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The Hon. Minister.

As required by Section 64 (6) of "The Aborigines Act, 1905," I have the honour to submit herewith my report on the condition and welfare of the aborigines and the transactions of the Aborigines Department throughout the State for the year ended 30th June, 1929.

POPULATION.

Though there is a slight increase in the number of full-bloods, the half-caste population has grown in far greater proportion. A detailed statement showing the distribution of the native people throughout the State, together with a comparative summary, will be found at pages 9, 10, and 11.

The native population as a whole does not seem to be decreasing as is usually supposed, and this is due to the fact that the births are more numerous than the deaths. In other words, the increasing half-caste population more than balances the diminishing full-blood people.

Twenty-five years ago there were but 900 half-castes in this State. To-day there are 2,833. Of these 1,180 reside in the South-West, between Perth, Albany and the West coast. In this district a quarter of a century ago there were less than 50 half-castes.

It need not be supposed that association between white and black is producing this result. The fact is that the half-castes have married amongst themselves, and are now in their third and fourth generation. Another rather startling fact is that amongst the full-bloods the percentage of children under 12 years of age to adults is 13.58, while amongst the half-castes the percentage is 80. It will not be many years before the half-caste population becomes double what it is now, and it can readily be seen that more will require to be done for these than has been necessary in the past. Legislation to that end is now before Parliament, and the Department will be greatly assisted in several important directions if the Bill becomes law. There are in the South-West alone at least five hundred half-caste children receiving no training or education whatever, and living as aboriginals.

INSPECTIONS.

July, 1928, found me at Munja Station, 225 miles North of Derby. Returning from thence through the Leopold Ranges to Derby, I proceeded by sea to Port Hedland. There I picked up Inspector Mitchell, and together we traversed the Port Hedland-Marble Bar and Roebourne-Tableland districts, calling at as many stations as was possible.

From Onslow I took ship to Geraldton, thence to Mullewa and home.

Southern and Goldfields centres visited by me during the following months included Kalgoorlie, Laverton, Leonora, and I also inspected at many centres in the South-West.

In May this year I again proceeded North, accompanying the Hon. W. H. Kitson, Honorary Minister, to Derby, thence overland to Moola Bulla, Hall's Creek, Violet Valley, Wyndham and Darwin; thence back to Broome by sea and so home, the unusually wet weather in the North-West preventing us from proceeding inland and overland through Meekatharra, as had been intended.

After leaving me at Onslow in July, 1928, Inspector Mitchell proceeded to Derby by sea, thence back to Broome, where he remained for several weeks investigating conditions and assisting in straightening out many unsatisfactory matters of long standing.

Making Broome his headquarters, he visited the Beagle Bay, Lombadina and Sunday Island Mission Stations, including settlements in the vicinity of Cape Leveque. Next he journeyed Southwards to La Grange Bay and overland to Carnarvon and Shark Bay, where some time was spent.

Coming South in December he visited the Trans. line and South coast country, as well as several South-West stations. He proceeded North again in April, via Mullewa, Yalgoo, and Meekatharra, subsequently making a thorough inspection of Murchison stations.

Later he proceeded to the North-West via the back track to Marble Bar, where he was delayed for some time owing to excessive rains.

HEALTH.

The health of the native people throughout the State may be said to have been generally good, though influenza and measles made their appearance. At one or two places a number of deaths resulted. In one camp on Balla Common, out of about twenty-two old natives, no less than seven succumbed to measles within a week. There was also a serious outbreak at Beagle Bay, resulting in a number of deaths, and another at Gnowangerup with like result. Out of 65 stations, from 17 we received notification of cases of venereal disease. At the three Northern Cattle Stations controlled by the Department, only two deaths were reported. There were seven at Moore River Native Settlement and eight at La Grange Bay Feeding Depot.

Where the natives are nursed and taken care of, as at departmental settlements, the loss of life compares very favourably with similar institutions for whites alone. It is in the bush and in camps where little attention can be given or where outbreaks are not discovered until too late, that the majority of deaths take place when epidemics break out.

Three lepers were discovered and removed to the Lazarette at Cossack. Two of these came from the Fitzroy district, and the other from the Tableland.

Port Hedland Native Hospital.—The number of patients admitted to the Port Hedland native hospital was 54, as compared with 68 for the previous year. As there were already seven in the institution, the total number under treatment was 61. Of those treated 40 were discharged cured and four died, leaving 17 under treatment at the close of the year.

Following is the report of the Medical Officer, Dr. Albert P. Davis:—

A glance through the figures which I shall subsequently submit concerning the activities of the Native Hospital at Port Hedland for the year ended 30th June, 1929, suggests to my mind that we are slowly but surely reducing the incidence of venereal disease amongst the native population of this district. Not only through figures alone have I come to this conclusion, but of my own knowledge of the district, and because of the fact that fewer complaints are being received of supposed diseased natives. Fifty-seven patients were treated compared with 71 the previous year. Of these 57 there were 35 suffering from venereal complaints, the remaining 22 being afflicted with various illnesses to be enumerated later. All the venereal complaints were represented, granuloma pudendum claiming the majority of victims. The following table indicates the reduction in incidence:—

	1927-28.	1928-29.
Granuloma	32	27
Gonorrhoea	17	3
Syphilis	Nil	3
Bubo	Nil	2

Granuloma Pudendum.—The method of treatment has been the same as last year, i.e., by intravenous injection for systemic treatment and local treatment for the ulcers, etc. Some of the cases were recurrences and re-infections; others from remoted parts of the district had so neglected themselves that a cure seemed hopeless. With the idea of trying to prevent these recurrences I wrote to Dr. C. Cook, of Darwin, who very kindly helped me with suggestions for the treatment of intractable cases and the treatment of granuloma generally. These recurrences were disappointing after being completely healed, but I think they are mostly due to bad hygienic conditions under which the average native prefers to live in the bush and to the inability of the aborigine to grasp the fact that recurrences will occur if bodily cleanliness is not observed. However that may be it is gratifying to know that they are willing to return for treatment at the first sign of trouble. Acting on Dr. Cook's advice I hope to increase the efficiency of treatment and to reduce still further the period of hospital detention in these cases which this year has fallen from 3½ to 2½ months' average duration of stay. There were no deaths.

Gonorrhoea.—There is a pleasing reduction in the number of these cases, namely three against 17 for the previous year. All were males.

Syphilis.—Of the three suffering from this variety of venereal disease one was of the hereditary type and two of the acquired. None were of recent infection. I have not yet seen a case in the active form in this district which seems to be practically free of this distressing complaint. One death occurred in an aged male from cerebral syphilis.

Venereal Bubo.—There were two such cases in males following chancreoid.

Non-venereal Diseases.—There were 22 patients treated for a variety of non-venereal complaints. Most of these cases have been severe. The heart cases, fracture cases and those with spear wounds have required much attention on the medical and nursing side and have involved many sleepless nights on the part of the Lock Hospital attendants and have necessitated many

visits on my part to the hospital. One case which I will describe has been a particular care and taxed the energy of all concerned.

I received a call from Marble Bar that a native was lying in the native ward hemorrhaging profusely from a spear wound in the thigh. I got out the railway motor trolley and did the journey in four and a half hours. There I found a poor old native "in extremis." He had been lying in a creek bed with his wound for 14 days, and in addition to bleeding it was in a fearfully septic state. Something had to be done and done quickly for an examination. I found that the spear had torn through the main artery of the leg—the femoral artery—the clot which had saved him in the first place and had stopped the bleeding had broken down and that he was rapidly losing all the blood he had. However, we managed to stop the flow and subsequently brought him to the Hedland hospital almost dead. Through constant nursing and attention day and night his wound has now healed and not only his leg but his life saved; and there is no prouder woman than Mrs. Batty, who has been constantly in attendance on him during the past three months. Such cases, while enhancing the value and efficiency of the hospital, throw a greater burden on the attendants which has come with the admission of other than venereal diseased patients.

Tabulated, the non-venereal cases are as follows:—

Heart cases	2
Burns	2
Skin diseases	4
Pneumonia	1
Fractures	3
Chronic rheumatism	3
Tribal spear wounds	3
Foreign body in the heel	1
Poisoned hands	3

Deaths occurring during the year are as follows:—

Heart failure	2
Cerebral syphilis	1
Senility	1
Stillborn baby	1

The stillborn baby was born of a patient suffering from granuloma pudendum in an advanced stage.

I have already made some reference to Mr. and Mrs. Batty, the attendants. This report would not be complete without my recognition of their invaluable and untiring efforts to nurse these sick natives back to health.

