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(REPORT OF BOARD FOR THE PROTECTION OF, FOR YEAR 1907.)

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Office of Board for Protection of Aborigines,

Sydney, 31 May, 1908.

Sir,

In accordance with the established practice, we have the honor to submit, for the Chief Secretary's information, the following Report regarding the work undertaken by us during the year 1907, together with information as to the number, location, and present condition of the aborigines throughout the State, and the means adopted for their relief.

CENTRAL BOARD.

The Board much regretted the decease of the Honorable Sir John See, K.C.M.G., who always took a deep interest in the welfare of the aboriginal population. A resolution was passed by the Board, and also by the Local Board at Grafton (of which he was a member), putting on record their high appreciation of the services rendered by him in this direction.

The vacancy on the Board was filled by the appointment of Peter Board, Esq., M.A., Under Secretary and Director of Education.

Owing to the enforced absence of the Chairman (Mr. Thomas Garvin) through his unfortunate accident, the Board were without his invaluable assistance during portion of the year. His *locum tenens* (Mr. Superintendent Walker) was appointed Acting Chairman. The Board have to acknowledge the interest displayed by the latter mentioned gentleman when conducting the affairs of the Department and presiding at the Board's meetings during his residence in Sydney.

LOCAL BOARDS.

Two new Local Boards were appointed during the year, to assist the Central Board, one at Maclean in connection with the camp at Ulgundahi Island, consisting of:—

John Cameron, Esq. (Chairman),	Dugald McDonald, Esq., and
T. McL. Lobhan, Esq. (Hon. Secretary),	Andrew Howard Garvan, Esq.,
James McMillan, Esq.,	

and the other at Qwirindi, to supervise the Wallhallow Station, consisting of:—

The Rev. Canon Kemmis (Chairman),	G. E. Haughton, Esq., and
The Rev. R. C. G. Page (Hon. Secretary),	W. P. V. Hungerford, Esq.
The Rev. Father Harrington,	

The undernamed gentlemen found it necessary, for various reasons, to resign from the Local Boards mentioned, and the Central Board desire to express their acknowledgments of the services rendered by them in the interests of the aborigines:—

<i>Grafton</i>	Inspector (now Superintendent) Alex. Johnston.
<i>Warangesda</i>	Rev. T. Lacey Winn (who acted as secretary for many years).
<i>Roseby Park</i>	F. W. Smithers, Esq., B. Palmer, Esq., and, later in the year, G. H. Haiser, Esq., and E. C. Hewlett, Esq.

At the request of the Board, Messrs. Haiser and Hewlett continued to act until the 31st December, but could not see their way to continue any longer, and there is now no Local Board at this place, but it is proposed that members of the Central Board should periodically visit the station.

Inspector A. Hojcl, on his transfer from Gundagai to Grafton, resigned from the Local Board at Brungle, but was appointed in Mr. Johnston's stead to a seat on the Grafton Board, and was subsequently elected Chairman of that Board.

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The vacancy on the Board at Brungle was filled by the appointment of his successor, Sub-Inspector Sivyer J. Rootes, of Gundagai, the Rev. T. Wright was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Local Board at Warangesda, and the Rev. Chas. F. Seymour, R. Page, Esq., and A. P. Carlton, Esq., were appointed to the Board at Casino.

NUMBERS.

The census of aborigines was collected by the police during the month of October, details of which are given in Appendix B.

It was found that there were 2,347 full-bloods (939 male and 669 female adults, and 739 children) and 4,613 half-castes (1,126 male and 1,005 female adults, and 2,482 children), making a total of 6,960 as compared with 7,072 for 1906—a decrease of 112.

The deaths among the full-bloods exceeded the births by 60, the numbers being 111 and 51 respectively; while on the other hand there were 117 more births than deaths among the half-castes, the births numbering 183 and the deaths 66 (Appendix C.)

Some difficulty is naturally experienced by the police in making a correct census, more especially in the remote districts, on account of the nomadic habits of the race, who frequently cross over the borders to and from the adjoining States, and move from one place to another within the State.

It will be observed that there is a still further decrease in the number of full-bloods, the number in 1907 being 2,347 as compared with 6,540 in 1882 (when a census of the aboriginal population was first taken). There is an increase in the number of half-castes during the same period—namely, from 2,379 to 4,613.

The total number of full-bloods and half-castes at the earlier date was 8,919 as against 6,960 in October, 1907.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

A sum of £13,048 was provided on the Estimates for the financial year 1907–8 for the relief of the aborigines.

The total expenditure by the Government for the year ended 31st December, 1907, was £20,535 9s. 2d. (*vide* Appendix D), including £14,223 19s. from the Board's vote, and £4,151 12s. 5d. for the purchase of blankets, clothing, and other stores obtained through the Stores Supply and Tender Board; £740 9s. by the Chief Medical Officer of the Government; and £1,419 8s. 9d. by the Department of Public Instruction for the salaries of teachers, purchase of school material, &c. (Appendices E, F, and G).

In addition, a sum of £1,297 3s. 7d. was spent from the Board's Produce Account in improving the various stations, and in the purchase of machinery, stock, &c. The combined revenue from the Produce and Sales Store Accounts for the year aggregated £1,810 12s. 11d. as compared with £2,039 5s. for the previous year, and the expenditure £2,203 6s. 9d. as against £1,390, leaving a credit balance of £927 9s. 6d. A full statement of these accounts will be found in Appendix H.

There was, on the 31st December, a sum of £179 8s. 7d. to the credit of the Board's Trust Account with the Government Savings Bank, representing the earnings of aboriginal apprentices, which are being kept by the Board for their use later on in life as they may desire.

CHRISTMAS DINNER.

As usual, the Board provided a Christmas dinner, consisting of plum pudding, a meat ration, and, in the case of the aged, a small issue of tobacco, for the residents of the nine (9) stations, and those in receipt of rations at detached camps.

Small grants were also placed at the disposal of the Local Boards to provide prizes for the aborigines on the stations, and from the reports to hand it is evident that these grants for sports effected the desired object—namely, to keep the residents on the stations away from temptations in the adjoining townships.

EDUCATION.

The number of aboriginal children attending school throughout the State was 720—namely, 696 at public schools and 24 at private schools, an increase of 14 as compared with 1906.

As the following extracts from reports by Inspectors of the Department of Public Instruction indicate, the progress of the children is, on the whole, satisfactory.

Brewarrina.—The pupils read with a fair amount of fluency, and have some understanding of what they read. Spelling from dictation is satisfactory. Writing, in the case of the elder pupils, is neat and well-formed.

Burnt Bridge (Kempsey).—The pupils are punctual, and are fairly regular in attendance. Their cleanliness and tidiness satisfactory. The moral training of the pupils receives due attention. The spelling is satisfactory; dictation also. The writing is fair; all the pupils, except those reading Primer I, have copy-books.

Cumeroogunga.

Cumeroogunga.—The children are quiet, orderly, and attentive. Some excellent physical exercises were seen. Improvements were suggested in the scheme of moral training. The methods in use are exclusively memory methods, but they have been very diligently applied. More modern methods were explained, and will, no doubt, be adopted very successfully, as both members of the teaching staff are earnest and capable teachers. The writing of the lower section of the school is excellent. The ordinary work of the children is much better than their copy writing. A creditable beginning has been made with brush-drawing in the upper division.

Erambie (Corra).—The school material is in good condition, the pupils being taught to respect the property of the Department. The children are healthy looking and fairly clean, and are tolerably well dressed. They are shy, and show great embarrassment and awkwardness when spoken to. Writing was very satisfactory. Mathematics consist largely of questions far too complex and difficult for children of this class, and the teacher was instructed to give questions bringing into operation simple calculations with money and the ordinary weights and measures.

Grafton Common.—About half the pupils are aborigines. They are all exceedingly clean, bright, happy little children, evidently on the best of terms with the teacher. Regularity and punctuality of attendance very good. The mental effort is very fair. Moral tone is good. It is very amusing to see how the dark children struggle to hold their own against the whites, and they do it very well, too. Reading: The enunciation is very fair. Writing: Creditable. Spelling: Good. Arithmetic: Fair. Art: Brushwork is well taught. Moral lessons are taught per medium of simple short stories. Needlework: Creditable. Useful garments are made up. Special care has been taken to make the dark children proficient in sewing.

Gulargambone.—The pupils are amenable to control, and give no trouble by their conduct. A large medicine chest with a very abundant supply of drugs has recently been sent to the school by the Aborigines Protection Board. The Board intend to provide a carpenter's bench and set of tools for the children. The writing is well done on slates.

Purfleet (Taree).—There is a nice flower and vegetable garden, which is in good order. The fact that the products of the garden are permitted to mature without molestation from the children themselves or the aborigines on the station is evidence of respect for the teacher's authority. The pupils were clean and tidy in appearance, respectful in manner, and bright and happy of disposition. The passages read were fairly well understood. Mechanical operations in arithmetic were performed with rapidity and correctness. Sewing is well taught by Miss Oldrey.

Morcom.—The walls of the school buildings are adorned with bright and interesting pictures. All the pupils are in the lower division. Only the four subjects—reading, writing, arithmetic, and dictation—are taught.

Tobwabbah.—The children were fairly well clothed, and were not untidy. They are frank and open in manner. The school has only been in operation for seven (7) months, and the more advanced pupils have reached the standard prescribed for an upper first class. Each child can repeat from memory a few suitable verses of poetry. They can work out successfully questions in arithmetic given in problem form, involving a knowledge of the four common operations. Writing is very satisfactory. Singing is the subject which they most enjoy and in which they show the most proficiency.

A departure from the ordinary methods of education is proposed so far as these aboriginal schools are concerned, and it is intended to impart instruction in the use of tools. To this end, benches and sets of tools have been supplied by the Board for use at Erambie, Grafton, Cumeroogunga, Roseby Park, Gulargambone, Wallaga Lake, and Warangesda. An old building has been altered and fitted up as a workshop at Warangesda, and a 2-acre garden plot made available for the school children. Similar plots are being worked at Roseby Park and elsewhere with varying success. Books are also supplied by the Board for the use of the children, and, at Cumeroogunga, a set of cooking utensils for the girls. At this school, too, it is proposed to have instruction imparted in laundry work.

Approval has been given by the Minister of Public Instruction for the establishment of new schools for aboriginal children at:—

Forked Mountain, near Coonabarabran,
Ngoorumba, near Bundarra, and
Walhallow, near Quirindi.

At Runnymede Home, the school formed by the Board has been taken over by the Instruction Department, and the manager's daughter appointed as teacher, the Board contributing £26 per annum towards the salary paid.

