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(REPORT OF BOARD FOR THE PROTECTION OF, FOR YEAR 1912.)

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

Office of Board for Protection of Aborigines,

Sydney, 4 December, 1913.

Sir,

In accordance with the established practice, we, the undersigned members of the Board for Protection of Aborigines, duly appointed under the provisions of "The Aborigines Protection Act, 1909," have the honor to submit, for the Chief Secretary's information, the following Report of the operations of the Board during the year ended the 31st December, 1912, together with the usual particulars of the number, location, and the present condition of the aborigines throughout the State, and the means adopted for their relief, so far as the funds placed at our disposal would admit.

CENTRAL BOARD.

The Board continued to meet weekly on Thursday afternoons, for the transaction of business concerning the administration of the various aboriginal stations and camps, and the welfare of the aborigines generally.

Mr. G. E. Ardill, J.P., was once more elected Vice-Chairman of the Board, in pursuance of the provisions of section 4 (I) of the Act.

Owing to the many calls upon his time, Mr. Peter Board, M.A., found it necessary to resign from the Board, and Mr. Rowland Smith Hill was appointed in his stead. For a similar reason Mr. Robert McDonald found it necessary to resign, and was replaced by the appointment of Captain William Millard, M.L.A.

LOCAL COMMITTEES.

A local committee was appointed during the year at Nymboida, and a vacancy which was caused by the resignation of Mr. A. E. D. Jones was filled by the appointment of Constable R. M. Garland, who was elected honorary secretary.

Local committees were also appointed at Boomi and Singleton; in the latter case replacing a guardian of aborigines (Mr. George Lethbridge), who then became the chairman of the new committee.

Mr. Archibald P. Stuckey, J.P., was appointed to the local committee at Brungle, in lieu of Mr. R. D. French (resigned).

Sergeant George H. Sawtell was also appointed to the local committee at Brewarrina.

Owing to the revocation of the aborigines reserve at Gulargambone, and the removal of the aborigines to Burra Dee Dec, the local committee at the former place was dissolved.

Mr. W. P. B. Hungerford resigned from the local committee at Quirindi towards the latter end of the year.

NUMBERS.

The details of the census of the aboriginal population of the State, taken by the police as on the 1st April, 1912, are given in Appendix B.

The figures disclose a total population of 7,034, comprising 1,917 full-bloods (831 male and 540 female adults, and 546 children), and 5,117 half-castes (1,234 male and 1,039 female adults, and 2,844 children).

There is a decrease of 159 in the number of full-bloods as compared with the previous year, and a decrease of 136 in the number of half-castes. The figures can only be regarded as approximate, owing to the difficulty experienced by the collectors, especially in the remote districts of the State, on account of the nomadic habits of the race, who travel about from one place to another within the State, and frequently cross over the border into the adjoining States. The decrease in the number of half-castes (notwithstanding an increase of births over deaths) is doubtless due to the fact that a number of those formerly claiming to be aborigines have left the Board's stations and reserves with the object of supporting themselves and their families. In the past, the only distinction made in the collection of the census has been between "full-bloods" and "half-castes," and in the latter term have been embraced all who are not of the full-blood, including quadroons and octoroons, who have really no right on a reserve set apart for the use of aborigines, and will, it is hoped, be gradually weeded out.

The full-bloods numbered no less than 6,540 in the year 1882, when the first census of aborigines was taken, and this number has gradually declined to 1,917. On the other hand, during the same period the half-castes have increased from 2,379 to 5,117.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The total expenditure by the Government on behalf of the aborigines for the year was £28,579 4s. 4d. (*vide* Appendix C). This includes £17,700 16s. from the Board's vote, £5,604 3s. 8d. by the Stores Supply Department for the purchase of blankets, &c., £4,216 13s. 1d. by the Department of Public Instruction in salaries, books, apparatus, repairs to buildings, furniture, &c., £1,007 14s. 3d. by the Department of Public Health for medical attendance and medicines, and £49 17s. 4d. by the Resumed Properties Department for sanitary attendance.

In addition, a sum of £1,778 14s. 2d. was expended from the Board's produce account in the improvement of the various stations, and in the purchase of machinery, stock, &c.

The combined revenue of the produce and sale store accounts, a full statement of which is given in Appendix J, amounted to £2,734 13s., as compared with £2,871 15s. 5d. for the year 1911; and the expenditure £2,428 13s. 4d., as against £3,335 19s. 9d. The Board are gradually extending the sale store system, under which the aborigines are able to purchase goods in general use from the Station store at practically cost price, and the balance to the credit of the combined account on the 31st December, 1912, was £305 19s. 8d.

CHRISTMAS DINNER.

On Christmas Day the Board provided the usual "treat" for the aborigines, by supplying the ingredients of a plum pudding and a meat ration, and, in the case of the aged and infirm, a small supply of tobacco.

Small grants of money were also made at the various stations for the purchase of prizes to be competed for during the holiday season at the annual sports. Besides providing enjoyment for old and young, these sports were successful in achieving the Board's object in keeping the residents away from the temptations of adjoining townships.

ACT AND REGULATIONS.

In the Board's last Report reference was made to the alarming rapidity of the increase in the number of half-castes, quadroons, and octoroons on the Board's stations and reserves, and the suggestion offered that the only solution of the problem was to deal effectively with the children; and, while not unduly interfering between parent and child, to see that such children were trained to spheres of future usefulness, and once away from the reserves not to allow them to return, except in the case of those who have parents, upon an occasional visit. A deputation, consisting of several members of the Board, waited upon the Minister in the month of May, and placed before him the true condition of affairs and what they considered to be the best method of dealing with existing evils. It was pointed out that, before anything could be done, certain amendments of the Act would be necessary; and stress was laid upon the need for the appointment of an officer to visit and report to the Board upon the various Stations and Reserves, and so ensure uniform action and treatment of the aborigines. A request was also made for the early appointment of a home-finder. It was made clear that, for some years to come, the proposed reforms would mean a material increase in the expenditure of the Department, but the opinion was expressed that in the long run a considerable saving of Government funds would be effected, The

The Minister gave the deputation a very favourable reply ; but it is regretted that, owing doubtless to the need for economy, the additional funds asked for by the Board, when submitting their annual estimate of expenditure, were not forthcoming.

BREACHES OF THE ACT AND REGULATIONS.

A number of convictions have been obtained during the year for breaches of the Act, such as supplying or procuring liquor for the use of the aborigines, wandering with aborigines, being in possession of aborigines' blankets, trespassing on reserves, &c., viz. :—

Place.	Offence.	Result.
Uralla ...	Wandering with aborigines ...	Fined £2, in default 2 months' imprisoned.
Kyogle ...	Supplying liquor to aborigines (3 cases)	Fined £5, in default 1 and 2 months.
Murwillumbah ...	do do (1 case)	Fined £3, in default 14 days.
Do ...	Being in the possession of aborigines' blankets.	Fined 10s., in default 7 days.
Bateman's Bay ...	Disorderly conduct on aborigines' reserve.	Information withdrawn at the suggestion of Police Magistrate, upon defendant paying 6s. costs.
Central Tilba ...	Supplying liquor to an aboriginal ...	Dismissed.
Do ...	Trespass on an aboriginal station ...	Fined £1 and 6s. costs, in default 2 weeks.
Yass... ...	Supplying liquor to a half-caste aboriginal	Fined £3 and 9s. costs, in default 1 month's hard labour.
Katoomba ...	Found lodging with aborigines in receipt of rations.	Fined £2, in default 14 days
Dubbo ...	Supplying liquor to an aboriginal native	Fined £2, in default 1 month's hard labour.
Do ...	Aiding and abetting to procure liquor for an aboriginal.	Fined £2, in default 1 month's hard labour.
Gulargambone ...	Supplying liquor to an aboriginal ...	Fined £3, in default 1 month's hard labour.
Do ...	do do ...	Fined £5, in default 3 months' hard labour.
Obley ...	Being in possession of an aboriginal blanket.	Fined £2 and 6s. costs.
Trangie ...	Supplying liquor to an aboriginal ...	Fined £2, in default 1 month's hard labour.
Trundle ...	Supplying liquor to an aboriginal (2 cases).	Fined £2, in default 21 days' hard labour.
Warren ...	Being in possession of an aboriginal blanket.	Fined £2 and 6s. costs.
Kempsey ...	Found on Burnt Bridge Reserve without authority.	Fined 20s., and 6s. costs.
Port Macquarie ...	Trespassing on reserve at Rolland's Plains.	Fined £2 and 6s. costs.
Urunga ...	Supplying liquor to aborigines ...	Fined £3, in default 2 months.
Baradine ...	Being in possession of an aboriginal blanket.	Fined £1 and 6s. costs, in default 7 days.
Mungindi ...	Supplying liquor to an aboriginal (2 cases).	Fined £2 and costs, and 10s. and 6s. costs.
Deniliquin ...	Supplying liquor to an aboriginal ...	Fined £3 and 6s. costs, in default 21 days.
Pooncarrie ...	do do	Fined £5 and 11s. costs.
Angledool ...	Trespassing on aborigines' reserve without excuse (2 cases).	Fined £2, in default 1 month.
Brewarrina ...	Supplying liquor to aborigines ...	Fined £5 and 6s. costs.
Comborah ...	do do	Fined £5 and £2 11s. costs.
Do ...	Being in possession of aborigine's blanket.	Fined £1 and £2 6s. costs.
Darlington Point ...	Trespass on Warangesda aborigines' reserve (2 cases).	Fined £2 and costs.
Gundagai ...	Trespass on Brungle aborigines' reserve (3 cases).	Fined £5, in default 1 month, and £2 and costs.