Derby Native Hospital.—There were three patients in this hospital at the beginning of the year, while the number admitted through the year was 29, making a total of 32 under treatment. Of these 25 were discharged cured and two died, leaving five under treatment at the end of the year.

The Medical Officer, Dr. W. Theodore Hodge, advises as follows:—

During the last twelve months I have given six hundred and four intermuscular, two intravenous injections, opened one abscess, and set a broken thigh.

DEATHS.

The total number of deaths reported to the Department, as shown by the subjoined table, was 171, the majority of the deceased being adults. The total is 49 more than for the previous year. Nineteen natives were said to have died from natural causes and 38 from senile decay, while 45 died from influenza or pulmonary trouble. Twenty-five children under 16 years of age died from various causes. I believe that the lives of many children could be saved if their condition was made known to us sooner.

	Adults.		Children under 16.		Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Appendicitis	3	..	..	..	3
Accident	2	1	..	..	3
Accidentally poisoned .. ..	..	1	..	..	1
Asthma	1	..	..	..	1
Blood poisoning	1	1	..	..	2
Bronchitis	1	4	1	..	6
Cancer .. ..	..	2	..	..	2
Congestion of lungs .. ..	..	..	2	..	2
Death following child birth	3	..	..	..	3
Gastric enteritis	1	..	..	..	1
Heart failure	11	6	..	1	18
Infantile jaundice .. ..	..	..	1	..	1
Infantile diarrhoea .. ..	..	..	2	1	3
Influenza	8	7	..	..	15
Intestinal trouble	1	3	..	..	4
Meningitis .. ..	..	..	1	..	1
Measles	4	3	..	..	7
Natural causes	7	9	3	..	19
Pleurisy	1	1	..	..	2
Peritonitis .. ..	..	..	1	..	1
Pneumonia	3	3	6	1	13
Senile decay	18	20	..	..	38
Tribal quarrel	1	1	..	..	2
Tuberculosis	3	2	1	2	8
Venereal disease	5	3	..	..	8
Stroke	2	1	..	..	3
Dropsy .. ..	..	1	..	..	1
Dysentery .. ..	..	1	..	..	1
Premature birth .. ..	..	..	2	..	2
	73	73	20	5	171

RELIEF.

From the return at page 12 it will be seen that there has been a slight decrease in the number of natives rationed weekly throughout the State, though the cost of such rations has increased a little. The cost of supplying meat, which includes cattle killed at native stations and sheep purchased and slaughtered at Moore River Native Settlement, amounted to over £3,000, other provisions coming to nearly £6,000, while freight on stores despatched throughout was over £1,000.

As the result of the receipt over a long period of numerous applications for baking powder, rationing officers were advised that they might reduce the flour ration slightly in order to include a portion of baking powder of a value equivalent to the decrease in the flour, and this concession in many quarters has been much appreciated. At settlements and stations, of course, yeast bread is generally supplied. At centres where tinned meat has to be supplied on account of the impossibility of obtaining fresh meat, and at other centres where the price charged for fresh meat is considered excessive, it is intended in future to supply tinned meat obtained from the Wyndham Meat Works.

The position with regard to the natives frequenting the Trans. line, and also those inhabiting the South coast districts, remains the same, and under existing circumstances it is difficult to improve it. Sixteen natives were regularly rationed at Karonie, and others at Balladonia and Madura Stations.

RESERVES.

In keeping with the policy of setting aside definite areas for the future use of the aboriginal inhabitants of the State, particularly in the North, a reserve of 1,520,000 acres was declared on the headwaters of the Drysdale River, having Mt. Hann on its Eastern boundary, in North-West Kimberley, thus completing the chain of reserves it is intended to set aside within the Kimberley district.

The boundaries of Reserve 15530 on the North-West coast of Kimberley, already set aside as an aboriginal mission station for the Presbyterian Church, was amended to include an area of 245,000 acres.

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

A party, headed by Professor S. D. Porteus of the Chair of Racial Psychology at the University of Hawaii, accompanied by Dr. Paul Withington, M.D., of Honolulu, left for the North in June with the object of studying comparative racial psychology.

As this party was accompanied by a moving picture photographer, an agreement was entered into with the party in respect to the taking of motion and still pictures on stations, settlements and reserves under the control of the Aborigines Department, including missions.

EMPLOYMENT.

A statement at page 13 indicates the number of natives in legal employment under "The Aborigines Act, 1905," the nature of permit issued, and place of issue. There has been a slight falling off in the numbers engaged as compared with last year, but this was only to be expected since unemployment has been more or less general.

There were 86 engagements made in Perth, these being mostly trainees from the Moore River Native Settlement, approximately 100 of whom are now employed on wages throughout the South-West. In such engagements the Department not only fixes the wages but places portion of the money earned to the credit of the individual, some of whom have quite substantial sums standing to their accounts. The majority of these employees are giving satisfaction, and the demand for their services very considerably exceeds the supply of trainees available. There is a growing tendency on the part of employers of native labour to rely upon the Department or local protector to remind them when the time for the issue of annual permits falls due, and it may be well to state that it is not the intention of the Department to continue this practice, as the obligation to take out such a permit lies with the employer.

OFFENCES BY ABORIGINES.

	1927-8.	1928-29.
Assault	9	5
Cattle Killing	—	5
Breach of Section 40 (females frequenting creeks)	7	—
Breaking and entering	1	—
Deserting service	3	6
Drunkenness	22	36
Disorderly conduct	8	3
Escaping legal custody	1	—
Cruelty to animals	2	1
Manslaughter	1	1
On prohibited area	9	2
Obscene language	4	2
Receiving liquor	21	16
Rogue and vagabond	1	—
Resisting arrest	1	1
Stealing	8	9
Unlawful possession of beef	4	—
Unsound mind	1	—
Unlawful use of gun	1	—
Wilful murder	1	—
Uncontrollable and incorrigible	—	2
Loitering in town	—	2
Indecently dealing	—	1
Pointing a firearm	—	1
Hindering police	—	1
Enticing native from lawful service	—	2
Unlicensed to carry firearms	—	5
Totals	105	101

Convictions, due to the fact that natives somehow or other obtained liquor, increased from 43 to 52, and in this connection eight persons other than aborigines were sentenced for supplying.

Of the five convictions for cattle killing, three were natives of the Wyndham district, and the balance came from the Sturt, in all cases being outside the influence of a Departmental station. There seems little doubt that natives were responsible for depredations amongst the stud cattle owned by the Wyndham Meat Works, but it was exceedingly difficult to sheet the matter home to any particular natives, especially as no carcasses were found. Several stud bulls were, however, missing. One dead cow was discovered, but the cause of its demise was doubtful. Cattle killing was also reported by the Forrest River Mission authorities, who captured several of their natives in the act.

OFFENCES AGAINST ABORIGINES.

Thirteen persons other than aborigines were convicted of breaches of "The Aborigines Act, 1905," as against 23 for the previous year. Eight of these convictions were for supplying liquor, fines ranging from £20 to £50, and in some cases imprisonment from two to six months being imposed.

Three persons were convicted for employing without a permit, two others being cautioned and ordered to pay costs. There was one for permitting a native to be on licensed premises.

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION.

(Sec. 63.)

On the 1st July, 1928, seven applications were under consideration, while during the year 15 others were received. Of the total, one was granted, two were inadmissible, 12 were refused, two were withdrawn, leaving seven still under consideration at 30th June, 1929. One certificate was cancelled. The number of exempted persons now totals 76.

RECOGNISANCES.

Permission was granted, under Section 9 of the Aborigines Act, to seven persons to remove 13 natives from one part of the State to another. Bonds for the return of these aboriginals within the given time were entered into in every case, and it was not found necessary to take action to estreat any of these undertakings.

REMOVALS UNDER SECTION 12.

Warrants were issued in accordance with regulations made under the above section, transferring 13 natives from one part of the State to another. Of these five were admitted to the Moore River Native Settlement.

DEPARTMENTAL STATIONS AND SETTLEMENTS.

Moola Bulla Native Station, East Kimberley.—The usual financial returns will be found at pages 26 and 27 of this report.

The year's transactions disclosed a net loss of £2,775 10s., against £95 6s. 7d. for the previous year. Trading, which was particularly good in the preceding year, was not so satisfactory in the year under review, which accounts for the book loss shown. The loss is more imaginary than real, however. I pointed out that the previous year's results showed that the cash takings were considerably more than the cost of

maintenance. During the year under review the cash takings were £4,500 17s. 1d., while the total cost of running the station was £4,831 15s. 2d. In the expenditure, however, was £655 of Loan money on Capital Account, so that it may be said again that the receipts more than equalled the cost of running the station, which I consider a satisfactory result.