Application has been made for the establishment of a school at Nulla Nulla (Bellbrook), where there are seventeen (17) children of school age; also at Nymboida, Cuttabri, and Pilliga. A request by the Blacktown Shire Council for the establishment of a separate school for aborigines on the local reserve, has also been submitted for the consideration of the Department of Public Instruction.

An application for a separate school at Cabbage Tree Island was refused, but permission was given for the children to attend the public school at Wardell, and the police were asked to interest themselves in seeing that they attended regularly.

A suggestion was also made to the Board that an aboriginal school should be opened at Yass, but as some of the children are already receiving instruction at a private school there, and it is intended shortly to remove the camp from the town, the Board did not see their way to recommend the application.

With a view of inducing the parents to send the children regularly to school, the Board provide suitable clothing, and allow rations to the children so attending; but, owing mainly to the fact that the camps are scattered, and there are not sufficient children thereat to form separate schools, it is regretted that by far the larger number of children are not receiving any instruction, as it is contrary to the policy of the Education Department to allow the aboriginal and half-caste children to attend the public schools where the European parents raise any objection.

TRAINING

TRAINING OF CHILDREN.

One of the most important questions the Board have to face is that of a large number of half-caste and other children (some of whom are almost white) at the various stations and camps. Under present conditions, though much has been done for some of them as regards primary education, and also (on the Board's stations) training the girls for domestic duties, they are, to a large extent, growing up in idleness, and under the influence of ill-regulated parents. An attempt will be made to solve what is undoubtedly a difficult problem. Returns are being obtained from the various superintendents of police throughout the State, furnishing full information regarding the children at the stations and camps, up to the age of 18 years, and the Board will endeavour, without unduly interfering with parental control, to evolve some scheme for training these children to proper spheres of usefulness, instead of allowing them to become an encumbrance on the State.

RESERVES.

The following additional reserves, comprising an area of 420 acres, were set apart for the use of the aborigines during the year :—

- No. 41,619, parish of Harwood, county of Clarence, about 35 acres (being the remainder of Ulgundahi Island).
- Nos. 41,384-5 and 41,326-7, parish of Carowra, county of Mossgiel, of about 230 and 40 acres respectively (Carowra Tank).
- Section 24, of 5 acres 1 rood 8 perches, town of Lawrence (noted on the map as set apart for aborigines).
- Nos. 41,808-9, parish of West Coraki, county of Richmond, about 10 acres.
- Nos. 42,182-3, parish of Uralgurra, county of Dudley, about 11 acres.
- No. 42,274, parish of Wollumboola, county of St. Vincent, 38½ acres (Roseby Park).
- Nos. 41,699-700, parish of Mungerie, county of Kennedy, 50 acres.

Application was also made to the Department of Lands to set apart reserves in the following localities :—Ashford (parish of Lockerly, county of Arrawatta) 100 acres; Copmanhurst Common, 100 acres; Woodenbong; Greenhill (Kempsey) 10 acres; Wollar; Pilliga, an additional 240 acres; Nymboida, 20 acres; Coonamble, 20 acres; Copmanhurst, 21 acres; Euabalong, 20 acres; and Clarenza; also for Mount Dyring, county of Durham (near Singleton) to be reserved as a hunting ground.

Reserve No. 35,673, parish of Fitzroy, county of Gloucester, of 50 acres (Barrington) was revoked, in spite of an objection raised by the Board. Objection was also made by the Board to the suggestion by the Farmers and Settlers' Association at Baan Baa that the aborigines' reserve at that place should be cancelled.

After ascertaining that the land in question was not likely to be required by the aborigines, the Board intimated that there was no objection to the revocation of Reserve No. 31,024, of 14 acres, parish of Woodside, county of Clyde (near Tenterfield), or to the leasing of Reserve No. 2,950, of 40 acres, at South Casino. The right of access to the Murrumbidgee River, through the Warangesda Station, was granted to an adjoining settler, on the understanding that he erected a fence to the satisfaction of the Local Board; and a right-of-way was also accorded the holder of a special lease adjoining the reserve at Combathin Island.

Applications for permission to rent or graze cattle on the reserves at Bundarra, Tumbudgerie (Colimo), Upper Burraborang, and Cumeroogunga, were refused. For years past the Board have steadily resisted all attempts of this nature to acquire the use of land intended for the exclusive use of the aborigines, and they do their utmost to encourage the aboriginal or half-caste occupants of such areas to cultivate the land by supplying fencing wire, agricultural implements, and also, where they are satisfied they will be properly cared for, horses and bullocks.

Assistance of this nature was granted during the year at the following places :—

- Kempsey.—Fencing wire.
- Forked Mountain (near Coonabarabran).—Fencing wire and wire-netting (to several aborigines).
- Roseby Park.—Farming plant and tools.
- Cumeroogunga.—Fencing wire, stripper, winnower, and additional horses, &c.
- Brungle.—Fencing wire, chaff-cutter and horse works.
- Brewarrina.—Fencing wire and wire-netting.
- Walhallow.—Fencing wire, wire-netting, agricultural implements, and two draught horses, fruit trees, &c.
- Burnt Bridge.—Six bullocks, bows and yokes, and seed potatoes.
- Grafton.—Seed maize and potatoes, and an additional horse.
- Warangesda.—Wire-netting, tools, &c.
- Pindari (Inverell).—Fencing wire, tools, fruit trees, &c.
- Gulargambone.—Wire-netting.
- Ulgundahi Island.—Seed-maize and hire of horses.
- Rollands Plains.—Tools.
- Ballengarra.—Tools.
- Woodenbong.—Fencing wire and tools.

ERECTION

ERECTION OF ADDITIONAL DWELLINGS, &c.

The Board approved of the erection of a number of additional huts, or the supply of material or roofing iron for the erection of huts, at the following places :—

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| Brewarrina—Erection of five huts ; also repairs to huts. | Talgrabar, near Dubbo—Erection of two huts. |
| Brungle—Erection of four huts, hay shed, and material for improving existing huts. | Bellbrook—Supply of roofing iron. |
| Waihalloo—Erection of huts and addition to store. | Warangesda—Supply of material for repairs to houses, erection of stable, &c. |
| La Perouse—Erection of three huts. | Grafton—Additions to school building, erection of a three-roomed hut, and addition to existing hut. |
| Swan Creek—Supply of material for two huts of three rooms. | Bungebah (Coonabarabran)—Supply of roofing iron. |
| Wallaga Lake—Supply of material for additions to huts. | Killawarra (Kempsey)—Supply of roofing iron. |
| Lismore—Supply of roofing iron, &c. | The Caves (Kempsey)—Supply of roofing iron. |
| St. Clair—Supply of roofing iron. | Forster—Supply of roofing iron. |
| Burnt Bridge—Supply of material for four huts. | Wollar—Erection of hut. |
| Bulgarrie—Supply of roofing iron. | Ballengarra (Port Macquarie)—Supply of material for hut. |
| Roseby Park—Erection of Manager's residence, store, and two huts. | Rolands Plains—Supply of material for hut. |
| Erambie (Cowra)—Erection of one hut. | Ulgundahi—Erection of hut. |
| Sawyer's Point—Supply of roofing iron, &c., for four huts. | Dandaloo—Erection of four huts. |
| Walcha—Erection of one hut. | Jerseyville—Supply of material for erection of hut. |
| Cumeroounga—Material for forge and workshop ; material for repairs to Manager's and Overseer's residences, erection of two huts ; supply of material (costing £73) for improvements to existing dwellings. | Lawrence—Supply of material for erection of huts. |
| | Burraborang—Supply of roofing iron, &c. |
| | Dunoon (Lismore)—Erection of four huts. |

At Goodooga, Walgett, Wanaaring, and other places, where the aborigines were not residing permanently in one place, or where buildings, if erected, would not be used, a number of tents were provided to house the aborigines.

OTHER ASSISTANCE.

Boats were supplied for the aborigines at La Perouse (2), Roseby Park, and Lower Southgate. Additional tanks were granted for Burnt Bridge, Lismore (7), Roseby Park, Cumeroounga, Brungle, and Ulgundabi Island.

Other needed help, in the shape of repairs to houses, supply of paint, fishing lines, &c, new machinery and repairs to machinery already supplied, farming implements, &c, were also granted at a number of places throughout the State.

CLOTHING.

Except in the case of the Board's stations, and at a few camps where assistance is given to the aborigines by local residents or missionaries in making up their garments, the clothing issued is invariably made up by the Prisons Department at but small cost to the Board.

Recently the "make" of the garments supplied was under consideration, and after consultation with the clothing expert of the Stores Supply and Tender Board, a set of modern garments was approved. It was decided that future annual issues should consist of the following articles of clothing, viz. :—

Men and youths.—1 coat, 1 pair trousers, 1 Harvard and 1 flannel shirt. The coat and trousers to be of diagonal tweed.

Boys.—1 knicker suit (serge), 1 Harvard and 1 flannel shirt.

Women and girls.—1 winsey and 1 print dress, 1 winsey and 1 flannel petticoat, a pair calico drawers, and 2 calico chemises.

Infants (boys to 3 and girls to 4 years).—1 diagonal tweed frock, petticoat with bodice, 1 flannel and 1 Harvard shirt.

MISSIONARY WORK.

Applications for missionaries to be allowed access to the aborigines' reserves for the purpose of imparting religious and moral instruction have been gladly approved by the Board, and permission accorded to the missionaries to take up their residence on the reserves at Walcha, St. Clair (Singleton), and Sawyer's Point.

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A request was also received for the missionaries to be allowed to reside on the Board's stations at Brungle, Cumeroogunga, and Warangesda, but the Board did not consider it prudent to comply therewith. At the same time, however, it was intimated that no objection would be offered to the missionaries visiting the stations for the purpose of holding services; indeed, such visits by clergymen and others of all denominations are always welcome.

SUPPLY OF LIQUOR TO ABORIGINES.

Convictions for the supply of liquor to aboriginal natives have been obtained by the police at the following places:—Warangesda (several), Morree, Casino, Ballina, Dandaloo (3), and Torrowangee.

The police and the Board's managers are doing their utmost to prevent the supply of liquor to residents on the various stations and camps, but, unfortunately, owing to what the Board regard as a defect in existing legislation, it is impossible to take action in some cases where liquor is supplied to half-castes and others with an admixture of aboriginal blood. So far as the full-bloods are concerned there is no difficulty, as the Aborigines Act (31 Victoria, No. 16, Section 1) provides for a penalty of £10, in default, imprisonment for a period of six months, for the supply of liquor to aboriginal natives. The Liquor (Amendment) Act, too, imposes a penalty for the supply of liquor on *licensed premises* to aborigines, and for the purposes of the Act the term covers all persons apparently having an admixture of aboriginal blood who are in receipt of assistance from the Board, or are residing on reserves set apart for the use of aborigines, but the supply of liquor to such persons elsewhere than on licensed premises is not an offence. In the draft bill prepared for the better control of the aborigines, a clause has been framed to meet such cases, and the Attorney-General has also been asked, in the event of any amendment of the Liquor Acts being contemplated, to consider the desirableness of introducing a clause dealing with this matter.

