- 7. The total number of buildings on the station is the same as last year, and it might be of advantage to take one or two of the cottages down and use the material for repairing the other houses of the blacks.
- 8. The state of health among our people has not been good during the past year, and a number of deaths took place during that time. One old man gave us a good deal of trouble, as he became insane, and had to be sent to the Kew Asylum, where he recovered his reason, and was sent to Lake Tyers station, where we hope he will remain to the end of his life.
- 9. The question of closing this station is still under the consideration of the Board, but will, no doubt, be settled soon, and the date fixed for the final settlement of this question.
- 10. In conclusion, I desire again to express the best thanks of our people to the Board and the Government for the supply of very good food and suitable clothing and medical aid, in time when it was needed.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

The Secretary,

Board for Protection of Aborigines,

Melbourne

JOHANNES HAGENAUER, Acting Manager.

APPENDIX IV.

Mission Station, Lake Tyers,

To the Acting Secretary, B.P.A.

31st July, 1906.

SIR.

I have the honour to forward the Annual Report on this station for the year ended 30th June, 1906.

1. The number of aboriginals attending the station has been as follows:-

		1905.				1		1906.			
			Lowest.		Highest.	1			Lowest.		Highest.
July		•••	42	•••	42	January	•••	•••	48		48
August	•••		40		43	February		•••	46		49
September			43	•••	43	March	•••		49		50
October	•••	•••	44	•••	44	April	•••	•••	49		49
November	***	•••	37	•••	43	May	•••	•••	43	•••	45
December			43	•••	48	June	•••	•••	51		52

2. There have been no births or marriages.

The deaths were as follow:--

Date.	Sex.	Name.	Colour.	Cause of Death.	Age.
5th August, 1905 29th December, 1905	F. F.	Euphemia Johnson Martha Perry		Diarrhœa Peritonitis	6 months. 32 years.

- 3. Religious services have been held daily both morning and evening. The children were also taught daily in Bible knowledge by Miss E. Bulmer. The State school is under the care of Miss Chappell, who is an efficient teacher. On the 13th inst., being Arbor Day for this district, the children were put through various exercises, music, elocution, and physical exercises. They also planted two oriental plane trees. The children were also regaled with cakes and buns. The ceremony was quite unique in the history of our station.
- 4. The reserve consists of 4,000 acres of third-class land. We cultivate about 16 acres, six of which were under oats for hay. The crop was very good, the yield being about ten tons. There is also a large orchard, well stocked with fruit trees, chiefly apples and pears. The crop last season was a fair one. None were sold, as we supplied the aborigines with the fruit. There was also two acres planted with potatoes, and about three-quarters of an acre with vegetables. The aborigines were supplied with potatoes twice a week till they were exhausted.
- 5. The stock on the reserve at present consists of 33 head of mixed cattle and 135 sheep. During the year 10 head of cattle have been slaughtered and 24 sheep.

	I	NCOME.					ı	Expenditure.
				£	8,	d.	1	£ s. d.
To	Balance		•••	5	15	4	By	7 Wages 6 0 6
,,	Sale of Sheepskins		•••	8	8	0	,,	Butchers' account for Meat 10 11 0
,,	Sale of Wool		***	19	3	7	1	Cartage, Advertising, and Coach Fares 2 8 0
,,	Sale of Skins			2	1	8	",	Ironmongery and General Stores 37 10 8
,,	Royalty on Sleepers	•••		15	0	0	1 "	Balance 4 18 5
"	Sale of Skins		•••	7	16	3	1 "	
"	Sale of Lambs' Woo		•••	3		9	1	
			•				1	
	To	tal	•••	61	8	7	1	Total 61 8 7
							1	

Part of the above has been audited by the Auditor-General up to 18th February, 1906.