It seems to me that the bookkeeping methods adopted many years ago when Moola Bulla Station was regarded as a trading concern, and which have never been amended, are not now suitable, and require altering. Native stations are not intended to be money-making concerns, and if they pay their way that is all we can expect. The nature of these undertakings, including as it does the care of numbers of indigent natives, entails unusual expenditure, and this should be taken into consideration.

The profit and loss accounts include interest on capital and departmental charges, and the debit in the case of Moola Bulla on these accounts last year was nearly £1,500. Accrued interest for Moola Bulla amounts to £16,569 0s. 9d., and departmental charges £8,179, yet the Treasury charges us no interest, and the Auditor General points out that the interest paid by the Treasury on Loan money would not be on the original amount borrowed, as under the financial agreement portion of the Loan indebtedness has been paid off.

It is suggested that it would be better to issue a statement showing receipts and expenditure, and in addition another showing assets and liabilities. The whole business of bookkeeping could be very much simplified if this proposal were adopted.

The average price received from the Wyndham Meat Works for 535 head of cattle, delivered during the season, was £4 11s. 3d. There may yet be more to come by way of surplus when sales in England are effected.

The season's rainfall was not up to the average, and no very heavy falls were experienced, but the cattle were in good condition, and those sent to the meat works averaged 625 lbs. dressed weight, with 91.2 per cent. freezers.

Considering all things, the sheep are holding their own, and the project of forming sheep paddocks has been continued, one well being sunk ensuring a good supply of water.

On the 1st September the death occurred of our best stud bull, "Derrimuts Prince IV." This animal was purchased in 1921, and was at the time of death about 10 years of age. He cost us £131 5s., and came from Canning Downs South, Warwick, Queensland.

Mr. A. T. Woodland, Manager, reports as follows:—

Season.—Our rainfall from 1st October to the end of April was 1,522 points, this being mostly light rain not sufficient at any time to run the rivers very high: it has been a good grass rain and the cattle have killed better this year at the Works than previous years. All our small waters are now dry and cattle are on all the large holes and wells.

Stud Cattle.—Balance at the 30th June, 1928, was 17 bulls and 35 cows; brandings were two cows and one bull, two bulls and four cows having died, 10 bulls transferred to herd, leaving a balance of six bulls and 33 cows.

Half Breeds.—These are calves by stud bulls from selected cows; 34 bulls and 28 cows were branded and transferred to herd during the year.

Herd Cattle.—On the 1st July, 1928, these numbered 13,657. The following are accounted for:—681 to

Works, being 535 from station and 146 stragglers from other stations, four sold locally, 143 to Violet Valley, 161 indigents' rations, 20 stock camp, 98 station rations, mortality 10 per cent. up to four years, 15 per cent. five years and older, 10 per cent. off bulls, total mortality 1,851; brandings were 2,391, leaving a balance of 13,090, being a decrease of 567. All cattle are in good condition at present, except those on the western side, where very little rain fell; these cattle are being shifted to the Rocky River.

Horses.—At the 1st July, 1928, these numbered 361, including two stallions. Sold 24, died 25, brandings 37. Horses are all in good condition, but owing to the bad time at the end of the year we lost a lot of foals.

Sheep.—On the 1st July, 1928, these numbered 359, with six rams; four ewes and 51 lambs died, one wether killed, leaving a balance of 303 sheep and six rams made up as follows:—Ewes 274, wethers 39, rams six. Lambing is in progress and at present there is an increase of 53. Sheep shorn were 311, including last year's lambs. The sheep have had a very bad time owing to shortage of paddocks, also bad seasons. We now have further paddocks and the result should be better this coming year.

Mules.—At the end of June, 1928, these numbered 53; nine were transferred to Munja, leaving a balance of 44.

Donkeys.—On the 1st July, 1928, these numbered 240 and one jack; 17 were sold to Munja, two destroyed, six died, 16 were branded, leaving a balance of 231.

Goats.—On the 1st July, 1928, these numbered 264; killed for rations six, destroyed 15, died 34, increase 30, leaving a balance of 239.

Transport.—The same arrangement made with Mr. F. Castles using our teams exists as heretofore. He is making about three trips this year to deliver about 20 tons.

Employees.—Seven permanent hands were employed during the year and 50 natives doing station work and repairs to road without any supervision; the road work done is a credit to the natives.

Improvements.—A new bathroom has been erected at the house; brick oven at the kitchen; 2½ miles of sheep fencing and wire netted has been done by station hands. Also one paddock completed by contract; another three-mile paddock is being erected. A well has been sunk to a depth of 70 feet in sheep paddock and is now known as Kitson's Well.

Munja Native Station, North-West Kimberley.—Financial returns covering the transactions of this station will be found at page 14. There was a net book loss for the year of £1,396 8s. 2d., while the cost of running the station was £1,959. This station has not yet become revenue producing, only some £50 being collected during the year under review. There are just enough cattle upon the run to supply the needs of the natives, and until other revenue-producing avenues are exploited the station cannot be expected to be self-supporting. High hopes, however, are entertained that before long we shall be able to earn a fair amount from the production of tropical products, and in time it should be possible to realise the comparatively small amount at present required to finance this station. Under the capable and energetic management of Mr. Harold Reid very considerable progress has been made in all directions, and the property is now in first-class order in every way.

My remarks respecting bookkeeping, under heading of Moola Bulla Station, apply with equal force in the case of Munja, and I think we should hesitate before we bring about a similar condition to that which has transpired in the case of Moola Bulla.

In the search for the missing aeroplane, the "Southern Cross," the station performed useful service, in fact had it not been there it is hard to say what

would have happened, since an area in the immediate vicinity of Munja Homestead is probably the only possible landing ground on the whole West coast North of Derby. The instructions which I caused to be forwarded by plane and dropped over the station arrived after the manager and party had already left to search for the "Southern Cross," Mr. Reid anticipating receiving such instructions to that end.

In their search to locate the plane, Mr. Reid and his assistants covered a distance of nearly 400 miles, and were out 18 days. The natives acquitted themselves admirably, and every man who left the station in the party saw the search through, although for days they were out of proper food, living on flour alone. No casualties eventuated, though many minor injuries were sustained.

Meanwhile the station became the headquarters of the searching aeroplanes. During the progress of this search many misstatements were made with regard to the nature of the country and its inhabitants. The character of the country was traduced beyond all reason, and it is unfortunate that such inaccurate statements should have been disseminated abroad. I venture to predict that in the not far distant future the North Kimberley country will play an important part in the permanent settlement of the North.

Mr. Harold Reid, Manager, reports as follows:—

Natives.—The general health of natives during the past 12 months has been excellent. Have treated 59 natives for minor attacks of colds and accidents. The natives are all contented and happy, and up to date are easily controlled. They are still eager for work, the difficulty being to find employment for applicants. I get over this difficulty by employing a certain number for a time and then put on a fresh lot in their place; by this means I keep more in touch with the greater number and get them used to white men's ways. One native, "Johnny," was wanted on a charge of murder and on receiving a message from me came in and gave himself up. I am glad to report he was acquitted and is now again on the station working in the field. I am gratified to be able to report that there is no known case of venereal disease of any kind amongst the local natives or the many with whom I am in touch.

Improvements.—Erected bath house men's quarters, with concrete floors and hanging showers, also w.c., wash house for residential quarters; enclosed verandah of married couple's quarters with wire netting and made gate for same; put ceiling in married couple's quarters; put ceiling in kitchen for manager's residence; painted buildings (interior) Nos. 1, 2, and 3; built stand for stacking timber; built bush trolley for carting timber; deepened well for better supply, which had gone off since sinking, struck a slightly brackish seam; well now fit for stock only; cut and erected piles for men's quarters and new store; cut and carted timber for stock yard at homestead and built same, with the exception of gates and caps and a few rails in the wing; comprised in yard are all requirements round yard for horse-breaking and killing pen which will have concrete floor; built new store according to plans and moved into same; planted ornamental trees and palms around residential and married couple's quarters; made two sets of three-tier shelves for store; made furniture, tables, shelves, etc., for residential quarters, made one new pack saddle and bags; counterlined nine pack saddles and 12 riding saddles and repaired all leather gear; made six new girths, five pack surcingles, five riding surcingles, four croupers, eight stirrup leathers, 10 pack saddle straps, eight meter straps and four bridles to replace worn-out gear and have spares in case of breakages.

Stock Matters.—Towards the end of last year mustered and moved all cattle to east side of Red Bull Creek to good pasturage and water. This was necessary to minimise losses owing to late rainfall. Practically no rains fell till early in December, 1928, and eight and a half months' dry spell. Since starting mustering this year have branded 166 calves; of these 25 were left

possible herd bulls. Notwithstanding the late rainfall we were fortunate enough to get good rains in February and March, which saved all anxiety for this season. There will be no losses this year, only the normal percentage.