RAILWAY PASSES.

As usual, the Board assisted aborigines in search of employment by providing them with railway tickets, and a similar concession was allowed in the case of those going to and from hospitals for medical treatment. Applications made for passes to enable aborigines to travel about the State simply for pleasure were, however, refused, as also in cases where employers were moving from one place to another, and desired the Board to meet the cost of the fares of their servants. It must be borne in mind that railway fares are a charge on the Board's vote, and the more that is expended in this direction the less there is available for assisting the aborigines in other ways. Still, every application is dealt with on its merits, and no reasonable request is refused.

OFFICE WORK.

Owing to the increased interest taken of late years in the welfare of the aborigines, and the decision of the Board to obtain at least quarterly reports from the police as to the condition and needs of the native race living at the large number of camps scattered all over the State, the office work largely increased, and the Public Service Board were asked to provide some clerical assistance for the secretary. A temporary junior clerk was placed at the Board's disposal, and it is understood that a permanent appointment will shortly be made. At the present time the secretarial work is performed by an officer of the clerical division of the Police Department, who receives additional salary for attending to these duties, but it is evident that in the near future the services of an officer devoting his whole time to the Board's work, and who will be available to pay visits of inspection to the stations, and (if desired) the larger camps, will be necessary. When the proposed Act for the better protection of the aborigines becomes law, as in other Australian States, a competent staff to carry out the provisions of the Act and regulations will be required.

INSPECTION OF STATIONS.

Visits to the following stations and camps were made during the year as follows, viz:—

- Brungle (by Mr. Donaldson on three occasions).
- Roseby Park (by Mr. Trenchard and Mr. Dowling).
- Warangesda (by Mr. Ardill).
- Walhallow (by Mr. Ardill, also by the Secretary).
- Cumeroogunga (by Mr. MacFarlane, accompanied by the Secretary)
- Gerringong and Port Kembla (by Mr. Dowling).
- Grafton (by Mr. Varley).
- Ulgundabi Island (by Mr. Varley).

Unfortunately, the members of the Board are unable to spare the time to inspect the stations as frequently as they would wish, but as far as possible at least a visit is paid to each station once a year. A number of valuable suggestions were made in the written reports by the members who made the visits of inspection above referred to, most of which were adopted by the Board. With the approval of the Inspector-General of Police, the Warangesda and Cumeroogunga Stations were also inspected (at the request of the Board) by Mr. Superintendent Johnston, and the Board desire to express their thanks for the assistance rendered by that gentleman.

LEGISLATION.

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As has previously been pointed out, the Board have at present no Legislative sanction for their existence or operations, and a Bill has been drafted and submitted for the consideration of the Government, which aims at giving them some real authority to deal with the aboriginal and half-caste population, without interfering with the freedom of adults who are earning their own livelihood and supporting themselves and their families. The Board desire to express the hope that this measure will be placed before Parliament at an early date and passed into law.

ABORIGINAL STATIONS AND CAMPS UNDER CONTROL OF LOCAL BOARDS.

The following are particulars of the work carried out by the various Local Boards on the nine (9) stations and principal camps:—

BREWARRINA STATION.

Frequent meetings have been held by the Local Board at Brewarrina during the year, but in addition the Chairman reports that he has found it necessary to specialise, and in matters concerning grazing and stock he acknowledges the great assistance rendered by Messrs. B. Broughton and W. T. Palmer. The station, consisting of some 6,000 acres of grazing land, with about 900 sheep, 30 cattle, and 2 horses, has been visited by individual members of the Board, and the Stock Inspector from time to time. The give-and-take fence had not been completed at the end of the year, though considerable work had been done. The Board refer to the agitation that has been going on for the past nine years with regard to the need for a new school building, and express their gratification that the effort has not been unavailing, in view of the proposed early erection of a suitable building. They express regret that a simple, effective, and economic way has not yet been arrived at in the matter of irrigation, and state that, in addition to considerable sums for fodder for the large stock during the month of December, the losses cannot be written at under £100. Owing to the increased number of residents, five (5) new huts have been erected at a cost of £25 each, the work being done by the residents in a satisfactory manner. The wool clip, which was well handled, realized, with the skins, about £200.

The work has (the Board say) been heavy, and successfully carried out by the Manager (Mr. H. E. Hockey), and great praise must be given to the Matron (Mrs. Hockey) for the training of the young women in all domestic duties and conduct.

The Manager in his report refers to the contented state of the residents, and the efforts made to improve their moral condition and make them live in a cleaner and more sanitary way than in the past. The year, he says, opened with very bright prospects as far as the feed for the stock was concerned, ten (10) inches of rain having fallen in January; but since that time only on two occasions did the rainfall reach 100 points, with the result that there was practically no grass, and the stock had to be hand-fed.

The work carried out consisted of the erection of five (5) new huts, already referred to, attention to sanitary matters, construction of new fence and gates, and repairs to other lines of fences and gates, reconstruction of sheep yard, removal of single men's quarters to a more suitable locality, destruction of many thousands of rabbits, and marking 347 lambs, shearing 1,039 sheep, and branding 10 calves.

The girls in the dormitory are taught domestic duties daily, lessons in plain cooking and needlework forming an important part of the work, the women's and girls' clothing being made up on the station, under the direction and tuition of Mrs. Hockey. As they get old enough, suitable situations are found for the girls. The recreation of the residents has not been overlooked, various games being indulged in, and swimming being of daily occurrence in the warm weather. During the long winter nights phonograph and lantern entertainments are given, the subjects being both amusing and instructive; and the Sydney Technical College is to be thanked for supplying lantern slides on about twenty different subjects.

The health of the residents has been fairly good, the dominant complaint being that of consumption.

The numbers on the station on the last day of the year were:—

Adults—Full-bloods	...	...	...	...	...	33
Half-castes	...	...	...	...	...	47
Children—Full-bloods	...	...	...	...	...	26
Half-castes	...	...	...	...	...	54
Total	...	...	...	...	...	160

The daily average for the year was 129, of whom 88 were in receipt of rations.

A record for births has been established for this station, viz., sixteen (16) (4 full-bloods and 12 half-castes); while there were nine (9) deaths (7 full-bloods and 2 half-castes). There were five (5) marriages.

Of 49 children on the school roll there was an average attendance of 32, and this would undoubtedly have been much higher had suitable school premises been available, the present building being far too small.

BRUNGLE

BRUNGLE STATION.

In submitting the Manager's report for the year, the Local Board refer to the manifest progress at the Brungle Station, which is largely due to the excellent supervision exercised over them, and the keen interest evinced by the Manager and Matron in the interests of the aborigines, and they express their satisfaction at their efforts to ameliorate the condition of the race being so ably supported, and their instructions efficiently carried out.

In addition to attending the meetings of the Board and visiting the station with the other members, the Chairman (Mr. George Clout) spends a good deal of time in personally attending to correspondence and other matters connected with the station. Mr. Donaldson, M.L.A., a member of the Central Board, also visited the station on three occasions during the year.

The number of aborigines on the station on the last day of the year were:—

Adults—Full-bloods	...	...	...	...	24
Half-castes	...	...	...	...	24
Children—Full-bloods	...	...	...	...	2
Half-castes	...	...	...	...	36
					86
Total	...	...	...	...	86

The average during the year was 80, of whom 57 were in receipt of rations.

There were 4 births (1 full-blood and 3 half-castes) and 6 deaths (3 full-bloods and 3 half-castes).

The stock on the station on the 31st December consisted of 9 horses, 12 head of cattle for killing purposes, and 16 cows and calves, all being in good condition. The machinery consists of a reaper and binder, a double-furrow plough, a set of harness in good condition, and recently a new two-horse chaff-cutter has been installed.

During the year four (4) new houses were erected (one of four rooms, one of three rooms, and two of two rooms each), and there are now fourteen (14) weatherboard houses, and a six (6) roomed barracks for single men, all in splendid condition. All the houses were whitewashed during the year, and the Manager's residence and all outbuildings kept in good repair. A well, 30 feet deep, was sunk at the Manager's house, timbered and stoned up; 500 posts were split and drawn from Wyangle, a distance of 12 miles, timber for the new houses being also cut and drawn from this reserve.

Three (3) young horses were broken in, and are now in use. Lopping for feeding stock and watering stock had to be resorted to on account of the drought, and later on agistment had to be found for 30 head of cattle and 3 horses for a period of six weeks.

Fifty-five acres were ploughed and put under crop for hay, resulting in 40 tons of first quality hay, and, in addition, 1½ tons of grass was cut for hay. All the hay is under cover and well secured. Other work consisted of cutting 3 tons hay for chaff for the station horses, drawing twenty loads of stone from Reserve Hill for the cow-yard, &c., repairs to dray and spring cart, keeping fences in order, and erection of three-quarters of a mile of new fencing. The bridge in Island Paddock was also repaired and half-decked.

A number of visitors have been agreeably surprised at the general appearance of the station and residents, and at the results obtained. The aborigines, as a whole, are well clothed and well conducted, very little trouble being experienced with the residents of the station, though occasionally visiting half-castes cause disturbances. There has been but little drunkenness, and as an example of thrift it may be mentioned that some of the residents are owners of buggies and sulkies. One aboriginal, too, has about 2 acres of land, which is sown with lucerne and pumpkins.

CUMEROOGUNGA STATION.

The whole area of this station is 2,800 acres, of which 290 acres were cultivated during the year, 250 acres having been put under wheat, and 40 acres under oats. Fifty-two acres of wheat were cut for hay, giving a yield of 50 tons. The balance was stripped, and returned 270 bags of bright, clean grain, fit for seed wheat. From the 40 acres of oats there was a return of 85 bags. This would most likely have been doubled but for the fact that heavy rain fell while the stripping was in progress. There were several large patches through the wheat crop that died away owing to the continued dry weather. The total gross value of the produce was £493 10s.

About three (3) miles of seven-wire fence was erected by the aborigines during the period under review, which is equal to the best fencing in the district. The greater portion of the station is now properly subdivided, and the stock-carrying capacity of the property materially improved.

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The rabbits have given considerable trouble. About £100 has been expended by the Board in labour, rations, &c., the men having been employed in fumigating, digging out, hunting, trapping, and poisoning.

The health of the residents was good, and the sanitary system and cleanliness of the residents has doubtless had much to do with this. The cottages and yards are thoroughly inspected once a week, and the occupants of the various cottages effected any necessary improvements.