COOTAMUNDRA HOME.

The Home for orphan and neglected children at Cootamundra has now become an established fact, the necessary alterations having been made in the old hospital buildings and the place suitably furnished and equipped for the training of young girls as domestic servants. The institution, with its spacious grounds, is well adapted for the purpose, and the children sent there already show a marked improvement, not only in their habits but also their health, under the careful guidance of the matron (Miss Emmaline M. F. Rutter), who has had a great deal of experience in dealing with aboriginal children in the capacity of dormitory matron at Warangesda Station and subsequently as teacher of the aboriginal school at Burnt Bridge.

A school has also been opened by the Department of Public Instruction in connection with the Home, and the children attend daily. The teacher (Miss Mabel Timbury), who is a graduate of the Kindergarten College, has also had previous experience with the aborigines.

The success so far attained fully justifies the Board in asking for extensive additions to the Home, which can at the most accommodate 25 children at present. Some of the older girls are almost ready to be apprenticed out, and immediately they are sent to the situations awaiting them their places will be filled by other children.

APPOINTMENT OF A HOME-FINDER.

However, it is satisfactory to be able to say that provision was made for the appointment of a home-finder. It was felt that the position was one requiring a good deal of energy and tact, and after inviting public applications, the Board, with the Minister's consent, and upon the recommendation of the sub-committee entrusted with interviewing the various candidates, finally selected Miss A. Lowe for the post.

The duties of this officer consist of visiting the stations and camps, with a view of inducing the parents to allow their children to be apprenticed out, or (if they are not old enough to be sent straight out) to allow them to enter Cootamundra Home to undergo a course of training to fit them for situations. Suitable homes are found for the girls, who are regularly visited by the home-finder, who sees that they are properly treated and clothed, and receive the pocket-money provided for in the Regulations.

So far, the appointment would seem to be fully justified, as the number of girls sent out since Miss Lowe took up her duties on the 1st August has materially increased, and there is now a sum of £493 1s. 8d. to the credit of the Board's trust account as compared with £322 8s. 8d. at the end of 1911. Practically the whole of the apprentices sent out have also been visited, besides which the Board's objects, as regards the Cootamundra Home, &c., are being explained and gradually realised as being only for the good of the children.

HEALTH OF THE ABORIGINES.

With the exception of an outbreak of measles at Brewarrina, and epidemics of influenza in some of the reserves, the health of the aborigines has been generally good. Medical officers are appointed at the stations and larger camps, and periodically visit the reserves and attend to the wants of the residents. Particular attention has of late years been paid to the sanitation of the camps; a number of additional conveniences have been provided, and the conditions generally in this respect are on the upward grade. Where the aborigines are too ill to be treated on the reserve, they are admitted as Government patients in the public hospitals. Medical comforts are provided for the sick, aged, infirm, and young children, and the managers and members of the police force are informed that the quality of rations supplied must be satisfactory. During the past year it was found necessary to cancel some of the contracts, while in other cases warnings were deemed sufficient.

EDUCATION.

The instruction of the aboriginal children at the various aboriginal schools under the Department of Public Instruction in the primary subjects, and also, where practicable, in manual labour, such as carpentry, net-making, sewing, cooking, laundry work, &c., continues to be satisfactory. The number of children attending school throughout the State was 994 (873 public and 121 private), as compared with 989 in 1911.

The following are extracts from some of the reports furnished by inspectors of the Department of Public Instruction regarding the several schools mentioned, viz.:—

Brungle.—The interior of the school is bright, and the whole of the premises are very neat. Great care is exercised that the children shall present themselves in a clean and tidy condition. The girls are taught to cut out and make their own garments.

Burnt Bridge, Kempsey.—The room is spotlessly clean and admirably kept—a model of neatness, order and cheerfulness. The children are very courteous and well-behaved, take pride in the appearance of the school, and even during vacation tend carefully their little garden plots. In art, creditable work is being done, but needlework has met with the greatest success.

Cabbage-tree Island, Richmond River.—The interior of the room has been made as clean, bright, and attractive as possible. The school equipment includes an organ and set of carpenter's tools. Valuable work is now being done in the garden, and the teacher's wife takes a keen interest in teaching the girls sewing and housework. Scripture and moral lessons receive due attention.

Coraki.—The place is very clean and well kept. The boys now have a set of carpenter's tools, which they are learning to use. The girls are taught to use the needle and to do useful sewing; mat-making has also been introduced. A plot of about a quarter of an acre is being fenced in for gardening purposes.

Cumerogunga.—The building is a modern one, well adapted for its purpose. The school furniture and equipment are well taken care of. The school library is made good use of. Needlework is satisfactory, and written compositions and recitations are pleasing.

Dunoon (Jismore).—A good example is set in the way in which the schoolroom is attended to and made bright and cheerful with pictures, flowers, &c. The children are quiet, obedient, and well-mannered, and evince much interest in nature study, and are willing and ready to talk freely on plants, birds, &c.

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Forked Mountain (Burra Dee Dee).—The school garden presents a creditable appearance; it contains flowers, fruit-trees and vegetables. There are also several hives of bees, in which the boys are interested. Physical exercises are carried out with great vigour. Pupils fall in and march in and out of school in an orderly manner. Mrs. Baker encourages all the girls to make their own clothing, as far as she can, and most of them do fair work.

Fattorini Island (Macleay River).—The room is comfortable and suitably furnished. A pleasing feature was the voluntary recitation of poetry, indicating a notable growth in self-confidence. Under Mrs. Terry's tuition the girls are learning to sew.

Grafton Common.—The children are bright, cheerful, and responsive under instruction. The work done compares favourably with that of the white children attending there, and also at other schools. Writing is very good; spelling strong. The school garden is in excellent condition. Each girl is placed in charge of a separate bed, and a healthy rivalry as to which bed may be considered the best kept area exists. The boys are taught to handle tools in the making of useful articles out of wood and wire. The needlework is good.

Mundanoon (Edgerton) near Yass.—The school is at present conducted in a storeroom belonging to the Station. Tenders have been called for a building. The place is very clean, and the children of tidy appearance. The sewing is very practical, the girls making all garments for their own use.

Nulla Creek (Bellbrook).—The school building is spotlessly clean, brightened by vases of flowers and pictures; the pupils cleanly dressed, courteous and obedient, and interested in their work. Writing and handwork are satisfactory subjects. The girls showed some creditable sewing.

Nymboida.—The school interior is clean and tidy. The children are mannerly and well behaved. Very fair progress has been made in reading, also in English; the spelling of the younger children is particularly strong. Scripture is being thoroughly taught. Singing is very fair, and the writing throughout is good.

Stony Gully (Runnymede Home).—A new building for school purposes was recently erected by the Aborigines Protection Board. Walls are appropriately decorated and the floors clean. Physical exercises were splendidly performed. Marching was good, and school movements were carried out in a quiet and orderly manner.

Terry-Hie-Hie.—The children are cheerful and very happy in their school life, and the best of relations exists between them and their teacher. Raffle work has been introduced, and the children are also very much interested in paper folding and paper-cutting. Some of the girls sew neatly, and are quite proud of their needlework.

Wallaga Lake.—The school building is lined and ceiled, and is in good repair. Gardening is successfully carried out; eight vegetable plots and five flower-beds are cultivated by the teacher and pupils. Plain sewing only is taught, and a little darning, the girls being shown how to mend their clothes. Scripture and moral instruction are suitably given.

RESERVES.

The following additional reserves, comprising an area of 1,373½ acres, were set apart for the use of the aborigines during the year:—

No.	County.	Parish.	Area.
47,521	Gowen	Coonabarabran	623½ acres.
47,842	Perry	Pooncarra and Timpunga	620 „
42,314-5	Murray	Morumbateman	80 „
48,447-8	Macquarie	Killawarra	50 „

A close investigation disclosed that the undermentioned reserves were unsuitable as such, and were not likely to be required for the future use of the aborigines. They were accordingly revoked, with the consent of the Board, viz.:—

No.	County.	Parish.
23,106	Murray	Boambola.
31,113	do	do
40,125	Gowen	Coonabarabran.
15,156	do	do
46,876	do	do
31,195-6	Narromine	Mingelo.
168	Raleigh	Bowra.