Killers: Have killed 119 head of bullocks during the past twelve months. Sixty of these for indigents and 59 for station requirements (whites and native workers); branding unfinished at time of writing.

Horse-breaking, etc.: Have broken in one draught and one saddle mare, also two mules and four donkeys.

Agriculture.—Owing to the bad season a lot of the seeds missed and the growth of plants was not up to the standard of a good season, consequently the harvest was not as good as it might have been. The rain just came in time to save the situation and the return from crops planted was fairly good. The returns are as follows:—

Peanuts, from four acres. Eighty-five sacks (unshelled).—These will be shelled and graded and forwarded (less seed for this season) to Aborigines Department, Government Stores.

Broome Millet, from one and a half acres.—Unable to arrive at weight as I have not had it baled yet, but will be forwarded to Government Stores.

Feterita, from one and a half acres.—2 tons 8 cwt., approximately.

Red Millet, from two acres.—2 tons approximately, native meal.

African Bean, from half acre—7 cwt.

Pumpkins—approximately 25 cwt.

Onions—7,184 plants.

Other vegetables of all descriptions in abundance.

Water melons.—We use one to natives three, and there are dozens on the vines yet.

Paw-paw.—One old tree heavily loaded and 15 others (younger) growing well.

Pineapples.—Some growing but not doing well.

Bananas.—Doing well, have started a grove on the block opposite homestead at a running spring.

Rice.—Two acres planted of Upland rice, but owing to late season a failure.

Travelling.—Took plant to Mt. Hart Station to meet Mr. Neville and party when he and Mr. Woodland visited Munja Station on their tour of inspection. Sent plant to Mt. Hart to assist and pilot drover with a draft of Moola Bulla hores for Munja. Went to Derby to meet Mr. Neville and Mr. Kitson and party, thence by boat to Broome, returning by plane to Derby and overland to Munja Station.

Violet Valley Native Station, East Kimberley.—In order to improve the carrying capacity of the somewhat limited area of this place, a well was sunk on the South-West boundary, and good water was struck at a depth of 25 feet. It is intended to sink the well a little deeper and provide the usual equipment, viz., mill, tanks and troughing. This improvement will increase the carrying capacity of the country and assist in the direction of making the station self-supporting.

Mr. Hector Burness, the Manager, reports as follows:—

I have the honour to hand you my report on the welfare of the natives and the work done at Violet Valley Station for the year ended 30th June, 1929. The season for the year was light and under the average, only 1,460 points falling. There was very little rain from July until December when we got a good fall, 471 points for the month, which gave the grass a nice start and the stock did well from then on. We lost a good number of stock through the dry times as the country to the north of the place was in a bad way on account of the light rainfall and it had not recovered from the fire that passed through it the previous year. The branding for the year has dropped; through the long dry time and hot weather a good number of the calves perished. There are a number of cows with no calves.

Cattle.—At 30th June, 1928, the cattle on hand numbered 946 head, purchases from Moola Bulla Station 116, and brandings for the year 103, making a total of 1,165 head. Of these 28 head were killed for station use and 118 for the natives, 15 sold to the Meat Works, and decrease for the year numbered 129, leaving a balance on hand at 30th June, 1929, of 875 head.

Horses.—The number of horses on hand at 30th June, 1928, was 68, purchases from Moola Bulla Station 1, and brandings for the year 16, making a total of 85 head. The decrease for the year totalled 10, leaving a balance on hand of 75 at 30th June, 1929.

Mules.—At 30th June, 1928, the number of mules on hand totalled 33 head, brandings for the year 3, making a total of 36. Thirteen of these were transferred to Moola Bulla Station, and mortality for the year numbered 1, thus leaving a balance on hand of 22 head at 30th June, 1929.

The average number of natives monthly supplied with meat and clothing where necessary was 99. The general health of the natives was good.

La Grange Feeding Depot.—Mr. John Spurling, Officer-in-Charge, advises as follows:—

I have the honour to submit my report upon the work carried out at La Grange Aborigines Feeding Station during the financial year ending 30th June, 1929.

Number of aborigines receiving sustenance during the financial year, the daily average number of old, decrepit natives fed and clothed, including staff, approximate number receiving sustenance.—784 natives; 57 children; 65.4 daily average; 4.9 children.

Only the old and infirm natives were fed twice daily and a small ration of tobacco allowed once a week. Quite a number of natives turned up to this feeding station the latter end of last year for relief. These natives, starved out in the back country, are forced in on to the coast for food. Some of them have gone back to the bush again. They are a poor lot of natives.

I hope during the year to complete a fish yard so that the old natives will be able to have a fish diet three times a week.

Rations. Clothing and rugs.—These have been forwarded regularly and always found to be of excellent quality.

General Health and Deaths.—Cold sickness has been very bad amongst the natives since March and the early part of December. Ailments during the year included measles.

Deaths.—There have been only four deaths; two old men, the result of senile decay, one native woman, bowel trouble, one native woman, chill after child birth.

Garden.—This season the garden is coming on nicely and a good supply of vegetables will be on hand for this depot later on.

Condition of Buildings.—Fences and gates are all in perfect order.

Butcher's meat, when obtainable, has been of excellent quality. The supervision generally, outside the confines of the Feeding Station, is continually carried out and there has been no ill feeling existing between the white and coloured races.

Moore River Native Settlement.—The accommodation at this institution has, as heretofore, been over-taxed, and at the close of the year there were 320 inmates in residence. Of these 108 were in camps and 212 in the compound. Of the total 217 were children, of whom about 100 were of school age. The new hospital, which is intended not only for the inmates of the settlement but to serve the whole of the Midland district, was practically completed by the end of the year. Other accommodation is urgently required if this settlement is to remain the only one of its kind in the South-West.

Mr. Arthur Neal, Superintendent, reports as follows:—

I have the honour to submit my report for Moore River Native Settlement for the past twelve months ending 30th June, 1929.

A tractor of the caterpillar type was purchased and ploughing was commenced with a six-disc plough. About 250 acres were fallowed. Owing to the late supply of the tractor this work was not finished as early as it should have been. About four miles of six-wired permanent fence was erected, and about two miles of temporary two-wired fence. This fence was erected to keep big stock off the growing crop.

About 270 acres of oats and barley were sown. This was late going in owing to the late arrival of the seed. A lot of unnecessary work had to be done, owing to not having a disc cultivator.

A new Hay Queen binder was purchased. The old one was worn out.

Two 5,000 gallon tanks were made and erected. These are for the main supply of the compound. The water is pumped from the river to fill these tanks. Two 2,000 gallon tanks were made and erected on stone foundations. One was placed at the Superintendent's house and one at the staff quarters.

A new hospital was commenced on the 14th January and only required about two weeks' work to complete on 30th June. This is a very solid building, containing two large wards, each holding eight beds. There is an eight-foot hall separating the two wards. There is a nurses' room, attendants' room, kitchen, two bath rooms, nine-foot verandah. Concrete floors throughout of the bungalow type, rough cast finished, an imposing building built from the plans of the Chief Protector of Aborigines.

Inmates of the Settlement on 30th June numbered 329, which was the lowest for the year. The highest number was 344 inmates. The health of the inmates has been very good throughout the year.

Garments numbering 3,495 were made and despatched to Government Stores, Fremantle, for distribution to the various stations. In addition to this all the clothing for the Settlement was made here. The whole of the work was done by native girls under Miss Cross, the sewing mistress.

The school has been kept open throughout the year with the exception of the regulation holidays. There are 87 children on the roll and the attendance has been well maintained.

I consider there should be a junior teacher appointed, as 87 pupils are too many for one teacher to do justice to.

Three thousand pine trees were planted opposite the hospital. The land had been fallowed as it is only a waste of time to plant trees on ground that is not properly worked. A new road was made to the clearing at "The Elbow." This road traverses the hill tops on gravel practically all the way. The old road was loose sand all the way. A new Billabong pump was purchased to replace the old one, which was worn out.

A new slaughter house and yard has been erected.

A garden has been laid out and fenced with six-foot netting, rabbit netting at the bottom.

The main road to Mogumber has been repaired in several places. Several new settlers are now using this road.

MISSIONS.

At pages 15 and 16 will be found information in the shape of a return supplied by the managers of the various mission societies operating in this State. Several missionaries in addition are working independently in different parts of the country. In March, 1929, in response to a promise given to the Pastoralists' Association, Perth, the Hon. W. H. Kitson, M.L.C., Honorary Minister, controlling the Aborigines Department, accompanied by myself, proceeded to Laverton where, on the 14th March, a conference was held to discuss the proposal put forward by the pastoralists that the Mt. Margaret Mission, established by Mr. R. S. Schenk, should be moved approximately 150 miles further East. At this conference were present the various members of both Houses of Parliament representing the district, as well as a large gathering of pastoralists. The Hon. Minister subsequently spent some time in the district in order to make himself acquainted with the position, but at the time of writing the matter has not reached finality.