There was a good supply of milk throughout the year, which was a boon to the people, and has had a marked effect on the health of all, especially of the children. The milk is now given out at 7.30 a.m. and an evening supply is also made to those who are sick, or have young babies.

The number of residents on the station on the 31st December was:—

Adults—Full-bloods	25
Half-castes	140
Children—Full-bloods... ..	4
Half-castes... ..	174
Total... ..	343

The average number during the year was 269, of whom 259 were in receipt of rations and other assistance.

There were 13 births (all half-castes), 6 deaths (2 full-bloods and 4 half-castes), and 5 marriages. Of the deaths, two were cases of aborigines who had come to the station for medical treatment, but, unfortunately, too late. One death resulted from senile decay, and the other three were children.

Of 89 children on the school-roll, there was a daily average attendance of 78. The numbers attending school are steadily increasing, and the building is now much too small. An officer of the Department of Public Instruction has paid a special visit of inspection, and the erection of new buildings is contemplated. A fine supply of carpenters' and joiners' tools has been made, and it is intended to impart instruction to the lads in their use. The Board have also provided cooking utensils, including a large stove. A cookery class has been formed amongst the girls, and instruction is also to be imparted in laundry work.

The stock on the station on the last day of the year consisted of 19 horses, 154 cattle, and 223 sheep. Of the 19 horses, 16 are of draught breed; most of them are valuable animals, and 5 of the mares are being used for breeding. Two young Shorthorn pedigree bulls have been purchased, with a view of improving the stock. Both bulls have taken first prizes, and one champion prize, and they have never been beaten in the district. The cattle have increased by 43 head, though several were killed for beef and 3 died.

Since the appointment of the Overseer the station has been steadily improving, and though the year has been very unpromising, owing to the prevailing drought, and numbers of stock have had to be sent away from other properties in the vicinity, Cumeroounga is holding out against the bad conditions, and though there has not been any monetary gain, it is satisfactory to know that the stock has been saved at no additional cost.

In the month of September a visit of inspection was made to the station by one of the Board's members (Mr. Edward MacFarlane), accompanied by the Secretary, and as a result of his visit and consultation with the Local Board, it has been decided to enclose the property with a rabbit-proof wire-netted fence. On its completion there should be little or no trouble in keeping the rabbits under. Five (5) tanks are also being constructed in the large paddocks which have not a frontage to the river. Altogether about 8,000 cubic yards will be excavated, giving a supply (when the tanks are full) of nearly one and a half million gallons of water, which should carry the station through the driest season without driving the cattle to the river, and will obviate the necessity for leaving the paddocks open as at present to enable the stock to get to the river. It is also proposed to improve the water supply to the residents, by installing a hot-air Rider pump, to afford a plentiful supply to the forty-six cottages, and enable the residents to cultivate vegetables all the year round. A number of other minor improvements are also contemplated. Another result of Mr. MacFarlane's visit was the decision of the Board to abolish the farm-block system. This decision was made after the most careful consideration, and on the evidence of the Local Board and Manager that the residents of the station had, after sufficient opportunity, failed to properly work the blocks of land placed at their disposal. It is proposed for the future to work the land for the general benefit of the station, and to pay to the aborigines employed wages on the usual scale.

GRAFTON HOME.

Apart from inspecting the Home on five (5) occasions, five (5) meetings were held by the Local Board, and the Chairman (Inspector A. Hojel) also visited the station on a number of occasions when out on other duties.

The Board report that everything has gone on very smoothly, the residents being quiet and contented, and giving no trouble.

The returns for maize and hides sold during the year amounted to £182 12s. 10d., and for the sale of cattle bred on the Home £20 10s., making a total of £203 2s. 10d., as against £240 14s. 7d. for 1906.

The results of the education in the school are considered most satisfactory, and the health of the Home has, on the whole, been good. Dr. Ventry Smith (the Medical Officer) attends not only the residents of the station, but also gives his services to the aborigines of the district. The Manager and Matron (Mr. and Mrs. Warrington), also carry on their duties in a highly satisfactory manner. The numbers on the station on the 31st December were :—

Adults—Full-bloods	18
Half-castes	16
Children—Full-bloods	14
Half-castes... ..	16
Total	64

The average number on the station during the year was 65.9, of whom 48 were in receipt of rations. There were five (5) births (1 full-blood and 4 half-castes), and 3 deaths (2 full-bloods and 1 half-caste).

Of 20 children on the school roll, there was an average attendance of 17.9. The Inspector's report was most complimentary, and the results obtained are very encouraging. At the end of the year additions to the school building were going on.

The year was not a favourable one for stock-raising; no rain fell during the spring, and consequently the cattle were, at the end of the year, only just recovering the condition lost during the winter. During the year 18 head of cattle were bred, 10 purchased, 12 slaughtered, 3 sold, and a similar number destroyed, and 2 died, leaving 70 head on hand. There are now 10 horses on the Home, all in good condition.

The 40 acres under cultivation were twice ploughed during the year, and planted with maize, the crop yielding 1,391½ bushels, of which 1,291½ were sold and 80 bushels used for feed, leaving a balance of 20 bushels on hand. Two small lots of potatoes were also planted out, but both failed on account of the dry weather. The whole of the farm, excepting two (2) acres, was under maize at the end of the year, and promises a fair yield.

In addition to the farming, the following work was carried out during the year :—A new three-roomed hut was erected, a room added to one of the existing dwellings, additions carried out to the teacher's residence, the store-room improved, a small paddock enclosed for the farm horses, the grazing paddocks kept clear of noxious growths, and the fences, outhouses, roadways, culverts, and stockyards kept in order. Four hundred fencing rails were split, and 260 fencing posts were split and mortised, while the foundation blocks and corner posts for a new cart-shed were cut and drawn.

The farming plant is in good order, and is sufficient for the needs of the station.

During the year the Manager, acting under instructions from the Board, paid several visits to the aborigines' camp at Clarenzi, with a view of endeavouring to persuade the aborigines there to settle on the Grafton Home, but so far without success. Though admitting they would be far better off, some of them seem to think that they would not agree with the aborigines on the Home, and spoke of the tribal fights they had with the aborigines on that side of the river years ago. It appears that, in the early days, the tribes on the opposite sides of the river were at variance; and although these differences, so far as fighting is concerned, have died away, there still exists a strong feeling of antagonism between the two tribes—so much so, that no influence that is brought to bear upon them is likely to draw them together.

LISMORE.

The aborigines at this place have for years past been camped on the Town Common, but the work of clearing the reserve at Dunoon, some miles out of the town, has been undertaken, the Local Board supervising the work and visiting the reserve, and four (4) huts are now in course of erection. About ten (10) acres have been felled, and from six (6) to eight (8) acres well cleared, and three (3) acres put under maize, which does not, however, promise much of a yield.

The other improvements consist of about 20 chains of first-class barbed wire fence, the workmanship of which reflects great credit on the aboriginals who carried it out.

The Local Board express their recognition of the assistance rendered by Inspector Evans and the local police.

RUNNYMEDE

RUNNYMEDE HOME.

The Local Board at Casino was reconstituted towards the end of the year, Mr. W. G. Simpson continuing as Chairman. Until the appointment of the new Board, Mr. Simpson attended personally to the correspondence and affairs of the Home generally.

The number of aborigines in the Home has increased slightly, there being on the last day of the year :—

Adults—Full-bloods	31
„ Half-castes	4
Children—Full-bloods	20
„ Half-castes	10
Total	65

The average number during the year was 66, of whom 58 were in receipt of rations.

There were six (6) births (4 full-bloods and 2 half-castes) and three (3) deaths (all full-bloods), two very old persons, and an infant.

The conduct of the residents was, on the whole, good, there being very little drunkenness. Some of the old men are now past work, and the younger men expect wages, so the Manager does his utmost to obtain employment for them with neighbouring farmers, and a number of them give satisfaction to their employers. There has been very little sickness during the year. One of the deaths recorded was that of Billy Brown, an old identity well known all over the Richmond River District, and for a long time employed as Police tracker. One of his proclivities was the recounting of the great deeds performed by him while in the Police service.

For some time the Board employed the Manager's daughter (Miss Helen Montgomery) as teacher on the Home. She gave satisfaction, and on the school being taken over by the Department of Public Instruction, she was appointed to the teaching staff of that Department, and remains in control at Runnymede. The school is now well equipped with furniture, books, &c., and the attendance is very satisfactory, the average daily number present being 17 out of 18 on the school roll.

About 35 acres of land were put under cultivation, but the season was a bad one for crops, the rain not coming until very late, and then in such quantities that the seed maize planted and the young corn rotted in the ground. A partial crop was obtained by re-ploughing and planting over again, but this made the crop late, and much of it was destroyed by early frosts. The total quantity obtained was 296 bushels; 34 bags of marketable corn (out of the 74) were sold and realised £18 19s., the rest being used for feed. Eight store pigs were also sold for the sum of £5. The value of the produce not sold was :—

	£	s.	d.
36 bags maize	14	8	0
Pumpkins	5	0	0
	£19	8	0

There are on the station four draught-horses (three mares and one colt) and two old saddle-horses. The colt is a fine animal, and two of the mares had foals to a good horse, which should turn out well. There are also 49 head of cattle on the station; of these 22 heifers and 16 steers were bought at the beginning of the year. Twenty (20) of the heifers were bought for £2 10s. each; four have calved, and are good milkers, and two others will calve shortly. Several are now valued at £7 each, and the worst of the lot are worth £4. The steers, too, have done well, and the Manager considers that in future most of the meat can be killed on the station, which will be a great saving.

MACLEAN (ULGUNDABI ISLAND).

The Local Board at Maclean appointed to supervise the camp at Ulgundabi Island, held meetings in the months of August, October, and November, and visited the island on two occasions.

A number of improvements have been effected under the Board's direction. The island has been subdivided, an allotment being given to each family, and these are, to a considerable extent, cultivated by the inmates of the camp, who grow maize, potatoes, and, in some instances, a little sugar-cane and sweet potatoes, and, to a less extent, culinary vegetables. There are now completed on the reserve five (5) cottages, and another is in course of erection. The cleanliness of the houses is conspicuous and deserving of the highest praise, and the residents show a worthy emulation and are particularly anxious to have their children educated. Nine (9) of the children attend the Public School at Maclean, and religious instruction is imparted by the local branch of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society, who have also provided useful articles of clothing. The

The numbers now in the camp consist of:—

Adults—Full-bloods	7
Half-castes	11
Children—Full-bloods... ..	5
Half-castes	12
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Total... ..	35

ROSEBY PARK STATION.