ERRECTION OF ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS, HUTS, &c.

During 1912 a number of additional huts and other buildings were erected, and improvements effected to existing structures on the various stations and reserves, as follows:—

Servington.—School building and two huts.	Borah Crossing.—Four huts.
Edgerton.—Four closets.	Brewarrina.—Five huts.
Euraba.—Four huts, six w.c.'s, one school-room and teacher's residence, with tank, &c.	Cabbage-tree Island.—One hut and six w.c.'s.
Mungindi.—Four huts.	Wallaga Lake.—Six huts and one w.c.
	Rolland's Plains.—Four huts.

IMPROVEMENTS, SUPPLY OF MATERIAL, &c.

The Board also authorised improvements, and supplied material, etc., at the places mentioned hereunder, during the year, viz.:—

Servington.—Timber for nine huts, &c.	Cootamundra.—Repairs and additions to Training Home.
Euraba.—Repairs to huts.	Rolland's Plains.—Iron for huts.
Erambie.—Repairs to huts and school.	Delegate.—Tanks, guttering, &c., for three huts.
Brewarrina.—Repairs to huts, &c.	Wellington.—Repairs to huts.
Wallaga Lake.—Alterations to three huts.	

INSPECTION

INSPECTION OF STATIONS AND RESERVES.

The following visits of inspection were made to the stations and reserves mentioned during the year, viz. :—

Cootamundra...	...	...	...	...	Mr. G. E. Ardill, J.P. (Vice-Chairman, three times).
Edgerton	...	...	...	...	Mr. G. E. Ardill.
Wallaga Lake	...	...	...	...	Mr. M. F. Morton, accompanied by the Secretary.
Cumeroogunga	...	...	...	...	Mr. Garvin, accompanied by the Secretary.
Warangesda	...	...	...	...	do do
Walhallow	...	...	...	...	Mr. Henry Trenchard, J.P.
Euraba	...	...	...	...	Mr. Garvin.
Mungindi	...	...	...	...	do
Sevington	...	...	...	...	do
Brewarrina	...	...	...	...	do
Wellington	...	...	...	...	do
Dubbo	...	...	...	...	do
Goodooga	...	...	...	...	do
Angledool	...	...	...	...	do
Moonacullah	...	...	...	...	do

NEW STATIONS.

New stations have been established at Angledool, Terry-Hic-Hic, and Euraba (near Boomi).

ABORIGINAL STATIONS.

The following is a brief resumé of the work carried out under the supervision of the various local committees in the places named :—

Brewarrina Station.

Eighteen (18) meetings were held during the year by the local committee, and four official visits paid to the Station, besides which other visits were paid at times by the Chairman, Honorary Secretary, and other members of the committee. Everything was found to be in perfect order, but the committee felt it incumbent to have the place inspected by a medical man when the manager was taken ill with typhoid fever. Although a thorough and extensive examination was made, no trace of the origin of the infection could be found; indeed, Dr. Dickey was impressed with the cleanliness of the place, and considered it reflected great credit on the management.

The Station has undergone a very trying time during the year. From January to June the weather was extremely dry; stock died, and some had to be sold. The manager was also suffering from enteric. Towards the end of the year a serious outbreak of measles took place, and the Station had to be quarantined and trained nurses brought from Sydney.

The staff of the Station has been added to by the appointment of an assistant teacher.

The Station was inspected by Mr. Thomas Garvin, I.S.O., and a number of improvements recommended by him have been carried out.

The population on the 31st December numbered 135 (73 full-bloods and 62 half-castes), the average number during the year being 146.4, of whom 136 were in receipt of rations and other assistance. There were three births (2 full-bloods and 1 half-caste), and a similar number of deaths (all full-bloods). There were 48 children on the school roll, with a daily average attendance of 47.9.

Two families of octoroons, numbering 15 in all, were removed from the Station during the year. The whole of the aborigines, from the Culgoa River and Gongolgon Camps, though at first very loath to come, have been persuaded to take up their residence on the Station, and they now appear to be well contented and show no desire to leave.

Discipline has been well maintained and the conduct generally, both on and off the Station, shows a marked improvement. The able-bodied men have been constantly employed during the greater part of the year, and situations were obtained by the manager for 34 men on stations in the district at scrub-cutting, shed work, mustering, droving, &c., at wages varying from £1 to £2 per week. No able-bodied men are allowed to remain on the Station, except on occasional visits. Two half-caste children were sent out as apprentices.

The produce (wool, skins, &c.) realised £322 18s. 10d., and the value of the produce not sold was £10. In consequence of the drought, the lambing was a complete failure, and only 933 sheep were shorn as against 1,864 in 1911. The stock on hand at the end of the year numbered :—

Sheep	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,186
Cattle	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Horses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,194

Brungle Station (Gundagai).

The local committee met three times officially on the Station, in addition to which individual members paid a number of visits.

The number of residents on the Station on the 31st December was 80 (25 full-bloods and 55 half-castes). The average daily number during the year was 68, of whom 65 were in receipt of rations and other assistance. There was one birth (a half-caste), and one marriage. Of 27 children on the school roll, there was a daily average attendance of 22.2.

Thirty-two (32) acres of land were ploughed and sown with wheat. Ten acres of the crop, which was cut for hay, yielded about 13 tons. The remainder was to be stripped for wheat. Two acres, which were planted with maize, proved a failure on account of the caterpillars.

The chaff, hides, &c., sold realised a sum of £90 15s. 2d. In addition, a quantity of hay and chaff was used to feed the Station horses and cattle, and the value of produce not sold is estimated at £92 10s.

The other work performed consisted of keeping the houses in repair, and white-washing same inside. The stables, meat-shop and work-shop have been repaired and white-washed; the dray cart repaired and painted; ploughs and harrows repaired and harness kept in order; all this work, whenever possible, being carried out by Station labour. The dining-room in the manager's house was painted, one new w.c. erected, and the fences kept in good order. During a heavy gale, portion of the hay-shed was demolished, but this has been put in proper order again.

During the drought in the earlier portion of the year resort had to be made to hand-feeding the stock, and lopping, but notwithstanding every care, four head of cattle were lost.

Every effort was made to keep down the rabbits, but it is impossible to thoroughly get rid of the pest, as the block of 150 acres, held only on permissive occupancy, is not wire-netted. Twenty-one shade trees planted on the road boundary did not prove a success, owing to the dry conditions.

The sanitation of the Station and the health of the residents received careful attention. The Medical Officer visits the Station monthly, but there has been very little sickness. The conduct of the residents shows improvement, and this is attributed by the local committee to the strict supervision of the manager and matron. The marked change in the homes, habits, and conditions of life of the residents during the last few years is, the report says, really remarkable, and speaks volumes for the management. Work has been plentiful in the district, and is evidenced by the improved conditions of the homes. Some of the residents have little gardens (flower and vegetable) in front of their houses, and take great pride in them. A number of them own horses, sulkies, and cows, and one a horse and dray, in which he carries firewood for the white residents in the locality. Sport is not neglected, and cricket is indulged in to a large extent, when not interfering with work on the Station.

Only one girl was sent out to service, but after a visit by the home-finder, with consent of the parents, three of the girls went to Cootamundra Home, and the parents are said to be delighted with the accounts they receive from their children. In this connection, to quote the words of the Chairman of the Committee, "The Home at Cootamundra is likely to prove a big factor in bringing about more satisfactory arrangements as regards the young aboriginal population. By weaning them from the charms of camp life, and providing them with comfortable homes and congenial employment, their lives will be brightened up, and they will realise the advantages that are to be gained by striking out for themselves. In a very few years, if the Home proves the success that is anticipated, the aboriginal life at the Mission Stations will be a thing of the past."

Cumerogunga Station (Moama).

The local committee met regularly at Moama for the transaction of business, and also visited the Station on several occasions, besides which individual members of the Board went there separately—the Honorary Secretary several times monthly.

On the 31st December there were 271 residents on the Station (23 full-bloods and 248 half-castes), the average during the year being about 230, of whom 134 were in receipt of rations and other assistance. There were eight births (all half-castes), nine deaths (all half-castes), and one marriage. Of 87 children on the school roll, the average daily attendance was 66.

The improvements on the Station consisted of substantial farm stables for twenty horses, the construction of a new stockyard near the stables, and of new cowyard and milking-shed. The division fence and gates on the farms have been put in order, burrs and other weeds kept down, scrub which sheltered rabbits cut down and burned off, and most of the suckers cut. Fifty (50) acres were stumped and burnt off, 60 acres fallowed, and the rabbit pest practically exterminated, but as the district is infested, and ideal rabbit country, it requires constant attention. The houses of the residents have been repaired, and the

the water supply having been regular, the cottage gardens are bright with flowers, and more interest is being manifested in the growth of fruit and vegetables. New garden fences have been erected, and shelter and ornamental trees planted. To keep the cattle from entering the village, and thus protect the cottage and school gardens, a fence and gates have been provided; whilst, as a protection from floods, a strong bank is being built on the low-lying part of the reserve.