FINANCIAL.

A statement of receipts and payments on all accounts will be found at page 17. Total payments amount to £30,362 18s. 4d. The actual increase in expenditure was £1,111 12s. 9d. It will be seen from the figures, as compared with the total population, that the cost of maintenance of the aborigines to the State is just over 23s. per head of the total native population. Receipts credited to trust account amounted to £1,671 2s. 1d., as compared with £1,659 15s. 8d. for the previous year. In addition, £4,554 3s. 9d. derived from Moola Bulla and Munja Native Stations was paid direct to the Treasury, and therefore not available. This is a decrease of £587 1s. 7d. over the previous year.

There are now 207 individual trust accounts, carrying a total balance of £2,800.

In conclusion, I desire to extend thanks to all managers of stations and settlements, honorary protectors of aborigines, police and others throughout the State who have assisted in the care of the aborigines.

A. O. NEVILLE,
Chief Protector of Aborigines.

12th December, 1929.

ESTIMATED POPULATION.

Comparative Summary.

	1927-28.	1928-29.
Full-bloods	12,759	12,815
Half-castes (column 2)	2,507	2,502
Half-castes (column 3)	247	331
Aborigines outside the influence of civilisation (estimate only) ..	10,000	10,000
	<u>25,513</u>	<u>25,648</u>

STATEMENT SHOWING POPULATION ACCORDING TO DISTRICT AND OTHER PARTICULARS.

District.	ESTIMATED POPULATION.										Total.	Increase or Decrease noted for Year.	Condition and Health.	Epidemics.	Venereal.	Conduct.	Employment.
	Full Blood.			Half-castes deemed to be Aborigines.			Half-castes not deemed Aborigines.										
	M.	F.	C.	M.	F.	C.	M.	F.	C.								
Albany	8	6	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	Decreasing	Fair	Nil	Good	Not plentiful but natives disposed to accept.
Beagle Bay	207	217	135	41	3	12	23	2	2	6	6	703	Increasing	Good	Few cases	Good	Plentiful.
Beverley	5	...	...	2	6	7	2	...	8	15	...	22	Normal	"	Nil	Very fair	Not plentiful, but natives disposed to accept.
Brookton	5	6	7	7	6	25	6	9	8	...	...	88	Increasing	"	Nil	Very good	Plentiful.
Broome	236	212	82	53	36	73	36	...	...	...	...	692	Decreasing	"	Few cases	Fair	Fairly plentiful and natives disposed to accept.
Bunbury	1	1	...	8	8	6	2	2	...	...	...	27	Normal	"	Nil	Good	Plentiful.
Busselton	3	...	...	9	...	...	18	17	...	5	...	43	Increasing	"	Nil	"	Not plentiful.
Carnarvon	49	36	16	...	23	13	...	8	...	...	...	153	Decreasing	"	"	"	Plentiful. Natives disposed to accept.
Coolgardie	9	9	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	Normal	"	"	"	Not plentiful.
Cue	21	19	12	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	55	Decreasing	"	"	"	Plentiful.
Derby	650	555	41	4	3	11	6	7	8	...	...	1,285	Decreasing	"	"	"	Plentiful. Natives not disposed to accept.
Dongarra	...	15	...	...	5	...	...	1	1	5	...	7	Normal	"	"	"	Plentiful.
Esperance	...	10	12	2	5	4	...	2	...	...	...	48	Decreasing	"	"	"	Plentiful.
Fitzroy Crossing	1,030	940	342	3	5	27	...	2	1	...	...	2,350	Normal	"	"	"	Plentiful.
Fromantle	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	10	"	"	"	"	All employed.
Gascoyne Junction	200	190	42	18	20	18	4	4	2	7	...	501	Increasing	"	"	"	Plentiful.
Geraldton	2	...	...	4	4	8	...	...	...	...	...	18	Decreasing	"	"	"	Plentiful.
Gnowangerup	24	21	36	15	17	35	...	2	2	...	...	148	Normal	"	"	"	Plentiful.
Goomalling	5	5	4	4	8	2	...	2	...	2	...	34	Increasing	"	"	"	Fairly plentiful.
Greenough	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	Normal	"	"	"	Plentiful.
Guildford	1	...	...	...	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	17	"	"	"	"	Plentiful.
Hall's Creek	238	140	68	11	11	9	3	...	...	...	...	475	Decreasing	"	"	"	Fairly plentiful.
Kalgoorlie	62	32	17	6	6	9	...	...	...	...	...	111	Normal	"	"	"	Plentiful.
Katanning	5	3	4	14	14	35	4	4	5	9	...	98	Increasing	"	"	"	Plentiful.
Kellerberrin	12	7	8	14	26	14	...	...	...	...	...	82	"	"	"	"	Plentiful.
Kojonup	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	Decreasing	"	"	"	Not plentiful.
Laverton	660	510	97	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,297	Increasing	"	"	"	Plentiful, but natives not disposed to accept.
Leonora	25	15	6	4	4	4	1	...	...	...	...	55	Decreasing	"	"	"	Plentiful.
Marble Bar	293	195	58	22	30	4	...	...	...	...	...	573	"	"	"	"	Plentiful.
Maylands	2	1	...	6	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	12	Normal	"	"	"	Plentiful.
Menzies	5	3	...	2	3	...	...	...	2	...	...	13	Decreasing	"	"	"	Plentiful.
Merredin	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	Normal	"	"	"	Plentiful.

Meekatharra	96	79	16	9	5	7	...	...	...	212	Decreasing Normal	Good	Nil	Few cases Nil	Good	Plentiful.
Mingenew	4	4	...	11	16	10	...	...	...	45	Normal	"	"	"	"	"
Moora	18	14	36	17	15	25	9	19	160	Decreasing	"	"	Influenza Nil	"	Fairly good	Not plentiful.
Mt. Barker	15	5	8	3	2	8	1	1	41	"	"	"	"	"	Good	Plentiful.
Mt. Magnet	16	9	9	6	5	7	1	1	55	Slight increase	"	"	"	"	"	"
Mullewa	10	2	7	20	15	17	...	...	71	Decreasing	"	"	"	"	"	"
Narrogin	6	5	...	36	35	51	...	...	133	Slight increase	Fair	"	"	One case	"	Not plentiful.
Norseman	30	15	...	3	...	...	6	1	64	Decreasing	Good	"	Measles slight Nil	"	"	"
Northam	2	...	...	4	5	5	...	...	16	"	"	"	"	Nil	"	Plentiful.
Northampton	20	10	...	4	3	3	1	3	51	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Nullagine	187	185	49	3	1	5	1	...	431	Increasing	"	"	Influenza	Few severe cases	"	"
Onslow	81	80	23	3	5	8	2	...	202	Normal	"	"	Nil	Two cases Nil	"	"
Perenjori	8	4	...	3	2	8	6	2	44	Decreasing	"	"	"	"	"	"
Pingelly	...	...	...	80	52	80	...	...	212	Slightly decreasing	"	"	"	"	"	"
Pinjarra	4	3	5	...	...	...	...	...	12	Normal	"	"	"	"	"	"
Port Hedland	140	109	103	15	11	13	...	...	391	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Peak Hill	92	86	10	3	3	...	2	5	202	Slightly decreasing	"	"	"	"	"	"
Quairading	...	1	...	80	65	180	...	...	326	Increasing	Fair	"	Pneumonia Nil	"	Fair	Not plentiful.
Ravensthorpe	2	2	...	4	2	7	3	...	28	Normal	Good	"	"	Few cases Nil	Good	Plentiful.
Roebourne	200	138	97	10	10	18	12	15	513	Decreasing	Fair	"	Measles Nil	"	"	Not plentiful.
Sandstone	1	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	5	"	Good	"	"	Four cases Nil	"	Plentiful.
Shak Bay	8	5	...	23	13	27	...	...	81	Normal	"	"	"	"	"	"
Southern Cross	3	2	4	2	...	...	...	...	11	Normal	"	"	"	"	"	"
Tambellup	12	8	8	15	6	7	...	...	57	Decreasing	"	"	"	"	"	"
Three Springs	10	9	5	9	8	6	6	8	69	Increasing	"	"	"	"	Fair	"
Toodyay	7	3	13	2	2	3	2	3	37	Decreasing	"	"	"	"	Good	"
Turkey Creek	485	385	100	4	3	7	...	...	984	Normal	"	"	"	"	"	"
Wagin	...	2	...	6	12	4	...	...	24	Decreasing	"	"	"	"	"	Not plentiful.
Wickepin	...	...	...	5	5	14	5	2	31	Normal	"	"	"	"	"	Plentiful
Williams	...	5	...	45	55	105	...	...	215	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Wiltuna	60	44	12	4	2	3	2	...	127	Decreasing	"	"	"	Very little	"	Not plentiful.
Wyndham	600	700	200	6	6	55	...	...	1,567	"	"	"	"	Few cases Nil	"	Plentiful, but natives not disposed to accept.
Yalgoo	76	59	29	42	35	57	...	...	298	Slightly increasing	"	"	"	"	"	Plentiful.
Total	5,948	5,108	1,759	735	650	1,117	123	89	119	15,648						

COMPARATIVE RETURN SHOWING NUMBER OF NATIVES RATIONED AND COST OF RATIONS ISSUED WITH OTHER PARTICULARS.