The Local Board at Roseby Park held six meetings during the year, and each of the members visited the station on one or more occasions. Early in the year the Honorary Secretary (Mr. Smithers) was transferred from the district and found it necessary to resign; he was succeeded by Captain B. Palmer, but that gentleman could not see his way to carry out the work and also asked to be relieved from the duties, as also did the other two members of the Board, Messrs G. Haiser, senr. (Chairman), and E. C. Hewlett.

This station was only established towards the end of 1906, and already considerable improvements have been effected. A suitable residence for the Manager has been erected, also a store building, and, in future, instead of purchasing supplies locally, they will be sent in bulk from Sydney. An additional 39 acres of land, being portion of Crookhaven Park, was acquired by the Board and added to the station lands, but the area is still considered too limited, and it is proposed to lease an adjoining block of 133 acres, with the option of purchase, during a period of five years.

A small paddock has been under cultivation, and a quantity of maize and potatoes grown. This is the first attempt of the kind. Clearing and fencing have been carried out. A residence for the Manager and store-building, also two (2) new huts have been erected, most of the houses repaired, and some that were grouped too closely removed to more suitable spots. A considerable improvement is to be seen in the people in many ways—the houses being clean, the children tidy, and the general tone of the station raised. Unfortunately, drink is still procurable, though the evil is less pronounced than formerly, and is practically confined to two or three men who only visit the station occasionally. Most of the able-bodied men work fairly throughout the year, and the young men who work away from the station during the greater portion of the year are given work in the station while out of employment, and paid with rations. The young women are the most difficult problem, as there is no work for them on the station or in the immediate vicinity. The school has progressed satisfactorily, and manual work of various kinds introduced with good results, some of the children's handiwork receiving commendation at a recent District Schools' Exhibition held at Wollongong. A garden and experimental plots have also been formed, but, owing to unfavourable weather, turned out a partial failure, though the children showed great interest in their work. There was a daily average attendance of 25.6 out of 40 on the school roll during the year.

The numbers on the station on the last day of the year were:—

Adults—Full-bloods	10
Half castes	32
Children—Full-bloods	3
Half-castes	40
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Total... ..	85

The daily average during the year was somewhat higher (97), of whom 53 were in receipt of rations. There were three (3) births—all half-castes,—and two (2) deaths—one (1) full-blood and one (1) half-caste.

SINGLETON.

The Local Board report favourably regarding matters connected with the aborigines generally in the district. A source of annoyance caused by the claim of a half-caste to the progeny of a mare, supplied by the Board, is happily at an end, and the occupants of St. Clair Camp are now working together amicably. A plot of land formerly owned by an old aboriginal named "Old Brandy," now deceased, has been allotted to another aboriginal, who is disposed to be industrious. Owing to the excessive drought in the spring the wheat-crop was a complete failure. The health of the inhabitants has been good. There has been one birth and two deaths since the last report.

WALHALLOW

WALHALLOW STATION.

Towards the end of the year a Local Board was formed at Quirindi to supervise the operations of the Walhallow station, but they did not hold any meetings during 1907.

A 52-acre and 15-acre paddock and a garden of $\frac{3}{4}$ acre have been securely fenced and wire-netted, most of the land being grubbed and cleared for cultivation. Five hundred almond-trees were planted, and are doing well, and $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres planted with potatoes, which, though rather late, give promise of a very fair crop. Three acres of broom millet were reported by the Manager at the end of the year to be progressing satisfactorily, and smaller areas of sorghum and cowpeas to be growing luxuriously. Five acres of sorghum, cowpeas, wheat, &c., for use on the station, were also planted late in the year. Seeing that the season was very unfavourable, the results are highly satisfactory; but not much could be attempted in the direction of cultivation, as owing to the drought the grass in the large cultivation paddock was urgently required for the horses and cows of the aborigines, and the total acreage of the station is only 230.

The aborigines on the station on the last day of the year numbered 129, consisting of :—

Adults—Full-bloods	2
„ Half-castes	56
Children—Half-castes... ..	71
Total	<u>129</u>

The average number on the station during the year was 91, of whom 50 were in receipt of rations and other assistance.

There were 8 births (all half-castes) and 1 death (a half-caste infant).

It is hoped that a school will shortly be opened on the station, when about 30 children between the ages of 5 and 15 years will attend.

WARANGESDA STATION.

During the year five (5) meetings were held by the Local Board.

A change in the management took place early in the year.

Fifty-five acres were ploughed and sown with wheat, but owing to the drought the crop proved a total failure. The other work consisted of ringbarking and suckering 340 acres, clearing the fences of flood drift, and placing them in order, constructing an embankment outside the school ground, additions to the Manager's residence, improving the Girls' Training Home, converting the old residence of the school teacher into a workshop for the pupils, making an experimental garden in connection with the school, and destruction of rabbits.

On the 31st December there were 108 residents on the station, the average number in receipt of assistance during the year being 89.

Adults—Full-bloods	14
„ Half-castes	37
Children—Full-bloods... ..	3
„ Half-castes... ..	54
Total	<u>108</u>

There were five (5) births (all half-castes), one (1) death (a full-blood), and two (2) marriages.

Of 47 children on the school roll, there was an average daily attendance of 30.2. It is proposed to impart instruction in the use of tools to the lads, and also to work an experimental garden in connection with the school.

There were ten (10) children in the Girls' Training Home, which, under the able management of the Matron (Miss Rutter), continues to give every satisfaction; and, at her suggestion, instructions were issued that all girls between the ages of 7 and 14 were to go into the home, otherwise the issue of rations was to be stopped.

WALLAGA LAKE STATION.

Nine meetings were held by the Local Board, which were well attended, the Chairman (Mr. R. M. Bate) and the Honorary Secretary (Mr. W. H. Corkhill) being present at every meeting. As they were all held at the Lake, the Board have been in direct touch with the management during the twelve months. At the annual (official) inspection early this year, most of the huts were found to be clean and tidy, and in a good state of repair. Scarcity of water—which it is proposed to remedy by the supply of additional tanks—was the main feature of complaint on the part of the residents, but, in view of the severe and protracted drought, this was only to be expected. Still, several of the aborigines have very nice flower and vegetable gardens attached to their residences.

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A considerable amount of work in the direction of clearing scrub, blackberries, &c., repairing roads, and splitting posts and rails, was carried out, more especially during the last three months of the year, when the workers were under the supervision of Mr. G. Hollingsworth (overseer), and the Local Board emphasise the fact that during no previous similar period has so much work been done. The white ants have played havoc with the school building, so that it is being pulled down and re-erected in a more suitable position close to the Manager's residence, the damaged timber being replaced.

A small quantity of hay was produced from 10 acres of land, but it was almost worthless.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Pridham, who were for many years employed as Manager and Matron respectively on the Board's stations, found it necessary, on account of ill-health and increasing age, to retire from the Service, and the Board desire to place upon record their high appreciation of the valuable work performed by these two officers on behalf of the aborigines during the long period of their employment on the stations.

Mr. Pridham was succeeded by Mr. G. H. Hollingsworth, and the Local Board state that the new Manager, although having no previous experience, has so far proved himself a capable and efficient officer, who evidently takes a great interest in his work.

The daily average number of residents on the station was about 140, of whom 125 were in receipt of rations. On the last day of the year there were:—

Adults—Full-bloods	31
„ Half-castes	47
Children—Full-bloods	17
„ Half-castes	61
Total	156

There were nine (9) births (all half-castes), and five (5) deaths (also half-castes).

The children on the school roll numbered 36, the daily average attendance being 16.5.

ASSISTANCE BY LOCAL BOARDS AND POLICE.

In conclusion, the Board have to express their acknowledgment of the valuable assistance rendered by the members of the various Local Boards and members of the Police Force in the work of ameliorating the condition of the aboriginal race, who, but for the kindly interest taken in them, would disappear at a more rapid rate than at present.

Recognition is also due to the Government and Legislature for providing for the aborigines, and to the Medical Board, Education, Law, Land, and Agricultural Departments, for valuable help in the philanthropic work.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

THOS. GARVIN, Chairman.

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APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

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APPENDIX B.

APPENDIX B.
CENSUS RETURNS OF ABORIGINES.
ALL DISTRICTS, YEAR 1907.

Local	Full-Bloods.						Half-Castes.						Chil- dren.	To a ^t .	Grand Total.	
	Men.			Women.			Men.			Women.						
	Ages.			Ages.			Ages.			Ages.						
	20 to 40 Years.	40 to 60 Years.	Over 60 Years.	20 to 40 Years.	40 to 60 Years.	Over 60 Years.	20 to 40 Years.	40 to 60 Years.	Over 60 Years.	20 to 40 Years.	40 to 60 Years.	Over 60 Years.				
La Peouse	2	...	...	1	1	...	4	14	6	2	10	8	2	33	70	74
Sans Souci	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Marrickville	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1
Tingha	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1
Ashford	5	...	2	1	2	...	18	28	7	6	...	5	3	...	16	37
Bushfield	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	3	...	3	3	1	27	42	42
Kingstown	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	1	1	...	...	8	8
Tumbulgum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	5	...	8	8
Hillgrove	3	4	1	1	...	...	3	12	1	1	...	2	...	3	7	19
South Grafton	8	5	2	5	8	2	12	42	3	2	...	4	2	...	5	16
Coramba	1	...	1	1	...	...	2	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Nymboida	9	4	1	5	5	1	15	40	1	1	...	...	...	7	9	49
Tabulam	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	3	...	...	...	2	...	8	10	13
Woodburn	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Woodenbong	5	8	7	8	4	1	19	52	4	2	...	4	2	...	10	22
Armidale and Rockvale	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	5	3	...	10	19
Casino	14	9	8	14	7	6	37	95	8	1	...	7	...	21	37	132
Bungawalbyn and West Coraki	4	4	1	2	2	1	14	28	2	...	2	1	...	10	15	43
Wellingrove	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	2	2	2	...	2	2	...	8	18
Harwood	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Brushgrove	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Macleod	2	1	2	2	...	...	6	12	6	...	4	...	...	14	24	36
Dulmorton	...	3	1	1	1	...	...	6	...	...	1	...	...	1	2	8
Lawrence and Lower Southgate	2	3	4	3	3	3	...	18	2	...	3	...	...	3	8	26
Copmanhurst	8	4	8	7	4	5	13	43	10	2	...	9	...	4	26	51
Yamba	1	...	...	1	...	...	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	5
Ullmarra	2	1	...	3	1	7	3	17	...	...	3	...	...	2	5	22
Grafton Home	4	5	2	5	2	1	13	32	4	2	...	8	3	...	18	35
Grafton	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	2	4	4
Lismore	11	2	6	6	2	3	10	40	1	1	1	5	2	...	21	31
Wardell	3	1	2	...	1	2	...	9	4	4	...	6	1	...	30	45
Ballina	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	3
Byron Bay	...	1	...	1	...	...	4	6	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	7
Uralla	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	...	5	1	...	8	20	20
George's Creek	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	1	4	4
Nowendoc	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Cudgen	2	...	...	4	...	...	7	13	1	...	5	...	...	17	23	36
Rivertree	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	2	1	...	9	13	14
Drake	3	2	12	2	2	6	15	42	2	2	...	4	2	...	10	20
Walcha Road	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	2	1	2	...	13	21	21
Walcha	9	1	1	4	2	...	10	27	12	1	1	10	4	1	42	71
Kookaboobra	7	8	...	...	4	...	11	30	...	...	1	...	...	2	3	33
Murwillumbah	6	4	3	3	2	2	...	22	3	1	...	4	1	...	8	17
Yass	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	15	2	2	12	3	3	46	83
Binalong	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Dulton	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1
Rugby	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Rye Park	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	4	1	4	3	1	19	38	38
Wee Jasper	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	2	5	5
Young	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cootamundra	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	3	2	1	...	...	...	11	14	17
Wyalong	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Braidwood	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Araluen	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1
Bateman's Bay	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	2	4	2	...	4	1	2	11	24
Captain's Flat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	2
Central Tilba	4	11	1	7	2	...	14	39	19	3	2	16	4	2	69	115
Emu Flat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Mongarlowe	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1
Moruya	1	...	...	1	...	1	2	5	1	...	1	...	...	15	17	22
Nelligen	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	3	3
Cooma	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Animb	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dalgety	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	4	5	6
Delegate	3	2	...	4	3	...	2	14	3	1	...	1	...	9	14	28
Eden	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	1	2	...	...	1	10	10
Nimitybello	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Ryde	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	2
Sackville Reach and Blacktown	1	1	1	1	2	...	1	7	15	7	4	13	5	1	45	90
Liverpool	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Camden	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	4	4
Burrigorang	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	2	9	7	...	10	1	...	19	46
Berrina	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	6	...	...	13	14
Port Kembla	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	2	1	7	2	1	15	41	41