- 6. The total number of buildings on the station is 17. One house has been built during the year. As several aboriginals have come from Ramahyuck saying they have leave to remain, a few more houses will be required for their accommodation.
- 7. The employment of the men has been principally suckering and thinning the wattle trees. It is hoped that there will be a return of several tons of wattle bark this season. Under Mr. Howe, the men have been kept steadily at work, fences have been renewed, and other necessary work attended to. Mr. Frank Bulmer has contributed his share to the work. I may here remark that all the houses have been put into thorough repair. The furniture supplied (for which I have to thank the Board) was distributed among the various houses. The blacks expressed themselves quite satisfied, as their houses look more like a home.

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- 8. The aborigines still hunt native game. Those who are not regularly employed hunt the wallaby for their skins, for which they obtain a good price. The men who work regularly are supplied with meat daily. They do not get much fish out of the lake, as the fishermen take most of the fish during the five months of legal fishing.
- 9. The drinking evil has not been so bad as heretofore, though there have been several cases of drunkenness, but they do not bring strong drink to the station.
- 10. The annual supply of clothing was distributed at Easter. All the goods were of suitable quality. I have to thank the Board on behalf of the aborigines for the clothing supplied. The food supply was all of good quality.
- 11. The general health of the station is very good. The two deaths which occurred during the year give no indication as to the health of the station, as one was a half-caste woman who came to the station to recoup after a serious operation; she had only been here a fortnight when she died of peritonitis. The other death was a child of six months of age, and of a delicate frame.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

JOHN BULMER.

APPENDIX V.

Woodford, 24th July, 1906.

SIR.

In accordance with instructions, I beg to furnish the following report of the state and condition of the blacks at Framlingham Station for the year ending 30th June, 1906.

The number of blacks attending the station for each month during the past twelve months was:—July, 20; August, 20; September, 18; October, 18; November, 16; December, 19; January, 17; February, 19; March, 18; April, 16; May, 19; June, 19.

There was one death, that of an aboriginal named John Brown, on the 9th December, 190 from old age. With the exception of two, all the half-castes coming under the operation of the law are still on the station, under the usual certificates, these having been struck off the ration list on 31st December last.

Religious services are held on the station each Sunday for the blacks, and are well attended. The interior of the building used for worship was painted and renovated by the blacks during the year. No other religious instruction is given to the children. Secular education is obtained at the State school, Purnim, 2 miles distant, and is satisfactory.

The Station Reserve contains 500 acres of poor-quality land. The fences, which were in disrepair, have been put in order, and the reserve is now secure, permanently watered, and divided into ten paddocks, and occupied as follows:—"General Reserve," 212 acres; Mrs. Brown, 80½ acres; Wm. Good, 84 acres; John Wyselaskie, 84 acres; Frank Clark, 40 acres. The persons named take in cattle to graze from the public, and also have a few head of stock of their own. No cultivation is carried on by the blacks, as the land is unsuitable.

There are three head of cattle on the reserve belonging to the Board, but are not now milking. Two head of young cattle were sold during the year, and the amount, \pounds_4 , forwarded for payment in the usual way, on 18th September, 1905.

There are six cottages on the station, all continually inhabited, and are kept in a fair state of cleanliness, but are now falling into a state of disrepair, owing to being very old. The blacks devote most of their time in hunting rabbits to obtain the skins, which find a ready sale, whilst the women devote most of their time to basket-making, and by this means obtain a little money.

The blacks live soberly, and there has not been a case of drunkenness for a long time.

The rations and clothes supplied by the Board have been good, and have given satisfaction to the people.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E. G. SHOEBRIDGE.

The Acting Secretary,
Board for Protection of Aborigines,
Melbourne.

APPENDIX VI.

STATEMENT showing the Amounts voted for the Aborigines and the Amounts expended from 1st July, 1905 to 30th June, 1906.

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H. P. KEOGH, Vice-Chairman.

WM. J. DITCHBURN, Acting Secretary.

Melbourne, 31st August, 1906.

Audited and found correct, F. H. BRUFORD, Auditor-General. 29/9/06.

APPENDIX VII.

STATEMENT showing the Amounts expended on the various Stations and Depots from 1st July, 1905, to 30th June, 1906.

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