Place.	Rate.	By Whom Supplied.	Supervised by.	No. of Natives rationed.		Total Cost, 1927-28.	Stores and Provisions.	Meat, 1928-29.	Total Cost.
				1927-28.	1928-29.				
DEPARTMENTAL SETTLEMENTS AND FEEDING DEPOTS.									
La Grange Feeding Depot	Bulk Supplies	Aborigines Department	Officer in charge	57	73	£ 493 16 7	£ 411 18 4	£ 11 1 4	£ 422 19 8
Munja Native Station	do. ...	do. ...	Manager ...	136	121	232 6 10	134 15 6	194 10 0	329 5 6
Moola Bulla Station	do. ...	do. ...	do. ...	187	222	321 7 10	101 12 7	483 0 0	584 12 7
Moore River Settlement	do. ...	do. ...	Superintendent	293	325	2,686 17 8	2,158 0 3*	802 13 0*	*2,960 13 3
Violet Valley Native Station	do. ...	do. ...	Manager ...	115	99	454 10 11	251 4 0	325 0 0	576 4 0
BY CONTRACT UNDER POLICE OR DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISION.									
Abydos Station (Wodgina)	Bulk Supplies	Aborigines Department	F. A. Leeds ...	5	7	48 1 10	26 15 3	9 16 9	36 12 0
Albany ...	Contract ...	Contractor ...	Police ...	3	5	13 13 5	10 13 9	5 6 0	15 19 9
Broome ...	do. ...	do. ...	do. ...	...	5	...	24 5 0	0 14 7	24 19 7
Bamboo Creek ...	do. ...	do. ...	do. ...	3	3	18 7 8	37 17 9	15 6 0	53 3 9
Balladonia ...	Bulk Supplies	Aborigines Department	H. Dimer ...	11	9	30 9 11	47 12 9	...	47 12 9
Brookton ...	Contract ...	Contractor ...	Police ...	4	4	24 12 4	23 2 9	13 5 0	36 7 9
Carnarvon ...	do. ...	do. ...	do. ...	...	2	...	6 15 8	5 15 0	12 10 8
Cue ...	do. ...	do. ...	do. ...	12	9	143 4 6	92 0 4	41 14 3	133 14 7
Coolgardie ...	do. ...	do. ...	do. ...	6	9	76 3 1	75 8 2	33 11 6	108 19 8
Coodingnow Station	do. ...	do. ...	do. ...	3	...	34 15 5	...	...	...
Derby ...	do. ...	do. ...	do. ...	4	2	56 15 1	23 10 11	5 17 10	29 8 9
Esperance ...	do. ...	do. ...	do. ...	6	...	67 7 2	...	...	...
Eucla ...	Bulk Supplies	Aborigines Department	Postmaster ...	8	...	8 4 2	...	...	...
Fitzroy Crossing ...	do. ...	do. ...	Police ...	24	20	181 9 10	38 4 4	57 2 10	95 7 2
Giralia Station ...	do. ...	do. ...	W. H. Dawe ...	6	4	39 17 6	13 5 7	...	13 5 7
Gascoyne Junction	do. ...	do. ...	Police ...	4	3	35 18 5	11 11 2	...	11 11 2
Geraldton ...	Contract ...	Contractor ...	do. ...	1	1	17 8 3	9 0 10	6 18 7	15 19 5
Gnowangerup ...	do. ...	do. ...	do. ...	6	4	20 14 11	21 9 9	12 2 1	33 11 10
Jigalong ...	Bulk Supplies	Aborigines Department	A. J. Keeling	18	32	81 8 0	68 8 9	...	68 8 9
Karonie ...	do. ...	do. ...	J. Mills ...	...	16	...	62 17 11	...	62 17 11
Kookynie ...	Contract ...	Contractor ...	Police ...	2	...	30 10 1	...	...	...
Lake Darlot ...	do. ...	do. ...	do. ...	5	5	67 1 8	74 9 3	...	74 9 3
Lawlers ...	do. ...	do. ...	do. ...	...	10	...	13 19 2	...	13 19 2
Laverton ...	do. ...	do. ...	do. ...	30	31	332 14 5	259 10 11	164 7 3	423 18 2
Leonora ...	do. ...	do. ...	do. ...	2	...	2 4 4	...	...	...
Linden ...	do. ...	do. ...	do. ...	60	...	345 0 0	...	...	...
Marble Bar	do. ...	do. ...	do. ...	3	5	38 8 5	32 12 8	14 13 2	47 5 10
Madura ...	Bulk Supplies	Aborigines Department	C. Bowen ...	...	23	...	60 1 10	...	60 1 10
Meekatharra ...	Contract ...	Contractor ...	Police ...	7	5	75 13 11	49 14 4	12 14 10	62 9 2
Morgans ...	do. ...	do. ...	do. ...	77	...	551 7 10	...	...	...
Mt. Margaret M. ...	Bulk Supplies	Aborigines Department	R. S. Schenk	207	132	333 5 5	334 0 2	476 16 0	810 16 2
Mingenew ...	Contract ...	Contractor ...	Police ...	3	4	15 15 0	39 6 6	...	39 6 6
Mundiwindi ...	Bulk Supplies	Aborigines Department	R. J. Cockram	17	12	34 18 6	34 0 5	...	34 0 5
Mt. Vernon ...	do. ...	do. ...	W. A. McHugh	25	23	203 13 9	66 3 3	40 4 0	106 7 3
Mt. Barker ...	Contract ...	Contractor ...	Police ...	1	1	0 16 4	0 16 8	...	0 16 8
Mt. Magnet ...	do. ...	do. ...	do. ...	4	8	35 17 6	68 18 2	...	68 18 2
Mt. Narryer ...	do. ...	do. ...	Station Manager	6	6	64 1 0	46 10 0	6 15 0	53 5 0
Mullewa ...	do. ...	do. ...	Police ...	1	1	12 4 9	12 9 9	...	12 9 9
Mundrabilla ...	Bulk Supplies	Aborigines Department	W. A. Booth	22	...	54 12 8	33 1 1	...	33 1 1
Narrogin ...	Contract ...	Contractor ...	Police ...	...	5	...	58 6 11	16 2 8	74 9 7
Norseman ...	do. ...	do. ...	do. ...	5	5	99 5 11	52 9 5	39 17 3	92 6 8
Nullagine ...	Bulk Supplies	Aborigines Department	do. ...	20	25	131 15 6	111 15 9	52 19 6	164 15 3
Peak Hill ...	Contract ...	Contractor ...	do. ...	19	18	283 7 8	183 6 8	99 12 5	282 19 1
Pinjarra ...	do. ...	do. ...	do. ...	1	1	11 13 4	7 5 10	...	7 5 10
Port Hedland	do. ...	do. ...	do. ...	7	...	13 6 1	...	...	...
Tree Station	Bulk Supplies	Aborigines Department	Piessie and Maguire	16	15	64 7 7	73 19 2	43 8 8	117 7 10
Rosbourn ...	do. ...	do. ...	Police ...	3	2	24 7 7	22 10 8	1 2 10	23 13 6
Shark Bay ...	Contract ...	Contractor ...	do. ...	1	1	17 12 3	10 6 2	4 12 1	14 18 3
Table land	Bulk Supplies	Aborigines Department	Secretary, Road Board	19	23	65 9 8	192 2 6	...	192 2 6
Tuckanarra	Contract ...	Contractor ...	Storekeeper ...	20	12	241 5 0	90 10 9	...	90 10 9
Wallal ...	Bulk Supplies	Aborigines Department	H. Ennis ...	16	19	118 5 4	72 16 4	...	72 16 4
Wagin ...	Contract ...	Contractor ...	Police ...	...	1	...	2 8 7	0 9 11	2 18 6
Whim Creek	Bulk Supplies	Aborigines Department	do. ...	13	12	44 1 0	47 9 7	...	47 9 7
Wiluna ...	Contract ...	Contractor ...	do. ...	17	16	244 11 4	175 18 1	72 12 0	248 10 1
Winning Pool	do. ...	do. ...	Storekeeper ...	4	...	38 0 0	...	...	...
Yalgoo ...	do. ...	do. ...	Police ...	6	7	54 3 4	62 2 0	...	62 2 0
Freight and Cartage ...				1,551	1,403	8,737 8 6	5,939 13 11	3,070 2 4	9,009 16 3
Total				1,551	1,403	1,174 18 7	5,939 13 11	3,070 2 4	10,069 4 5
Total				1,551	1,403	9,912 7 1	5,939 13 11	3,070 2 4	10,069 0 8

* Including white employees.