APPENDIX B—continued

Locality.	Full-Bloods.						Half-Castes.						Grand Total.				
	Men.			Women.			Children.	Total.	Men.			Women.			Children.	Total.	
	Ages.			Ages.					Ages.			Ages.					
	20 to 40 years.	40 to 60 years.	Over 60 years.	20 to 40 years.	40 to 60 years.	Over 60 years.			20 to 40 years.	40 to 60 years.	Over 60 years.	20 to 40 years.		40 to 60 years.			Over 60 years.
Bombo and Minnamurra River	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	2	1	3	...	5	2	...	20	31	33
Roseby Park	2	2	...	...	1	2	8	15	17	4	3	13	4	5	56	102	117
Ulladulla	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	2	6	2	2	4	4	1	23	42	44
Katoomba	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	2	1	3	2	...	11	24	24
Bathurst	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Collie	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Condobolin	3	7	...	4	3	1	7	25	2	1	...	5	...	...	8	15	40
Coolah	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Coonamble	9	3	2	6	1	...	21	42	10	2	...	7	1	...	23	43	85
Cowra	6	1	...	4	...	...	15	26	7	4	1	7	2	2	25	48	74
Dandaloo	6	2	...	...	6	...	15	20	12	3	1	5	1	...	15	37	66
Dubbo	4	4	1	4	1	1	2	17	10	1	2	9	3	3	41	72	89
Eugowra	1	...	3	1	2	...	3	10	11	2	1	6	...	1	20	41	51
Forbes	...	...	3	...	...	...	1	4	8	4	...	11	3	...	34	60	64
Gilgandra	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	3	3
Gulgambone	2	1	2	4	1	1	3	14	11	1	1	6	2	...	24	45	59
Koorawatha	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Molong	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1
Oberon	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Obley	2	1	1	1	3	...	6	14	5	2	...	4	2	...	12	25	39
Quambone	3	9	3	3	3	1	18	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	44
Rylstone	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	3
Tomingley	5	6	...	5	2	2	21	41	1	...	...	2	1	...	9	18	54
Trangie	...	3	...	1	1	...	1	6	2	1	...	2	3	...	9	17	23
Trunkey	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	3	1	...	9	16	16
Tuena	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3
Warren	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	5	2	...	...	6	2	...	14	29	30
Wellington	...	...	1	2	...	...	3	6	9	5	5	10	2	2	45	78	84
Wollar	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3
Bellbrook	6	7	1	7	1	2	18	42	8	1	2	7	2	...	23	43	85
Bellingen	5	6	3	4	4	3	17	42	1	1	...	2	1	...	12	15	57
Bowraville	5	3	2	3	2	2	17	34	2	...	...	2	...	...	7	11	45
Broke	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	4	4
Bulga	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	2
Belmont	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Cessnock	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Copeland	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	3	1	1	4	12	12	12
Cassilis	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Dungog	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	4	4
Denman	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Forster	3	1	...	1	2	1	...	8	12	2	1	9	3	...	23	50	58
Gladstone	3	...	1	1	1	...	...	6	9	5	...	5	4	...	29	52	58
Howe's Valley	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jerseyville	5	4	1	5	4	1	8	28	4	2	3	4	...	1	10	24	52
Kempsey	4	4	...	1	2	...	6	17	17	10	2	16	6	3	70	124	141
Merriwa	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	1
Macksville	1	1	3	1	1	2	1	10	8	3	...	6	2	1	42	62	72
Port Macquarie	1	1	2	1	2	...	1	8	15	4	3	11	4	3	33	73	81
Singleton	4	2	2	3	2	1	6	20	8	2	...	6	3	1	30	50	70
Scone	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
Tea Gardens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	1	1	9	2	...	26	47	47
Taree	3	4	...	2	2	1	11	23	10	4	...	15	3	...	35	76	99
Wingham	...	2	...	1	...	...	1	4	7	2	1	6	2	...	15	33	37
Attunga	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Baradine	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	3	...	3	1	...	4	15	16
Barraba	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	3	6	6	6
Bingara	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	2	1	1	...	5	5	6
Blackville	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Boggabilla	5	4	...	4	3	1	8	25	...	1	...	...	...	...	8	9	34
Boggabri	1	1	1	...	1	...	1	4	2	3	...	2	2	...	2	11	15
Boomi	2	2	1	4	1	...	7	17	7	1	...	10	2	...	40	60	77
Bulyeroi	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Burren Junction	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carroll	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	10	4	19	4	2	62	108	109
Coonabarabran	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	3	...	10	17	17	3
Curlewis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Currabubula	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Garah	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	1	...	1	4	2	5	15	17
Gunnedah	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	10	2	...	11	2	...	28	51	51
Manilla	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	4	4
Meroe	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Moonbi	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	3	3	...	11	21	41
Morse	3	4	2	5	...	2	6	20	2	2	...	3	3	...	11	21	41
Mullaley	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mungindi	5	3	1	4	3	2	8	26	4	3	...	2	3	...	12	24	50
Murrurundi	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Narrabri	2	2	2	2	3	...	1	12	4	2	...	7	7	...	27	47	59

APPENDIX B—continued.

Locality.	Full-Bloods.						Half-Castes.						Total.	Grand Total.				
	Men.			Women.			Children.	Total.	Men.			Women.			Children.	Total.		
	Ages.			Ages.					Ages.			Ages.						
	20 to 40 years.	40 to 60 years.	Over 60 years.	20 to 40 years.	40 to 60 years.	Over 60 years.			20 to 40 years.	40 to 60 years.	Over 60 years.	20 to 40 years.					40 to 60 years.	Over 60 years.
Nundle.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pallamallawa.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Quirindi.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	14	6	14	13	1	58	122	122	
Swamp Oak.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	2	
Somerton.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tamworth.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	2	...	...	3	10	10	
Tambar Springs.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	1	...	...	3	3	3	
Terry-hic-hic.....	5	2	3	1	2	2	8	23	6	6	1	7	5	29	54	77		
Upper Horton.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	3	3	3	
Warialda.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	
Werris Creek.....	4	1	1	...	1	1	8	19	5	...	9	...	1	33	67	75		
Wee Wee.....	4	2	...	...	2	1	9	9	3	2	...	5	1	8	19	28	
Woolabra.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	3	3	
Yetman.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	
Barranald.....	3	3	...	1	3	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	11	
Barham.....	1	2	...	...	...	...	3	5	4	1	5	3	1	23	42	45	
Berrigan.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Booligal.....	1	...	1	...	1	1	4	...	1	...	1	...	1	3	6	10		
Broken Hill.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	2	
Carrathool.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	1	...	4	...	...	14	25	25	
Clare.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darlington Point.....	9	5	1	4	5	2	8	34	19	7	4	30	7	2	79	148	182	
Deniliquin.....	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	6	5	3	1	7	4	...	32	52	58
Euabalong.....	1	4	...	2	...	...	...	7	5	2	...	4	4	...	32	47	54
Euston.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Finley.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gilgunnia.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gunbar.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hay.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1
Hillston.....	3	3	1	4	4	4	5	24	...	2	...	1	...	8	11	35	35	
Ivanhoe.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jerilderie.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cudgellico Lake.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mathoura.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maude.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Menindie.....	1	1	...	1	1	...	12	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	16
Milperinka.....	8	11	10	7	10	3	4	53	...	...	...	...	...	3	8	56	56
Moama.....	15	5	...	3	4	1	2	30	58	14	5	44	14	1	145	291	311	
Mossgiel.....	4	6	3	14	6	2	28	73	3	2	...	3	1	20	31	104	104	
Moulamein.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	2	...	1	...	10	15	16	16
Mount Hope.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oxley.....	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	7	9	10	10
Pinnacles.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Poncharie.....	4	...	2	5	3	...	12	26	2	...	1	...	...	1	4	30	30
Siaverton.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tareena.....	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	6	8	9	9
Tibooburra.....	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	7	7
Tocumwal.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Torrawangee.....	7	2	4	2	6	1	6	28	4	1	...	1	...	4	10	38	38	
Wentworth.....	1	1	3	2	2	...	4	13	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	16	16
White Cliffs.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whitton.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	...	2	...	3	10	10	10
Wilcannia.....	1	...	1	1	2	...	2	7	...	1	...	2	...	8	11	18	18	
Bourke.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
North Bourke.....	2	3	6	2	3	3	6	25	4	1	...	5	...	7	17	42	42	
Byerock.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cobar.....	4	1	2	...	1	2	...	10	3	2	...	3	2	2	12	22	22	
Mount Drysdale.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Canonbar.....	4	...	2	7	...	1	...	14	3	1	...	...	...	17	21	35	35
Pilliga.....	5	2	1	3	...	2	6	19	4	3	2	5	...	1	38	23	47	
Goodooga.....	10	9	12	7	6	5	20	69	3	...	3	...	...	12	18	87	87
Tatalla.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Barrington.....	4	10	6	1	5	2	2	30	...	1	...	1	...	...	2	32	32
Enngonia.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Angledool.....	9	12	7	5	10	8	22	53	3	2	...	6	2	1	27	41	114	
Walgett.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carinda.....	9	7	1	7	4	1	35	64	7	3	1	7	3	72	93	157	157	
Comborah.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nyngan.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coolabah.....	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	4	3	...	...	3	3	2	11	15	15
Girilambone.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brewarrina.....	20	15	6	18	11	11	24	105	14	13	2	16	10	1	60	115	220	
Collarenebri.....	6	7	2	5	5	1	18	44	4	3	...	2	3	10	22	66	66	
Mogil Mogil.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Louth.....	3	7	1	2	5	1	4	23	3	1	...	1	1	5	11	34	34	
Tilpa.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wannaring.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

APPENDIX B—continued.