The health of the aborigines has been generally good. Dr. Stoney visits the Station fortnightly, and there is a well-equipped dispensary on the Station, from which medicines are dispensed in all cases of sickness, free of cost to the aborigines. Several cases have been sent to the Echuca Hospital for treatment, and the patients on their return invariably express in glowing terms their appreciation of the treatment accorded them. The sealed-pan sanitary system is now in vogue, and is a great improvement on the old system.

The conduct of the residents has been generally good. Employment, at good wages, is easily obtainable in the district; the residents are fairly industrious, but are said to be "not too wise in the expenditure of their wages." In one case the manager was asked to provide the whole of the shearers and shed-hands at a station 300 miles distant, and was able to recommend sixteen men, who satisfactorily completed the shearing, and a request has already been received for the supply of all the shearers, wool-rollers, piece-pickers, and wool-pressers for the same station in 1913. The boys could learn farming thoroughly on the Station, as in addition to the herd of cows, there is a flock of sheep, and the agricultural machinery, live-stock, and farm buildings are quite up-to-date. In summer, the splendid frontage to the Murray River is an ideal camping-ground, and many of the residents own boats and fish for the Melbourne market. Unfortunately no children have been sent as apprentices, but the manager is usually able to recommend suitable young men and women for the constant demand he has for station and farm hands, general and domestic servants.

Two hundred and twenty-five (225) acres of land were put under cultivation. Sixty acres were cut for hay, yielding 60 tons; 155 acres were sown with wheat, and 10 with oats, and the estimated crop was 2,100 bushels. The total amount received for the sale of produce, &c., was £854 2s. 6d.; £180 1s. 7d. for wheat; £343 4s. 6d. for wool, skins, and meat; £115 0s. 3d. for cattle; and £215 16s. 2d. for lambs. The approximate market value for wheat and hay not sold was £420.

At the close of the year 696 head of stock was running on the station, viz. :—

Horses	19
Cattle	163
Sheep	514
Total... ..	696

Edgerton Station (Yass).

The local committee at Yass have conferred frequently during the year, and the Station at Edgerton has been regularly visited by the Chairman and Honorary Secretary (Sub-inspector George Steele).

On the 31st December there were 49 aborigines, comprising 8 full-bloods and 41 half-castes. The average number during the year was 69, of whom 59 were in receipt of rations and other assistance. Towards the end of the year, however, there were only about 35 aborigines permanently residing on the Station, all the able-bodied men being employed on the railway duplication works at Yass Junction, where they were camped with their families, being paid at the same rate as ordinary navvies, viz., 9s., 9s. 6d., and 10s. a day. There were two (2) births (both half-castes) and four (4) deaths (2 full-bloods and 2 half-castes).

There were 14 children on the school roll at the end of the year, and a high percentage of attendance was maintained. Ten of the girls from the Station were sent to the Training Home at Cootamundra, and from letters received from the girls they appear to be highly delighted with the change. One young woman was sent out to service.

Fairly good discipline was maintained, but it was found necessary to expel two of the men for misconduct. The health of the aborigines was good, but the Station was visited by an epidemic of measles. The people are entertained by the manager, at frequent intervals, by lantern lectures and phonograph. These entertainments are not only amusing but educational, many of the lantern slides being supplied by the Technical College.

The only land under cultivation is five (5) acres, planted with fruit-trees, which are looking very well indeed. During 1911 the orchard was ploughed for the first time, the trees pruned, and each tree dug around.

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About 300 acres, formerly thick with scrub, have been ringbarked and cleared. Two dams have been cleaned, deepened and widened; one subdivision fence completed; the dividing fence on the eastern and southern boundaries made rabbit-proof, and four gates made and hung; large quantities of useless timber heaped up and burned into charcoal, for which ready sale was found by the men. The sanitary arrangements have also been carefully regularly attended to.

On the 31st December the stock on the Station comprised:—

Horses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cattle	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Sheep	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>6</u>

Grafton Home.

Three meetings were held by the local committee, and the Home regularly visited by the Chairman (Sub-inspector Atkinson).

There is but little to report regarding the movements of the aborigines, the same people remaining on the Station from year to year. On the 31st December there were 73 aborigines on the Station (47 full-bloods and 26 half-castes). The average number during the year was 49·8 of whom 42 were in receipt of rations and other assistance. One family—husband, wife, and six children—left the Station during the year, to work on a dairy-farm at Myrtle Creek, and the manager reports that they have bettered themselves, as they are in comfortable quarters on the farm, and the children are being taught to milk and do other light work on the farm, those of school age attending the local school. The step taken by this family indicates a desire on the part of respectable half-castes to step out for themselves. A similar case at Grafton is instanced where a family of ten (10) half-castes left for Coledale and subsequently went to Casino, where they are now residing in a cottage, the husband being employed at work in the town, the wife in a laundry, and the children sent to the public school. On the other hand, two full-blood married couples have taken up their residence at the Home and apparently settled down.

The conduct of the residents has been generally satisfactory, and the majority of them not in receipt of rations readily accepted any employment offered to them. Seventeen (17) aborigines went out to temporary employment, the practice of allowing farmers and others to visit the Station and making their own arrangements with the aborigines being continued, with good results. It is satisfactory to note, too, that the bulk of the aborigines in the district are not so prone to wander about from place to place as formerly. However, there appears to be an inclination of the Coolstream aborigines (the majority of whom are full-blood) to settle on the Home, and every endeavour is being made to induce them to do so.

The Medical Officer (Dr. T. J. Henry), visited the Home regularly, inspected the inmates, and treated any of those who complained of illness. In his report he adverts to the difficulties attending the treatment of aborigines, who frequently make no complaint until so seriously ill that their condition arrests attention; and even when very ill, some of them will, he says, secrete themselves when he visits the settlement, in order to avoid examination. It is also very difficult to get them into the hospital, and especially in the case of the older ones; they become intensely depressed and pine to get away from confinement and hospital routine.

There were four (4) births during the year (all half-castes), and two (2) deaths (also half-castes). On the 31st December there were only five (5) children on the school roll, though the average daily attendance during the year was 7·6.

Forty (40) acres were under cultivation. The maize planted during the previous year was harvested, yielding 1,128½ bushels, of which 1,090½ bushels were sold for £214 3s. 7d. The other receipts were:—Hides, £11 5s. 5d.; sweet potatoes, £5 1s. 2d.; cane plants, 15s.; making a total of £231 5s. 3d.

Fifty (50) bushels of maize were issued to the Station horses, leaving five (5) bushels in hand, valued at £1 12s. Seventy tons of fodder cane and 4 tons of lucerne hay were also produced, and used as feed for the stock.

After harvesting the crop the farm was again ploughed and planted, and there are now 38½ acres under maize, 1 acre of fodder cane, and half an acre of lucerne.

Other work consisted of repairing and white-washing the huts, minor repairs to the school-house, teacher's residence, manager's residence, out-houses, yards, and culverts. Five new gates were constructed and substituted for slip-rails. The grazing paddocks were cleared of noxious weeds, burrs, &c., and the machinery, implements, and general equipment of the Station were kept in proper order.

The live-stock on the Station at the close of the year consisted of:—Horses (including 2 foals bred on the Home during 1912), 13; cattle, 85. The year was a bad one for stock, there being no rain from

January to June. All the available fodder, including the 70 acres of cane, 4 acres of lucerne, and a large quantity of hay, which had been stacked for years, was used for feeding, in addition to the maize husks and some 20 acres of stalks.

The cattle on hand on the 31st December, 1911, numbered ...	80
Bred on the station	22
	102
Died	4
Destroyed	2
Slaughtered for rations	11—
	17
	85

The Station is well stocked, and a number of young heifers will be disposed of when desirable, as also those of the horses not required for Station use.

The aborigines' sports were held on Boxing Day, and proved a successful function. Amongst those present were three (3) members of the local committee (Inspector Atkinson, Mr. Samuel See, and Mr. G. Gray), while 88 aborigines attended.

Roseby Park Aboriginal Station.

There was no local committee at Roseby Park during 1912, though the Board hope to form one there shortly. In the month of July the teacher and manager (Mr. F. Hundt, who was transferred to the charge of another school) was replaced by the appointment of Mr. J. H. McDonald.

The number of aborigines on the Station on the 31st December consisted of:—

Full-bloods—Adults	14
Children	4
Half-castes—Adults	40
Children	43
Total	111

The average number on the station during the year was 81·6, of whom 29·8 were in receipt of rations and other assistance.

There were seven (7) births and two (2) deaths—all half-caste. There were also two (2) marriages.

On the 31st December there were 18 children on the school roll, but the daily average attendance during the year was somewhat higher (19·5).