NATURE OF PERMIT ISSUED AND NUMBER OF NATIVES AUTHORISED TO BE EMPLOYED THEREUNDER

Place of Issue	1927-28				Total		1928-29.				Total.	
	General	Natives.	Single.	Natives.	Permits.	Natives.	General.	Natives.	Single.	Natives.	Permits.	Natives.
Albany ... ..	...	...	4	4	4	4	1	3	1	1	2	4
Beagle Bay	19	266	13	13	32	279	13	140	...	...	13	140
Beverley ... ..	...	...	3	3	3	3	...	...	3	3	3	3
Bunbury ... ..	...	...	2	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Broome	9	126	80	105	89	231	14	235	90	123	104	358
Carnarvon	10	86	8	8	18	94	4	30	6	6	10	36
Cue	5	47	9	9	14	56	5	43	3	3	8	46
Derby	39	1,019	36	36	75	1,055	42	989	29	29	71	1,018
Esperance ... ..	...	...	5	5	5	5	...	...	2	2	2	2
Fremantle ... ..	...	...	4	4	4	4	...	...	3	3	3	3
Geraldton	1	6	3	4	4	10	2	15	7	8	9	23
Gascoyne Junction	10	240	2	2	12	242	13	335	...	...	13	335
Hall's Creek	19	257	9	10	28	267	15	188	8	10	23	198
Kalgoorlie ... ..	...	...	5	5	5	5	1	6	7	7	8	13
Katanning	1	2	2	2	3	4	1	4	3	3	4	7
Kojonup ... ..	...	...	5	5	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
La Grange	5	76	6	7	11	83	5	82	12	12	17	94
Laverton ... ..	...	...	16	16	16	16	...	...	12	12	12	12
Leonora	3	31	10	10	13	41	5	41	10	10	15	51
Marble Bar	13	199	13	13	26	212	15	258	14	14	29	272
Meekatharra	6	49	7	7	13	56	5	42	6	6	11	48
Menzies ... ..	...	...	3	3	3	3	1	4	...	...	1	4
Merredin ... ..	...	...	11	11	11	11	...	...	10	10	10	10
Moola Bulla	9	115	2	2	11	117	12	160	2	2	14	162
Moore River ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	2	2
Moora ... ..	...	...	11	11	11	11	...	...	11	11	11	11
Narrogin	1	8	3	4	4	12	1	8	3	3	4	11
Mt. Magnet	2	11	8	8	10	19	1	5	10	10	11	15
Northam ... ..	...	...	9	9	9	9	...	...	10	10	10	10
Nullagine	14	256	2	2	16	258	18	183	2	2	20	185
Norseman	1	8	9	9	10	17	2	16	7	7	9	23
Onslow	18	152	7	7	25	159	14	117	3	3	17	120
Peak Hill	9	80	11	11	20	91	8	86	2	2	10	88
Perth	1	5	47	47	48	52	2	20	66	66	68	86
Port Hedland	16	209	1	1	17	210	18	186	4	4	22	190
Pinjarra ... ..	...	...	5	5	5	5	...	...	1	1	1	1
Ravensthorpe ... ..	...	...	4	4	4	4	...	...	4	4	4	4
Roebourne	16	219	5	5	21	224	15	231	7	7	22	238
Shark Bay	1	25	10	10	11	35	1	25	13	13	14	38
Violet Valley	11	170	4	4	15	174	12	174	2	2	14	176
Wiluna	1	5	2	2	3	7	3	21	...	...	3	21
Wyndham	8	64	27	27	35	91	7	60	28	31	35	91
Yalgoo	16	116	4	4	20	120	14	104	5	5	19	109
Totals	264	3,847	427	456	691	4,303	273	3,832	408	447	681	4,279

MOOLA BULLA NATIVE STATION.

Profit and Loss Account for the Year ended 30th June, 1929.

1929—June 30	£	s	d.	1929—June 30	£	s	d.
To Gross Loss transferred from Mules Account ...	116	0	0	By Stores written off 1927 taken into Stock ...	17	6	10
„ Gross Loss transferred from Donkeys Account ...	64	0	0	„ Stores written off 1928 taken into Stock ...	2	15	0
„ Gross Loss transferred from Goats Account ...	22	0	0	„ Gross Profit transferred from Cattle Account	2,848	11	4
„ Deficiencies in Stores written off ...	22	8	7	„ Gross Profit transferred from Horses Account	171	12	4
„ Station Provisions	1,133	7	6	„ Gross Profit transferred from Stores Account	28	17	11
„ Wages	919	6	10	„ Gross Profit transferred from Tanning Account	185	13	1
„ Salaries	722	10	0	„ Gross Profit transferred from Sheep Account	49	3	4
„ Workers' Compensation Fund	22	7	3	„ Surpluses in Stores	32	14	10
„ Repairs and Renewals	288	13	3	„ Net Loss for the Year as per Profit and Loss			
„ Depreciation	575	18	8	Appropriation Account	2,775	10	0
„ Treasurer's Interest on Loan	982	9	1				
„ Treasurer's Departmental Charges	467	5	0				
„ General Expenses	292	5	0				
„ Printing and Stationery	1	3	3				
„ Postages and Telegrams	18	2	7				
„ Clothing Station Natives	231	18	4				
„ Shoeing	29	4	10				
„ Travelling Expenses	48	6	10				
„ Upkeep of Motor Car	84	15	9				
„ Wool on Consignment (Dalgety & Co)	70	1	11				
	£6,112	4	8		£6,112	4	8

MOOLA BULLA NATIVE STATION.
Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1929.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
General Loan Fund	23,705	9	4	Live Stock on hand as per Returns—			
Consolidated Revenue Fund	38,038	9	7	Cattle	21,519	10	0
Cash Order Account	600	14	3	Horses, Mules, etc	6,441	5	6
Sundry Creditors	240	15	0	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Treasurer's Cash Order Account	21	13	7	Station Account—			27,960 15 6
				Buildings	698	19	2
				Fencing	2,527	11	9
				Stock Yards	2,198	15	1
				Engine and Boiler	367	2	9
				Water Supply Plant	4,503	5	2
				Tannery	2,657	12	6
				Motor Car	147	5	3
				Carts and Buggies	242	5	0
				Saddlery and Harness	611	18	4
				Sundry Plant, Tools, etc	639	3	8
				Furniture and Household Effects	219	11	0
				Office Furniture	26	13	0
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				Stores on hand at cost plus transport			*14,840 2 8
				Stock on hand at Head Office			2,634 13 5
				Stores on hand in Tannery			5 0 0
				Sundry Debtors			816 10 8
				Balance representing Accumulated			835 14 8
				Loss to 30th June, 1929			15,514 4 10
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	£62,607	1	9				£62,607 1 9

MUNJA NATIVE STATION.

Profit and Loss Account for Period ended 30th June, 1929.

1929—June 30				1929—June 30			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Gross Loss transferred from Horses Account	38	0	0	By Gross Profit transferred from Cattle Account	1,005	0	0
.. Deficiencies in Stores written off	19	13	3	.. Gross Profit transferred from Mules Account	8	0	0
.. General Expenses	84	18	9	.. Gross Profit transferred from Donkeys Account	1	0	0
.. Wages	357	19	11	.. Gross Profit transferred from Goats Account	25	12	0
.. Postages	2	10	0	.. Gross Profit transferred from Stores Account	65	2	1
.. Travelling Expenses	10	4	4	.. Adjustment of Stores written off 1928 taken			
.. Salaries	410	0	2	into Stock	8	4	6
.. Station Provisions	498	4	1	.. Surpluses in Stores taken into Stock	3	17	6
.. Repairs and Renewals	106	19	2	.. Net Loss for the Year carried to Appropriation			
.. Clothing Station Natives	34	19	1	Account	1,396	8	2
.. Shoeing	5	0	4	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
.. Goodwill proportion written off	100	0	0				£2,513 4 3
.. Interest on Loan Capital	292	16	0				
.. Departmental Charges	299	10	0				
.. Interest Agricultural Bank proportion written							
off	252	9	2				
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	£2,513	4	3				

MUNJA NATIVE STATION.