Locality.	Full-Bloods.								Half-Castes.								Grand Total.				
	Men.				Women.				Children.	Total.	Men.				Women.				Children.	Total.	
	Ages.			Over 60 years.	Ages.			Over 60 years.			Ages.			Over 60 years.	Ages.			Over 60 years.			
	20 to 40 years.	40 to 60 years.	Over 60 years.		20 to 40 years.	40 to 60 years.	Over 60 years.				20 to 40 years.	40 to 60 years.	Over 60 years.		20 to 40 years.	40 to 60 years.					Over 60 years.
Yantabulla	10	9	4	8	5	2	11	49	4	3	...	4	1	...	15	27	76				
Ford's Bridge				
Nymagee	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Adelong				
Albury				
Batlow				
Bowna				
Coolac				
Coolamon				
Corowa				
Culcairn				
Daysdale				
Gannamain				
Germantown				
Grahamstown				
Grong Grong				
Gundagai				
Henty				
Howlong				
Humula				
Jindera				
Jugiong				
Junee	1	...	1	...	...	...	5	7	7				
Lockhardt				
Mulwala				
Narrandera	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	7	1	...	8	18	19				
Tarcutta				
The Rock				
Tumbarumba	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	3	4	4
Tumut	3	7	4	6	4	...	5	29	4	4	1	8	2	...	38	57	83				
Urana	1	2	...	1	2	...	1	7	...	...	...	1	1	1	3	6	13	
Wagga Wagga	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	2				
Walbundrie	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Walla Walla				
Yarrangobilly				
Xerong Creek				
Totals	414	327	198	298	239	132	739	2,347	739	302	85	692	246	67	2,482	4,613	6,600				

CENSUS RETURNS, 1907.

Comparison with year 1906.

	Full-Bloods.				Half-Castes.				Grand Total.
	Adults.		Children.	Total.	Adults.		Children.	Total.	
	Males.	Females.			Males.	Females.			
By Return, 1906	1,023	731	744	2,503	1,146	973	2,450	4,569	7,072
Do 1907	939	669	739	2,347	1,126	1,005	2,482	4,613	6,960
Decrease	89	62	5	156	20	...	...	...	112
Increase	...	...	...	...	...	32	32	44	...

Total Decrease, Full-Bloods 156

Total Increase, Half-Castes 44

Total Decrease..... 112

BIRTHS AND DEATHS, 1907.

Full-Bloods.		Half-Castes.	
Births reported	51	Births reported	183
Deaths reported	111	Deaths reported	66
Increase, Deaths over Births	60	Increase, Births over Deaths	117

APPENDIX C.

Department.	Particulars.	Amount expended.					
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Aborigines Protection Board ...	Rations, medical comforts, seed, farm implements, fencing-wire, boats, erection of buildings, dwellings, &c. &c. (for the aborigines generally).....	7,370	17	5			
	Expenses of maintaining the undermentioned Aboriginal Stations and Homes —						
	Brewarrina.....	753	18	3			
	Brungle.....	566	11	1			
	Cumeroogunga.....	1,851	13	10			
	Roseby Park.....	444	14	3			
	Walhallow.....	732	8	0			
	Wallaga Lake.....	543	18	2			
	Warangesda.....	525	4	0			
	Home for Aborigines, Clarence River (Grafton).....	433	3	3			
do do Richmond River (Runnymede).....	513	10	9				
Salary of Secretary.....	88	0	0				
					14,223	19	0
Chief Medical Officer.....	Medical attendance and medicines.....				740	9	0
Stores Supply and Tender Board.....	Blankets, clothing, stationery, drugs, &c.....				4,151	12	5
Public Instruction.....	Repairs to buildings, salaries of teachers, school-books, &c., in connection with the Schools for Aborigines.....				1,419	8	9
	Total.....				£20,535	9	2

APPENDIX D.

Locality.	Average number monthly receiving aid.		Period.	Nature of Supply or Service.	Amount expended.
	Adults.	Children.			
Angledool.....	34	14	12	Rations and meat.....	159 14 4
Arakoon.....	8	...	12	Rations.....	24 2 2
Raan Baa.....	2	...	12	do.....	7 8 10
Ballengarra and Rollands Plains.....	...	...	...	Timber, &c.....	39 10 6
Balranald.....	6	1	12	Rations and meat.....	40 15 0
Barraba.....	1	2	12	do.....	20 4 4
Barrington.....	1	...	12	do.....	12 6 1
Barrington.....	7	...	12	do.....	53 1 10
Batemans Bay.....	6	9	12	Rations, meat, and boat repairs.....	52 8 8
Bellingen and Fernmount.....	12	8	12	Rations and meat.....	28 1 8
Bellbrook.....	13	...	12	Rations and galvanized-iron.....	48 13 4
Boggabilla.....	8	6	12	Rations.....	46 17 5
Bonshaw.....	3	...	12	do.....	18 9 1
Bowraville.....	8	7	12	do.....	31 16 3
Brewarrina.....	60	37	12	Salary of manager, timber, rations, &c.....	753 18 3
Brushgrove.....	2	...	12	Rations.....	8 10 7
Brungle.....	40	23	12	Salary of manager, erection of houses, rations, &c.....	566 11 1
Burraborang.....	5	7	12	Rations, galvanized and ridging iron.....	42 7 0
Bungawalbyn.....	4	2	12	Rations, meat, and tobacco.....	16 10 0
Burnt Bridge.....	8	...	12	Meat, maize, wire-netting, &c.....	72 11 1
Bushfield.....	4	20	12	Rations.....	56 0 2
Byron Bay.....	7	10	12	do.....	5 8 2
Byerock.....	7	7	3	do.....	7 1 5
Cabbage Tree Island.....	4	8	12	Rations, timber, &c.....	49 7 8
Cape Hawke.....	...	...	...	Iron.....	8 1 0
Cobham Lake.....	8	...	12	Rations.....	68 14 6
Colans.....	5	8	12	do.....	55 8 3
Cobar.....	6	...	12	do.....	14 9 7
Celimo.....	10	17	12	Rations and meat.....	56 3 8
Collarendabri.....	17	18	12	do.....	235 13 11
Condobolin.....	13	9	12	Rations.....	41 3 10
Coonamble.....	5	8	12	Rations, meat, wire-netting.....	67 19 2
Coonabarabran.....	19	27	12	Rations, meat, and fencing-wire.....	164 15 11
Copmanhurst.....	7	2	12	Rations.....	30 13 0
Coramba.....	1	...	12	do.....	4 10 0
Culgon.....	7	2	9	do.....	22 6 1
Cumeroogunga.....	138	63	12	Salary of manager, erection of huts, &c.....	1,851 13 10
Currawong.....	1	4	12	Rations.....	10 8 10
Dandaloo.....	5	...	12	do.....	23 14 4
Delegate.....	5	2	12	Rations and medical comforts.....	26 9 10
Drake.....	7	5	12	Rations and meat.....	65 1 3
Dubbo.....	8	17	12	Rations, meat, erection of huts.....	214 7 10
Dungaleer.....	6	15	12	Rations.....	135 12 5
Enngonia.....	2	...	12	do.....	13 0 9
Epping.....	2	5	3	Rations and medical comforts.....	1 6 0
Erambie.....	7	24	12	Rations, erection of huts.....	95 12 10
Eusbalong.....	5	17	12	Rations.....	69 16 11
Eugowra.....	10	18	12	do.....	87 15 6

APPENDIX D—continued.