The conduct of the residents was generally good, and the work carried out in the school quite satisfactory; one excellent feature being the manual work of the dark pupils.

Runnymede Home, Kyogle.

The local committee continued to take a lively interest in the Home, holding a number of meetings and paying several visits of inspection to the settlement during the year.

There were 94 residents on the Station on the 31st December, consisting of:—

Full-bloods—Adults	53
Children	20
Half-castes—Adults	9
Children	12
Total	94

The average number on the Station during the year was 50, of whom 38 were in receipt of rations and other assistance. There was one birth (a full-blood), but no deaths.

Of 12 children on the school roll, there was an average daily attendance of 10·5.

Seven (7) acres were under cultivation, and about 5 tons of hay harvested. The sale of hides, &c., realised £43 3s. 6d., and there was at the end of the year unsold produce of an estimated value of £25.

The stock on the Station on the 31st December consisted of:—

Horses	6
Cattle	68
Total	74

During the month of November it was found necessary to place 25 head of cattle on agistment, grass being very scarce.

Walhallow.

During the year one meeting was held in January. After this there was no meeting called until July, when Mr. Pountney, on account of the illness of the Rev. H. C. Barnes, became Acting Secretary. Since that time seven meetings have been held.

The Anglican and Methodist ministers hold regular monthly services either on, or in the near vicinity of, the reserve.

The number of aborigines on the Station at 31st December was 155, viz. :—

Full-bloods—Adults	...	...	...	...	...	6
Children	...	...	...	...	...	0
Half-castes—Adults	...	...	...	...	...	67
Children	...	...	...	...	...	82
Total	...	...	...	...	...	155

with an average of 122 ; the average number in receipt of rations and other assistance being 46.

The number of births :—Half-castes, 10 ; number of deaths, 2.

The two deaths were caused by pneumonia.

One marriage took place.

At the school the number enrolled was 47—Boys, 26 ; girls, 21. Average attendance—Boys, 21·4 ; girls, 16·6.

Amount received from sale of cattle, £15 ; value of produce on hand, £5.

During the year the drought seriously interfered with the growth of the crop and the fruit. Only about 2 cwt. of almonds was produced. The crop from 5 acres yielded 13 bags and a small quantity of hay. Four acres were sown with lucerne.

One hut has been removed from the flat and re-erected as an addition to a house on the hill near the manager's residence. The material has been ordered for the erection of two more huts.

Several families have left the reserve and are now supporting themselves. Other families have come so as to be near the school.

The plague of flies which visited the district was responsible for an epidemic of sore eyes, which caused a falling off in the school attendance.

The reserve was favoured with a visit from Mr. Trenchard during the year. He visited the homes and the school, and gained a comprehensive view of the whole reserve, which led him to make many valuable suggestions.

Wallaga Lake.

Mr. S. W. Bate took over the guardianship of the Wallaga Lake aborigines on about the 1st June, 1912.

During the half-year some much-needed work has been carried out, and will prove beneficial both to the Board and the aborigines.

The whole of the enclosed area comprising the Station is now wire-netted and securely fenced, which makes the place rabbit-proof, and also prevents the angoras from trespassing on adjoining farms, &c. The cost of carrying out this work was very reasonable, and the money paid for the erection was of great assistance to the aboriginals, as, during the winter months, work was scarce.

The work of ploughing and planting Snake Island has also been completed. This valuable piece of agricultural land should prove a good asset to the Station for growing enough feed to maintain the stock on the Station during winter season and some for market purposes. The crops at present are looking splendid, and if the season is favourable a very good return should be forthcoming for the labour and outlay.

A large boatshed has been erected on the foreshores, and the boats are now kept under shelter. This shed was badly needed, as hitherto the boats were neglected for want of a suitable shed.

The fishing-net has also been of assistance in providing food for the people ; regular hauls are made and the fish divided. A couple of consignments were sent to Sydney, but owing to striking a bad market the prices realised did not come up to expectations.

A number of old buildings, which were in a most dilapidated state of repair, have been pulled down and fresh ones erected, which is also a big improvement.

The manager's residence, school-house, and the six new huts have been painted on the outside, which greatly adds to their appearance, and the workmanship appears to be highly satisfactory.

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The new huts which were recently completed are now occupied. The buildings are comfortable, and will be greatly appreciated by the dark people.

Very little drunkenness exists amongst the residents at Wallaga Lake. The people generally seem contented, and are always clean and tidy, especially the women and children.

The residents on the Station at 31st December numbered 111, as follows :—

Full-bloods—Adults	...	...	...	...	...	14
Children	...	...	...	...	...	4
Half-castes—Adults	...	...	...	...	...	55
Children	...	...	...	...	...	38
Total	...	...	...	...	...	111

The average number on the Station during the year was 104, of whom 95 were in receipt of rations and other assistance.

Number of births	...	...	...	...	...	8 (Half-castes)
do deaths	..	...	...	...	...	2 do
do marriages	...	...	...	...	...	1 do

There were 35 children on the school roll, with an average daily attendance of 22.

There were 8 acres under cultivation (1 acre of potatoes and 7 acres of corn).

No revenue was received from this source, but the value of produce on hand amounted to about £8.

Warangesda Station (Darlington Point.)

The local committee met periodically, and the Station was also visited regularly by the Honorary Secretary, and other members of the committee.

The number of residents on the 31st December was 146, viz. :—

Full-bloods—Adults	...	...	...	...	...	19
Children	...	...	...	...	...	0
Half-castes—Adults	...	...	...	...	...	76
Children	...	...	...	...	...	51
Total	...	...	...	...	...	146

The average number on the Station during the year was 83, of whom 61 were in receipt of rations and other assistance.

There were 11 births (all half-castes), and 6 deaths (2 full-bloods and 4 half-castes).

Of 25 children on the school roll, there was a daily average attendance of 19·2.

The year opened up dry, and consequently there was a scarcity of grass, and it was found necessary to purchase chaff for horse-feed, while scrub had to be felled for the cattle and sheep. The 40 acres fallowed the previous year were put under wheat, and a further 25 acres sown for late crop on land newly turned up. The crop showed up well in its initial growth, but want of rain at the proper time retarded its growth, and the yield was only 10 tons hay and 60 bags wheat, valued at £80.

Other work performed during the year consisted of the construction of a new machinery shed, new stables (in course of construction), repairs to house, w.c.'s., re-erection and repairing of the fence around the huts, clearing, burning off, suckering, &c., repairs to school and church, repairs to dormitory, windmill, &c., splitting posts, repairing subdivision fences, and fallowing 40 acres.

The health of the aborigines was fair, tuberculosis is the chief complaint; and a case of incipient phthisis was sent to the Waterfall Home.

The conduct of the residents was uniformly good, and this is attributed to the new Regulations. Eight (8) females left the Station and obtained situations as domestic servants.

Burra Bee Dee.

There has only been one general meeting of the committee during the twelve months, but members have met frequently to consult on matters concerning the Station. The Chairman (Mr. McEwen) and two other committeemen (Mr. Brennand and Mr. Aplin) cannot as a rule find it convenient to visit the reserve on given days, but make their visit to fit in with their business arrangements.

Since last year's Report, nine of the existing huts were painted with red oxide, and appear much better for it. Chatfield has erected a new hut, for which the Department supplied the material, and he made a very creditable job of it. Three 10-acre blocks have been fenced, and three new dividing fences erected, and also an additional 3 acres attached to the managers' residence cleared and fenced; about 23 acres of additional clearing done, and there is now about 45 acres under crop. Three wells sunk, each about

about 20 feet, with a good supply of water in them. Three families have arrived from Gulargambone, and are comfortably housed for the time being, and when all the building material arrives from Gulargambone tenders will be called, as instructed, for additional huts, and there will then be ample hut room and blocks of land for all families.

The number of residents on the Station at 31st December was 110, viz. :—

Full-bloods—Adults	...	...	...	...	1
Children	...	...	...	...	0
Half-castes—Adults	...	...	...	...	43
Children	...	...	...	...	66
Total	...	...	...	...	110

while the average number for the year was 92, of which number 64 were in receipt of rations and other assistance.

There were four (4) births (all half-castes), one (1) death (half-caste), and one (1) marriage (also half-caste).

A school roll of 28 children carried an average daily attendance of 18·4.

Thirty-three acres were under corn, wheat, pumpkins, and other vegetables, besides fruit-trees. The proceeds were utilised for the benefit of the families concerned.

Sevington (Wellingrove) Aboriginal Station.

The name of this Station, which was previously Pindari, has, for the sake of convenience, been changed to Sevington. The Station is now under the control of a manager, whose work is supervised by the local committee at Inverell, who met frequently during the year, besides visiting the Station.

On the 31st December there were 74 residents on the Station, viz. :—

Full-bloods—Adults	...	...	...	...	10
Children	...	...	...	...	3
Half-castes—Adults	...	...	...	...	31
Children	...	...	...	...	30
Total	...	...	...	...	74

The average number on the Station during the year was 44, of whom 24 were in receipt of rations and other assistance.