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1929

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
General Loan Fund	7,035	7	5	Cattle on Station as per Return	3,309	0	0
Treasurer's Revenue Fund	6,295	14	7	Horses, Mules, Donkeys, and Goats on Station as			
Cash Order Account	103	6	11	per Returns	681	4	0
Sundry Creditors	552	7	6	Station Account—			
				Saddlery and Harness	12	14	8
				Sundry Plant	215	3	8
				Mustering Plant	288	19	0
				Household Effects	201	13	5
				Agricultural Plant	98	15	6
				Dinghy	31	11	6
				Buildings	1,520	9	5
				Yards	281	2	0
				Fencing	10	2	10
				<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
				Stores on hand			2,660 12 0
				Sundry Debtors—			630 12 3
				Other	73	7	4
				Treasurer's Cash Order Account	45	19	9
				<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
							119 7
				Goodwill (£400), and Interest Agricultural Bank			
				(£1,009 16s. 6d.)			1,409 16 6
				Balance being Accumulated Loss, as per Profit			
				and Loss Appropriation Account	5,176	4	7
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	£13,986	16	5				£13,986 16 5

MISSIONS.

Name of Governing Body ...	Beagle Bay.	Forrest River.	Lombadina.	Sunday Island.	Port George IV., Hanover Bay.	Drysdale River.
... Brief description of land held and nature of tenure	The Pious Society of Missions 10,000 acres freehold, 80,000 acres leasehold; use of Aborigines Reserve of 700,000 acres	Australian Board of Missions (Anglican) 90,000 acres 21 years leasehold, 1,000 acres freehold; within Aborigines Reserve of 3,120,000 acres	The Pious Society of Missions Poor pasturage, and lease of 19,000 acres	United Aborigines' Mission Aborigines Reserve: Whole Island	Board of Missions, Presbyterian Church of Australia Aboriginal Mission Reserve 245,000 acres	Benedictine Community of New Norcia (Roman Catholic) 50,000 acres freehold, 50,000 acres leasehold.
Live Stock owned by Mission at 30th June, 1929—	Cattle 3,300 Horses 6 Sheep ... Donkeys 70 Mules 60 Goats 400 Pigs 30	2,800 36 140 80 1 400 ...	250 13 1 170 ...	5 150 ...	40 15 ... 134 ...	No particulars to hand.
Area under crop or in process of cultivation, clearing, etc. General improvements effected during year ended 30th June, 1929	10 acres garden, 10 acres rice plantation ...	60 acres ... Workshop 18ft. x 60ft., 2 married people's huts, 1 mile piping laid, windmill erected, Native dining-room	6 acres	1/4 acre garden ... New girls' dormitory ...	45 acres ... Sanitary system, septic tanks installed, new Church built by girls of Presbyterian Church in W.A., 50ft. x 30ft., new lugger auxiliary built cost £1,500, 2 cottages rebuilt for half-caste employees, 2 cottage rebuilt for aboriginals Agriculture: Peanuts, sales pending, sorghums, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables for food, yams, bananas, and sweet potatoes imported from Torres Straits, Beche-de-mer and beach combing industry earned £208 M. F. C. 154 155 23	do. do. do.
Special efforts to make the Mission self-supporting during the year under review	Vegetables and rice, good	Cattle raising, garden produce, soap making, dairying	Gardening and stock raising	Trocas shell, sandalwood, cargo carrying, crochet work	do. do. do.	do. do. do.
Average number of natives within Mission influence	M. F. C. 74 80 91	M. F. C. 290 240 70	M. F. C. 60 70 36	M. F. C. 43 60 45	M. F. C. 154 155 23	do. do. do.
No. of inmates supported at cost of Mission	59 63 66	30 30 13	16 31 31	105 ...	22 16 20	do. do. do.
No. of inmates supported by the State (exclusive of above)	9 20 16	15 20 13	...	38 3 2	14 10 3	do. do. do.
Average No. of children under 16 years attending school daily	33 aboriginals, 42 half-castes	25 aboriginals, 23 half-castes	20 aboriginals, 8 half-castes	27 aboriginals, 6 half-castes	11 aboriginals, 2 half-castes	do. do. do.

MISSIONS—continued.

	Beagle Bay.	Forrest River.	Lombadina.	Sunday Island.	Pot George IV.	Drysdale River.
No. of children received at the Institution since 1st July, giving age, sex, whether full-blood or half-caste, also district from whence received	3 half-caste boys and 3 half-caste girls all under 14 years from Broome; 2 full-blood girls about 13 and 15 years of age, respectively, from Pender Bay	...	...	2 full-blood females, 9 and 11 years respectively, from mainland	...	No particulars to ...
No. of children discharged and placed in situations or otherwise disposed of; give brief particulars, including age, name, sex, if full-blood or half-caste, wages to be paid or other consideration for service	...	...	...	...	...	do.
Particulars of births, deaths, or marriages	7 births, 5 marriages, 14 deaths	1 marriage, 1 death	3 births	3 births, 2 marriages, 4 deaths	4 births, 2 marriages, 5 deaths	do.
Health—						
(a) No. of inmates ill from any cause during year	(a) Nearly whole population	...	(a) Nearly whole population	(a) Most of adults and all children	(a) 69	do.
(b) Enumerate diseases from which inmates have suffered	(b) Colds, influenza, measles, venereal disease, leprosy	(b) Slight attacks influenza	(b) Colds, influenza, measles	(b) Influenza and dysentery (severe)	(b) Spearwound, sting-ray, diarrhoea, dengue, stomach, accidents, sores, sore eyes	do.
(c) No. of visits from Medical Officer	...	(c) One, 27th January, 1929	...	...	...	do.

ABORIGINES DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Financial Year 1928-29.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.				
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Grant under Section 5 of Aborigines Act, 5 King Edward VII., No. 14	10,000	0 0	By Salaries—Departmental—				
„ Receipts paid to Trust*	1,671	2 1	Chief Protector of Aborigines and Staff	1,731	7 10		
„ Amount provided on Estimates for 1928-29 ...	18,691	16 3	Travelling Inspector (including allowance)	449	2 8	2,180	10 6
			„ Relief to Natives (General)—				
			Provisions	5,130	14 7		
			Blankets and Clothing	3,061	2 1		
			Medical Supplies	155	11 4	8,347	8 0
			„ Port Hedland Native Hospital—				
			Salaries—				
			Medical Officer	150	0 0		
			Officer-in-Charge and Matron	249	1 2	399	1 2
			Provisions	405	10 4		
			Medical Supplies	12	6 5		
			Freight, Travelling, and Miscellaneous	218	3 10	636	0 7
			„ Derby Native Hospital—				
			Salaries—				
			Officer-in-Charge, Cook, and Laundress			219	5 4
			Provisions	206	8 9		
			Medical Supplies	7	19 8		
			Freight, Travelling, and Miscellaneous	83	13 7	298	2 0
			„ Grants to Missions—				
			Beagle Bay	174	15 0		
			Broome Convent School	93	15 0		
			Sunday Island	281	15 0		
			Port George IV.	102	8 11		
			Drysdale River	45	0 0		
			Forrest River	157	10 0		
			New Norcia	89	5 0	944	8 11
			„ La Grange Relief Depot—				
			Salaries	209	14 3		
			Rations, etc.	437	7 8	647	1 11
			„ Violet Valley Native Station—				
			Salaries and Wages	433	13 4		
			Rations, etc.	318	19 3	752	12 7
			„ Moola Bulla Native Station—				
			Salaries and Wages	1,181	0 10		
			Improvements and Upkeep	2,870	14 4	4,831	15 2
			„ Munja Native Station—				
			Salaries and Wages	959	11 11		
			Improvements and Upkeep	999	8 4	1,959	0 3
			„ Moore River Native Settlement—				
			Salaries and Wages	1,269	3 3		
			Stores and Provisions	3,324	12 5		
			Freight and Cartage	147	12 5		
			Forage	23	5 3		
			Furniture and Hardware	173	3 9		
			Motor Truck Upkeep	180	5 10		
			Miscellaneous	374	6 2	5,182	9 1
			„ General—				
			Freight and Cartage	1,059	4 5		
			Travelling Expenses	663	1 8		
			Transport of Natives	650	4 11		
			Burials	475	15 10		
			Miscellaneous	816	16 0	3,665	2 10
						£30,362	18 4

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