Locality.	Average number monthly receiving aid.		Period.	Nature of Supply or Service.	Amount expended.
	Adults.	Children.			
Furabba	6	9	12	Rations	£ 39 17 5
Forbes	8	16	12	do	47 6 9
Forester	10	16	12	Rations, capping	69 17 10
Gerringong	3	6	12	Rations	26 13 7
Glenorchy	9	13	12	Rations, meat, fruit-trees	97 16 4
Goodooga	30	27	12	Rations, meat	140 4 6
Grafton	29	30	12	Salary of manager, rations, &c.	433 3 3
Gulgambone	13	30	12	Rations, meat, medical comforts, &c.	218 11 8
Gunnedah	2	...	12	Rations and meat	9 14 8
Gongolgon	2	...	3	Rations	2 16 8
Hillston	17	13	12	Rations and meat	126 5 4
Ingalbar	11	15	12	do	78 13 7
Jervis Bay	3	2	12	do	25 6 10
Kajuligar	14	11	12	Rations	111 5 3
Katoomba	2	3	12	do	11 7 5
Keewong	8	9	12	Rations and tobacco	87 2 8
Kempsey	20	17	12	Rations, iron, medical comforts	108 14 4
Killawarra .....	...	...	3	Ridging, iron, nails	3 11 8
Kookabookra	7	4	12	Rations	58 10 4
L ^a Perouse	3	16	12	Rations, meat, erection of huts	250 15 4
Lawrence and Lower Southgate	8	...	12	Rations and meat	32 11 1
Louisville	6	8	12	Rations	56 15 11
Lismore	3	...	12	do	16 15 7
Louth	2	7	3	do	0 19 11
Macksville	11	7	12	do	36 0 9
Macleay	15	11	12	Rations and meat	208 4 2
Mallara	3	3	12	Rations	7 2 3
Manilla	6	10	12	Rations and tobacco	35 1 6
Menindie	3	12	12	Rations and medical comforts	37 6 4
Millera	2	2	6	Rations and meat	17 17 8
Molong	1	...	12	do	3 9 6
Moorara	2	3	6	Rations	11 17 6
Mossiel	20	14	12	do	147 17 10
Mungindi	14	6	12	Rations and meat	115 6 2
Murrumbong	3	...	3	Rations	6 6 5
Murwillumbah	4	2	12	do	17 11 4
Narrabri	8	1	12	Rations and meat	54 18 5
Nymboida	3	12	12	Rations	39 8 9
Para	7	6	9	do	29 7 1
Pelican Island .....	...	...	3	Cwt. of seed potatoes	3 17 0
Pilliga	27	11	12	Rations and meat	164 1 10
Poolamacca	8	5	12	Rations	54 10 7
Port Kembla	1	3	12	Rations and meat	14 14 11
Port Macquarie	17	15	12	Rations and medical comforts	71 10 1
Port Stephens	10	15	12	Rations, meat, boat repairs	64 6 11
Pretty Gully	17	11	12	Rations, meat, and tobacco	240 5 0
Pooncarrie	5	3	9	Rations	24 19 0
Quambone	11	14	12	do	54 6 10
Riverstone	18	39	12	do	39 6 2
Rivertree	1	...	12	Rations and meat	10 9 8
Runnymede	35	32	12	Salary of manager, rations, &c.	513 10 9
Rye Park	2	3	12	Rations	21 1 8
Rylestone	1	...	12	do	4 1 1
Roseby Park	39	35	12	Salary of manager, rations, repairs to boat, &c.	444 14 3
Scone	1	...	12	Rations	3 13 7
Sherwood Caves .....	...	...	3	Carriage on galvanized iron	0 7 0
South Grafton	11	2	12	Rations	42 0 10
Swansea	1	...	12	Rations, meat, erection of hut	11 17 10
St. Clair	13	22	12	Rations	91 4 3
Sawyer's Point .....	...	...	...	Fare, meals, and beds	4 2 0
Tabulam	1	...	3	Rations	1 14 11
Taree	22	34	12	Rations and meat	120 12 11
Tatalla	15	9	12	do	32 18 6
Terembone	12	15	9	Rations	106 11 6
Terry-hie-hie	18	27	12	Rations and meat	218 0 10
Tibooburra	1	...	3	Rations	1 2 5
Tomingley	8	6	12	Rations and meat	51 16 9
Tooloom	3	...	12	do	26 9 7
Tooloon	1	4	9	do	12 16 6
Trangie	2	6	12	Rations and tobacco	14 8 1
Turlingah	1	3	12	Rations and meat	24 10 5
Ulladulla	4	1	12	do	30 10 5
Ulgundahi Island .....	...	...	6	Medicine, seeds, maize	3 14 6
Unumgar	4	7	12	Rations	26 0 10
Uralla	1	2	12	Rations and meat	18 2 11
Walcha	7	15	12	Rations, erection of hut	76 2 13
Walcha Road	2	4	12	Rations	15 14
Walgett	11	23	12	Rations and tents	89 15 1
Wallahallow	23	17	12	Salary of manager, rations, timber, &c.	732 8 0
Wallaga Lake	69	58	12	Salary of manager, rations, &c.	543 18 2
Wanaaringa	3	...	12	Rations	26 16 2
Warangesda	110	43	12	Salary of manager, rations, repairs to house, &c.	925 4 0

APPENDIX D—continued.

Locality.	Average number monthly receiving aid.		Period.	Nature of Supply or Service.	Amount expended
	Adults.	Children.			
			Months.		£ s. d.
Wee Wee	4	3	12	Rations	26 4 2
Wellington	4	7	12	Rations and meat	35 18 8
Wellington	17	25	12	do	140 2 7
Wilcannia	1	...	12	do	7 11 8
Wingham	7	8	12	Rations	32 6 1
Windsor	17	12	12	Rations and repairs to boat	57 13 4
Wollar	1	...	12	Rations	4 18 5
Woolloombi	1	...	12	do	4 14 4
Wyalah	3	...	12	do	13 18 10
Yalpunga	1	1	3	do	3 10 3
Yass	16	25	12	Rations and meat	104 4 3
Yulgilbar	3	4	12	Rations	28 9 0
				Salary of Secretary	83 0 0
				Railway fares	194 17 6
				Postage stamps	95 0 0
				Miscellaneous	64 11 0
Totals	1,478	1,332	...		£14,223 19 0

APPENDIX E.

STATEMENT showing cost of Blankets and other articles supplied through the Stores Supply and Tender Board to the Aborigines during the year 1907.

	£	s.	d.
Blankets	2,873	2	6
Clothing	892	6	0
Medicines	43	1	2
Other stores	313	18	2
Furniture	14	19	5
Stationery	14	5	2
	4,151	12	5

APPENDIX F.

Amounts paid for Medical Attendance on Aborigines, 1907.

Locality.	Amount.	Locality.	Amount.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Armidale	1 0 0	Port Macquarie	45 0 0
Ballina	4 15 0	Quirindi	27 0 0
Bellingen	3 5 0	Raymond Terrace	7 10 0
Casino	40 0 0	Riverstone	16 15 0
Cobargo	37 18 0	Singleton	40 0 0
Cowra	0 10 0	Taree	40 0 0
Coonabarabran	10 3 0	Tumut	50 0 0
Cumerogunga	50 0 0	Ulladulla	25 0 0
Grafton	60 0 0	Walcha	15 10 0
Hillgrove	0 10 0	Warangesda	90 19 0
Katoomba	1 0 0	Wellington	7 13 0
Kiama	40 0 0	Windsor	0 9 0
Lismore	3 5 0	Wingham	25 0 0
Macleay River District	50 0 0	Wollongong	1 0 0
Manilla	0 10 0	Yass	23 7 0
Mungindi	19 5 0		
Narrabri	0 15 0	Total	£740 9 0
Nowra	2 10 0		

APPENDIX G.

STATEMENT of Expenditure on account of Aborigines during year 1907 by the Department of Public Instruction.

Name of School.	Salaries.	Books and apparatus.	Forage and travelling expenses.	Buildings, rent, repairs, furniture, fuel, cleaning, &c.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brewarrina	84 6 8	2 12 3	.....	1 5 10	88 4 9
Cumerogunga	241 0 0	3 4 0	.....	15 1 11	259 5 11
Grafton (Common)	164 0 0	0 1 4	.....	2 12 1	166 13 5
Erambie	82 19 7	1 15 9	.....	1 3 0	85 18 4
Bril Bril (closed 1st July, 1907) } Morcom (to 30th June, 1907) }	43 11 5	1 3 4	.....	7 4 11	51 19 8
..... (from 1st July, 1907)	7 6 8	.....	.....	.....	7 6 8
Gulgambone	84 12 5	.....	.....	.....	84 12 5
Wallaga Lake	98 9 10	1 1 2	15 0 0	2 7 9	116 8 9
Warangesda	221 16 10	1 7 4	.....	32 0 7	255 4 9
Brungle	132 0 0	1 10 2	.....	30 17 10	164 8 0
Roseby Park	132 0 0	2 17 0	2 4 0	2 4 4	139 6 1
Total	£ 1,232 3 5	15 3 1	17 4 0	94 18 3	1,419 8 9

APPENDIX H.

STATEMENT of Receipts and Expenditure, Produce and Sale Store Account.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
Station and Particulars.	Amount.		Station and Particulars.	Amount.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Balance		1,320 3 4	Brewarrina—		
Brewarrina—			Erection of huts	150 15 0	
Wool, sheepskins, &c.	189 5 0		Repairs, &c.	15 13 0	
Meat and groceries	15 1 6		Shearing expenses	22 12 6	
Agistment	9 10 0		Chaff	7 10 0	196 10 6
		213 16 6	Brungle—		
Brungle—			Ploughing, harvesting ex-		
Wheat and produce	13 12 2		penses, &c.	45 6 3	
Hides	4 18 3		Shoeing, and repairs to		
		18 10 5	machinery	6 13 0	
Cumeroogunga—			Erection of hay-shed, fencing,		
Wheat, meat, and produce ...	96 16 5		tank, &c.	111 3 4	
Sheepskins and hides	209 6 3		Services of horse	4 0 0	167 2 7
		306 2 8	Cumeroogunga—		
Grafton—			Ploughing, harvesting, &c. ...	92 14 8	
Maize	144 12 0		Seed wheat and oats	37 7 2	
Hides	11 5 6		Stripper, &c.	36 13 0	
Heifers	14 10 0		Sucker cutting, burning off, &c.	27 19 6	
		170 7 6	Rabbit destruction	33 9 6	
Roseby Park—			Two bulls	28 7 0	
Deposit on contract (to be			Fencing, &c.	16 9 2	
returned on completion) ...	5 0 0		Repairs to harness, machinery,		
Sale of boat	3 10 0		&c.	47 0 5	320 0 5
		8 10 0	Grafton—		
Runnymede—			Shoeing, repairs to machinery,		
Maize	18 19 0		&c.	6 19 4	
Pigs	5 0 0		Fencing	3 0 0	
		23 19 0	Services of stallion	3 3 0	13 2 4
Wallaga Lake—			Roseby Park—		
Bullocks and calves	14 14 6		Towards erection of manager's		
Wattle bark	10 0 0		residence		150 0 0
		24 14 6	Runnymede—		
Warangesda—			Cattle	63 0 0	
Wheat, produce, and meat ...	43 9 4		Chaff, &c.	8 3 9	
Sheepskins and wool	129 13 7		Timber	10 0 0	
Cow	4 19 6		Shoeing, repairs to machinery,		
		178 2 5	and seed wheat	5 5 0	86 8 9
Sundry Receipts—			Wallaga Lake—		
Rent of land, sale of timber, &c.		13 0 10	Repairs to ploughs		0 11 6
Sale Store Account.			Walhallow—		
Cumeroogunga	467 9 3		Dairy cows	19 10 0	
Walhallow	146 7 1		Timber, fencing, &c.	131 5 0	
Wallaga Lake	130 6 3		Plough, harrow, shares, and		
Warangesda	109 6 6		shoeing	43 0 5	
		853 9 1	Almond trees	17 19 10	
			Ploughing, manure, &c.	53 11 3	
			Cleaning land	6 0 0	
			Seed potatoes	12 17 8	290 4 2
			Warangesda—		
			Ploughing, harvesting, &c. ...	29 18 4	
			Shearing expenses	12 15 0	
			Shoeing, repairs to machinery,		
			&c.	13 18 6	
			Services of stallions ..	9 9 0	
			Fencing, &c.	7 2 6	73 3
			Sale Store Account.		
			Cumeroogunga ..	438 3 9	
			Walhallow	308 1 1	
			Wallaga Lake	69 10 6	
			Warangesda	90 7 10	
					906 3 2
					£ 2,203 6 9
			To Balance		927 9 6
					£ 3,130 16 3
		£ 3,130 16 3			