There were three (3) births (all half-castes), also three (3) marriages.

A school has not yet been established on the Station.

A rabbit-proof wire-netted fence has been erected around 11 acres of cultivated land, of which 7 acres were put under corn, and it was intended to sow the balance with wheat and oats. In addition, attached to each house, is a quarter-acre block, which is used for a vegetable garden.

The year was a record one for the amount of work carried out on the Station by the aborigines. The Board having decided to erect nine weatherboard huts and a school building, the whole of the necessary logs for the timber were felled on the reserve by the aborigines and drawn to the mill by the Station bullock team. The residents have also, under the manager's direction, erected a pine school building (26 ft. x 20 ft. x 12 ft.) with an 8 ft. verandah in front; also a four-roomed and a three-roomed cottage, each with a verandah. At the close of the year the other residences were being proceeded with.

Nymboida Station.

A local committee was formed at this place in May, 1912. Five meetings were held during the year, and the reserve was twice visited by the members, who consist of Messrs. J. W. Austin, William Ellis, and First-class Constable R. McGarland, who acts as Honorary Secretary.

Five (5) acres were ploughed and planted with maize. House plots have been fenced in with wire fences; vegetable and flower gardens have been made by the aborigines.

The number of aborigines on the Station on the 31st December was 28, as follows :—

Full-bloods—Adults	...	...	...	...	10
Children	...	...	...	...	10
Half-castes—Adults	...	...	...	...	4
Children	...	...	...	...	4

with an average number of 33, the number in receipt of rations and assistance being 20.

There was one (1) death.

In the school there was a daily attendance of 12·1 out of a roll call of 14 names.

Ulgundaki Island.

The number of aborigines residing on this Station at 31st December was 72, with an average of 70·9 for the year.

During the year there were two (2) births (one full-blood and one half-caste).

There were 21 children on the school roll, and an average daily attendance of 19·5.

The aborigines have 28 acres under cultivation, the main crops being beans, corn, cane, &c., which realised a sum of £185 12s. 6d.

Cabbage-tree Island.

There were 83 residents on this Station at 31st December, with an average for the year of 80 ; an average of 29 being in receipt of rations and other assistance.

Out of a total enrolment of 24, there was an average daily school attendance of 22.

The residents had 31 acres under cultivation, and received £370 14s. 4d. for their produce (chiefly cane), while the value of produce on hand amounted to £322 5s.

The men have attended night-school and made satisfactory progress.

Angledool Station.

During the year a new school building was erected and practically completed. This building was very badly needed, and should prove a great acquisition to the reserve. A new residence for the teacher and manager was also commenced.

There were 109 aborigines on the reserve, viz. : Full-bloods, 72 ; half-castes, 37.

Terry-Hie-Lie.

During the year the following improvements were carried out on the reserve, viz. :—Erection of eight huts, flooring five existing huts, supplying material for repairs to four huts, and the erection of six w.c.'s, at a total cost of three hundred and eleven pounds (£311).

The total number on the reserve was 80 : Full-bloods, 21 ; half-castes, 59.

Although the local committee held no meetings during the year, the Chairman (Mr. J. E. Cory) and the local constable visited the reserve at least twice a week.

Euraba.

The total population of the Station at the 31st December was 79, with an average for the year of 65.

There was a total school enrolment of 28, and this was the average daily attendance for the year. On the 1st November the Station was placed under a manager, who also occupied the position of teacher.

The work accomplished included the fencing in of 80 acres of the reserve, and a 1-acre school ground, construction of roads, and clearing and cleaning of 40 acres ready for cultivation.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, the Board desire once again to express their high appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the members of the various local committees, also by the guardians and members of the police force of the State to improve the lot of the aborigines.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

ERNEST C. DAY, Chairman.

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APPENDIX A.

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APPENDIX B.

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CENSUS RETURNS OF ABORIGINES.

YEAR 1912.

Locality.	Full-bloods.						Half-castes.						Children.	Total.	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.			

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT.

3 Division .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1
6 "	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	1	7
9 " .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
La Perouse	3	1	...	2	1	...	7	17	9	1	16	6	1	49	106		
11 Division	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	3
12 " .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total	6	1	1	2	2	1	3	16	17	9	1	17	7	1	52	104	120

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

Bellbrook	12	5	1	9	2	...	13	42	11	3	...	8	2	...	30	54	96
Coraki	6	6	...	2	1	...	14	29	...	1	...	3	2	...	12	18	47
Nowendoc .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	...	3	1	...	5	14	14	
Mullumbimby	6	1	...	2	1	...	10	10	1	1	...	1	...	6	9	19	
Tabulam	2	1	1	3	1	...	4	12	1	1	...	2	...	10	14	26	
Cudgen	1	...	...	1	1	...	6	9	3	1	...	7	2	...	25	38	47
Tweed Heads	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Lismore	4	4	4	3	3	2	9	29	4	6	1	5	2	...	22	40	69
Kyogle	7	6	...	5	3	1	17	39	1	...	2	...	...	7	10	49	
Hillgrove .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	1	2	...	7	14	14	
Wardell	2	4	2	...	...	...	...	8	9	2	...	7	4	...	49	71	79
Tenterfield .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Woodenbong	8	8	3	10	1	3	11	44	4	4	1	4	2	...	24	39	83
Tumbulgum .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	3	...	...	...	11	17	17
Walcha .....	...	1	1	1	...	...	3	17	5	1	13	2	3	38	79	82	
Walcha Road	1	1	1	2	1	...	...	6	7	4	...	6	1	1	20	39	45
Rappville .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Wilson's Downfall .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	1	...	7	12	12	
Murwillumbah	7	4	2	2	2	...	3	20	4	3	...	4	1	...	14	26	46
Kookabookra	2	2	1	1	...	1	5	12	1	2	...	1	...	1	5	17	
South Grafton	5	4	1	6	6	2	6	30	2	1	...	1	1	...	4	9	39
Cauga .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	4	1	2	25	33	34
Copmanhurst	6	7	8	6	5	6	7	45	7	4	...	7	2	...	22	42	87
Maclean	5	5	2	6	1	1	11	31	6	3	...	6	1	...	26	42	78
Tingha .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	4	2	1	11	22	22	
Ashford	3	1	1	1	...	...	3	9	15	3	1	10	2	2	32	65	74
Kingetown .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	1	...	2	1	...	3	12	12	
Bundarra .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	2	...	5	1	1	19	36	36	
Dilmorton	1	...	...	1	...	...	2	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	5	5
Ulmarra	7	7	1	5	3	3	12	38	1	...	3	...	...	5	9	47	
Nymboida .....	...	5	1	1	6	...	9	22	3	3	...	1	2	...	8	17	39
Lawrence	2	2	3	3	1	3	1	15	...	...	2	...	...	2	4	19	
George's Creek .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	3	1	2	1	...	...	12	12	12
Casino	1	1	1	3	...	...	2	8	...	1	...	3	...	5	9	17	
Glen Innes .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	3	3	
Grafton	5	6	3	3	6	3	8	34	6	2	1	8	1	...	35	53	87
Armidale .....	...	2	1	...	1	...	...	4	1	1	...	2	2	...	11	17	21
Drake	2	1	7	2	2	1	14	29	2	2	...	2	1	...	13	19	43
Uralla .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	3	...	5	1	...	...	28	40	40
Guy Fawkes .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Ballina .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Byron Bay .....	...	1	1	1	...	...	3	6	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	3	9
Total	96	85	47	78	50	25	159	641	149	70	7	139	44	10	539	954	1,496

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Araluen .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	
Batemans Bay	2	2	1	4	...	1	6	16	4	4	...	3	2	1	15	29	45
Bombala	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Braidwood .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	4
Central Tilba	4	3	1	4	...	...	3	15	27	3	3	16	4	3	80	136	151
Cooma .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1
Cootamundra .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	3	3
Dalgety .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	6	7	8
Delegate	2	3	...	2	3	...	...	10	4	...	4	...	1	6	15	25	25
Eden .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	2
Gininderra .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1
Goulburn	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

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.		20 to 40 years.			40 to 60 years.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT—continued.

Gunning	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1
Maruya	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	1	...	8	11	11
Nelligen	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	6	9	9
Queanbeyan	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	2	1	...	...	4	8	9
Rugby	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Rye Park	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3	2	...	18	29	29	1
Stockinbingal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Ungarie	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	3	3
Wee Jasper	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	4
Wyalong	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Yass	1	...	1	...	1	5	8	17	8	2	20	3	3	66	109	117	1
Young	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total	15	10	3	11	4	2	15	60	63	24	7	51	14	9	202	370	430

EASTERN DISTRICT.

Ryde	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	2
Katoomba	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	3	1	5	1	1	19	34	34	...
Sackville Reach, and Blacktown Road.	1	...	1	1	...	...	3	11	6	3	6	6	2	21	53	61	...
Camden	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	2	...	4	4	...
Moss Vale	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	6	...	...	...	13	19	21	...
Port Kembla	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	1	2	13	3	1	...	24	56	56	...
Kiama	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	3	1	...	...	10	17	17	...
Nowra	6	3	4	1	1	2	5	22	10	7	2	14	6	3	77	119	141
Ulladulla	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	6	1	...	6	1	1	14	21	31	...
Burratorang	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	5	1	3	1	...	7	21	21	...
Total	8	3	5	2	1	3	7	29	43	25	10	56	20	10	188	353	397

WESTERN DISTRICT.

Bathurst	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...
Canowindra	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	6	8	9	...
Candobolin	9	8	...	7	3	...	7	34	4	2	...	...	...	18	26	60	...
Collie	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Coolah	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coonamble	1	2	...	1	...	2	6	3	2	...	4	1	...	25	35	41	...
Cowra	7	5	...	1	1	...	11	25	7	...	9	4	...	28	43	73	...
Dandaloo	4	...	...	2	...	8	14	14	3	1	6	2	...	25	62	66	...
Dubbo	...	...	1	2	...	1	4	5	3	...	4	1	1	10	24	28	...
Eugowra	...	...	2	1	1	...	4	3	...	...	1	...	...	4	8	12	...
Fifield	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Forbes	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	4	...	14	21	23	...
Geurie	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gilgandra	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	3	3	3	...
Goolagong	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	1	...	2	3	1	...	14	21	23	...
Grenfell	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gulgambone	4	2	...	3	1	...	5	15	17	6	...	11	7	3	40	84	99
Koorawatha	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	1	...
Leadville	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Molong	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mudgee	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oberon	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...
Obley	1	2	...	1	1	...	5	10	2	2	...	4	2	2	20	32	43
Orange	1	1	...	...	2	...	4	1	...	2	1	...	...	6	10	14	...
Parkes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Peak Hill	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Porter's Retreat	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Quambone	4	4	2	7	1	...	12	30	...	...	...	...	...	8	9	34	...
Bylstone	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	2	1	...	1	5	6	6	...
Tomingley	4	3	1	3	2	...	13	26	1	...	2	1	...	9	13	31	...
Tooraweenah	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Trangie	...	11	...	...	1	...	12	...	1	1	3	3	...	8	20	20	...
Trundle	1	...	1	2	...	...	12	16	...	...	2	1	...	1	1	17	...
Trunkay	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	2	1	...	2	8	8	...
Tuena	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	...
Warren	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	11	4	5	10	1	1	39	70	72	...
Wollington	...	1	1	...	...	...	2	6	6	1	4	2	2	53	74	76	...
Windeyer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	1	...
Wellar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...
Total	43	40	9	24	15	4	77	216	82	83	14	66	83	11	323	565	781

APPENDIX B—continued.

Locality.	Full-bloods.							Half-bloods.							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.	20 to 40 years.	40 to 60 years.		Over 60 years.	

NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.

Bellingen	6	3	8	5	5	5	10	42	5	4	...	3	2	...	11	25	67
Bowraville	5	3	1	2	3	1	11	26	...	1	...	2	...	...	17	20	46
Broke	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	9	12	12
Bulga	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	3	5	5
Cassilis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1
Cessnock	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Copeland	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	2	4	...	2	2	14	14
Denman	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dungog	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	3	3
Forster	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	3	8	2	1	6	2	2	27	48	51
Gladstone	5	2	...	2	2	2	2	15	9	2	...	7	2	...	29	49	64
Howe's Valley	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Jerseyville	5	4	1	4	3	1	6	24	9	2	1	8	2	1	26	49	73
West Kempsey	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	10	9	1	13	6	2	120	161	165	
Macksville	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	10	9	2	...	8	1	1	28	49	59
Merriwa	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1
Port Macquarie	...	2	...	2	1	...	8	13	26	8	1	18	3	2	42	100	113
Scone	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Singleton	4	2	2	3	...	1	8	20	7	3	...	8	4	1	32	55	75
Taree	6	4	3	4	...	...	7	24	10	4	...	10	4	...	22	50	74
Tea Gardens	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	1	5	3	...	25	40	40
Wingham	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	7	2	1	12	1	...	21	44	48
Total	37	23	18	24	17	12	55	180	110	44	8	106	31	11	415	725	911

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

Attunga	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Baradine	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	3	...	1	13	20	20
Barraba	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	3	5	5
Bellata	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	1	3	3
Bingara	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	1	1	3	10	10	10
Blackville	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	1	4	4	4
Boggabilla	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Boggabri	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	2	...	9	14	14	14
Boomi	2	2	2	1	2	...	7	16	5	3	...	7	3	39	57	78	78
Breeza	2	...	...	1	1	...	...	4	26	9	3	22	5	96	164	168	168
Bullarah	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	3
Bulyeroi	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	2	2
Coonabarabran	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	11	4	17	8	85	137	188	188
Curlewis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	2	...	5	11	11	11
Currabubula	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	...	2	1	10	18	18	18
Garah	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	3	3	3
Gunnedah	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	4	...	1	4	2	1	9	21	23
Manilla	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	3	1	9	1	31	56	57	57
Moree	5	3	1	2	...	1	6	18	5	2	...	2	1	8	18	36	36
Mulleady	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	2	1	...	...	3	7	8	8
Munginddy	7	8	...	...	5	...	2	22	5	...	1	4	...	15	26	48	48
Narrabri	6	...	3	...	1	...	1	11	8	1	...	5	2	10	26	37	37
Nundle	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	2	1	6	13	13	13
Pallamallawa	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Quirindi	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3
Tambar Springs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	1
Tamworth	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	1	...	4	4	4	4
Terry-hie-hie	2	2	7	2	1	1	6	21	11	2	1	7	5	83	59	80	80
Upper Horton	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	3	3	3	3
Wacilda	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Wee Wee	4	1	...	1	...	2	...	8	2	1	1	5	1	6	16	24	24
Werris Creek	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	4	5	6	6
Yetman	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Total	35	20	14	10	10	4	23	116	106	45	19	97	35	11	393	706	822

APPENDIX B—continued.

Locality.	Full-Bloods.							Half-Castes.							Children.	Total.	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.	Children.				

SOUTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

Balranald.....	1	2	2	...	...	1	1	7	2	4	1	4	1	...	23	35	42
Barham.....	1	3	...	...	...	1	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Broken Hill.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	3
Deniliquin.....	1	2	2	...	...	...	...	5	19	8	2	17	7	...	62	115	120
Euabalong.....	2	1	2	...	...	...	...	6	13	1	...	9	2	1	46	72	78
Hay.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Hillston.....	2	1	...	1	5	2	4	15	11	2	1	1	4	...	16	85	50
Ivanhoe.....	3	4	...	5	1	...	...	14	27	4	...	1	...	...	2	7	34
Jerilderie.....	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	4
Menindie.....	1	3	...	1	1	...	12	18	1	...	...	1	...	...	3	5	23
Milparinka.....	14	16	11	10	9	8	2	70	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	73
Moama.....	2	3	1	2	1	2	4	15	26	20	5	30	15	2	137	235	250
Mossiel.....	5	3	1	13	5	1	16	44	5	...	...	2	1	...	23	36	80
Moulamein.....	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	4	...	1	1	...	3	9	11
Oxley.....	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Pooncarrie.....	5	2	3	7	1	...	13	31	3	...	1	...	...	...	2	6	37
Tareena.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	8	11	11
Tiboobarra.....	5	1	2	2	1	2	2	15	...	1	...	1	...	...	9	11	26
Tocumwal.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	3	3
Torrawangee.....	6	2	2	2	2	...	2	16	2	...	...	1	...	...	9	12	28
Wentworth.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1
Wilcannia.....	2	3	1	1	...	...	1	8	3	...	...	3	...	...	13	18	26
Total.....	51	49	27	44	30	16	73	290	95	42	10	73	31	3	364	618	908

BOURKE DISTRICT.

Angledool.....	12	6	7	9	4	8	26	72	4	1	...	6	1	...	25	37	109
Bourke.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Brewarrina.....	16	10	4	14	10	...	45	99	27	6	...	18	3	...	60	114	213
Byrock.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	...	...	4	...	...	7	17	18
Cannonbar.....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	2
Collarendabri.....	5	6	1	6	1	1	2	22	18	4	1	8	2	...	33	66	88
Carinda.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	4	5
Cobar.....	1	1	3	...	5	1	6	17	4	8	...	6	3	...	17	33	50
Cryon.....	1	3	2	3	2	...	...	11	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	14
Comborah.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	1	2	...	12	21	21
Enngonia.....	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Ford's Bridge.....	...	4	1	...	...	...	...	5	...	1	...	2	...	...	2	5	10
Gongolgon.....	3	...	...	...	1	1	5	5	3	2	1	1	1	...	3	11	16
Goodooga.....	6	2	6	5	3	2	10	34	...	3	...	2	1	...	6	12	46
Mount Drysdale.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	2	2
North Bourke.....	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Nymagee.....	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Nyngan.....	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	3	...	...	2	2	1	6	14	16
Pilliga.....	2	3	1	2	1	2	7	18	9	3	8	8	1	1	29	54	72
Tatalla.....	7	4	3	5	6	1	8	34	3	1	...	3	...	...	11	19	52
Tilpa.....	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	2	2
Walgett.....	5	1	...	3	2	1	5	17	5	2	...	6	2	...	23	37	54
Wallangulla.....	5	...	1	1	2	1	6	16	3	...	...	1	...	...	8	12	28
Wanaring.....	7	4	1	4	4	1	8	29	1	...	...	...	...	...	6	7	36
Yantabulla.....	1	4	1	1	3	1	4	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	16
Total.....	76	51	32	57	45	23	128	411	93	30	5	72	18	2	251	471	822

MURRAY DISTRICT.

Culcairn.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Darlington Point, Warangesda.....	3	6	1	4	8	2	2	21	36	12	...	18	17	2	61	146	167
Gundagai.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	1
Humula.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	5	7	7
Junee.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	6	12	13
Narrandera.....	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	5	...	...	2	2	2
Oaklands.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	4
Tumbarumba.....	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	4
Tumut.....	4	5	2	5	4	1	4	25	7	4	1	6	2	1	32	53	78
Wagga Wagga.....	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	1	...	4	8	9
Whitton.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	2	1	...	8	15	15
Total.....	9	14	3	10	7	3	6	52	47	20	2	36	21	3	117	246	298

APPENDIX B—continued.

BIRTHS.

Locality.	Births.			Deaths.			No. Attending School.		
	Full-bloods.	Half-castes.	Total.	Full-bloods.	Half-castes.	Total.	Public.	Private.	Total.
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT.									
La Perouse .....	.....	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
NORTHERN DISTRICT.									
Ashford .....	.....	4	4	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Bellbrook	2	3	5	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....
Bundarra .....	.....	2	2	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....
Cangai .....	.....	4	4	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Copmanhurst .....	.....	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coraki	1	1	2	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Cudgen .....	.....	1	1	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....
Drake .....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	4	.....	.....	.....
Glen Innes .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Grafton	1	2	3	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....
Kookabookra	1	.....	1	3	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
Kyogle	2	1	3	7	2	9	.....	.....	.....
Lawrence	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lismore .....	.....	3	3	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....
Maclean .....	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mullumbimby .....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Murwillumbah .....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Nymboida .....	.....	2	2	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
South Grafton .....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Tabulam .....	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tingha .....	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tumbulgum .....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ullmarra	3	1	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Walcha .....	.....	6	6	1	2	3	.....	.....	.....
Wardell .....	.....	1	1	2	1	3	.....	.....	.....
Woodenbong	2	.....	2	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....
Total	13	44	57	25	17	42	.....	.....	.....
SOUTHERN DISTRICT.									
Bateman's Bay .....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....
Central Tilba .....	.....	6	6	.....	4	4	.....	.....	.....
Moruya .....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rye Park .....	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yass .....	.....	2	2	.....	3	3	.....	.....	.....
Total .....	.....	11	11	1	8	9	.....	.....	.....
EASTERN DISTRICT.									
Burratorang .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	3
Gerringsong .....	.....	1	1	.....	1	1	5	.....	5
Katoomba .....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	6
Roseby Park .....	.....	9	9	2	4	6	36	.....	36
Sackville Reach .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	12	3	15
Ulladulla .....	.....	2	2	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	3
Total .....	.....	13	13	2	6	8	65	3	68
NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.									
Bellingen	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	12	.....	12
Bowraville	1	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Broke .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	3
Bulga .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1
Forster .....	.....	1	1	1	.....	1	.....	10	10
Gladstone .....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	14	.....	14
Jerseyville .....	.....	5	5	2	1	3	11	.....	11
West Kempsey .....	.....	2	2	.....	2	2	.....	.....	2
Macksville .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	2
Port Macquarie .....	.....	7	7	.....	5	5	3	33	36
Scone .....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Singleton	1	1	2	3	.....	3	15	7	22
Taree .....	.....	5	5	1	2	3	12	.....	12
Tea Gardens .....	.....	2	2	.....	1	1	.....	9	9
Wingham .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	6
Total	3	26	29	9	11	20	79	59	138

Thirty children attended the Aborigines' School at Burnt Bridge Camp, near Kempsey, until two months ago, when the school was closed.

APPENDIX B—continued

Locality.	Births.			Deaths.			No. attending School.		
	Full-bloods.	Half-castes.	Total.	Full-bloods.	Half-castes.	Total.	Public.	Private.	Total.
NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.									
Baradine .....	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bingara .....	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Boggabilla.....	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
Boomi	2	4	6	3	...	3	...	...	...
Breeza .....	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Curraabubula .....	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...
Manila .....	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Moree.....	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mungindi .....	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	...	...
Narrabri .....	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	...	...
Terry-hie-hie	1	2	3	3	1	4	...	...	...
Total	4	12	16	11	4	15	...	...	...
SOUTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.									
Deniliquin .....	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...
Kuabalong.....	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...
Hillston .....	...	1	1	4	1	5	...	...	...
Menindie	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Moama .....	...	11	11	1	6	7	...	...	...
Mossgiel.....	1	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Moulamein.....	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...
Pooncarie	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tibooburra.....	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...
Torrowangee.....	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
Total	3	17	20	9	10	19	...	...	...
BOURKE DISTRICT.									
Angledool	2	1	3	4	1	5	...	...	...
Brewarrina.....	1	...	1	...	4	4	...	...	...
Collarenebri .....	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	...	...
Cryon	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Comborah .....	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Goodooga	2	...	2	2	...	2	...	...	...
Nyngan .....	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pilliga .....	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	...	...
Tatalla	2	...	2	1	2	3	...	...	...
Tilpa .....	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Walgett .....	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
Wallangulla .....	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...
Yantabulla.....	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	10	5	15	11	9	20	...	...	...
MURRAY DISTRICT.									
Darlington Point	1	7	8	1	2	3	...	...	...
Tumut.....	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...
Total	1	7	8	1	4	5	...	...	...

**CENSUS RETURNS, 1912.
COMPARISONS WITH YEAR 1911.**

	Full-bloods.				Half-castes.				
	Adults.		Children.	Total.	Adults.		Children.	Total.	
	Males.	Females.			Males.	Females.			
By Return, 1911	935	564	577	2,076	1,338	1,059	2,966	5,263	
Do. 1912	831	540	546	1,917	1,334	1,039	2,844	5,117	
Decrease.....	104	24	31	159	4	20	112	136	
Total Decrease, Full-bloods							159		
Do. Half-castes							136		
Total							295		

BIRTHS AND DEATHS, 1912.

Full-bloods.		Half-castes.	
Births reported	42	Births reported	159
Deaths reported.....	81	Deaths reported	85
Increase, Deaths over Births.....	39	Increase, Births over Deaths	74

APPENDIX C.

Department.	Particulars.	Amount expended.	
	Rations, medical comforts, seed, farm implements, fencing-wire, boats, erection of buildings, dwellings, &c. (for the aborigines generally).....	£	s. d.
	Expenses of maintaining the undermentioned Aboriginal Stations and Homes :—	8,778	2 4
Aborigines Protection Board ...	Brewarrina	1,395	1 2
	Brungle	380	17 0
	Cumerooogunga	1,530	6 1
	Edgerton	506	18 6
	Grafton	313	10 6
	Roseby Park	212	17 1
	Runnymede	323	2 7
	Walhallow	446	15 10
	Wallaga Lake.....	961	1 4
	Warangesda	497	5 5
	Burra Bee Dee	222	15 4
	Sevington.....	663	18 5
	Cabbage Tree Island.....	180	9 7
	Ulgundahi Island.....	33	9 0
	Nymboida	97	15 5
Euraba.....	819	12 10	
	Salaries of Staff	336	17 7
Department of Public Health.....	Medical attendance and medicine	1,007	14 3
Public Instruction Department.....	Teachers' salaries, purchase of materials, &c.....	4,216	13 1
Resumed Properties Department..	Sanitary attendance.....	49	17 4
Stores Supply Department	Purchase of blankets, clothing, furniture, &c.	5,604	3 8
	Total	£28,579	4 4

APPENDIX D.

Locality.	Average number monthly receiving aid.		Nature of Supply.	Amount.
	Adults.	Children.		
Angledool	27	25	Rations, huts, &c.	£ 298 9 9
Byrock .....	...	3	Rations	7 10 3
Burraborang	3	2	Rations, meat, tanks, &c.....	31 16 5
Baan Baa	2	...	Rations and clothing	2 19 11
Bowraville	6	13	Rations	44 17 5
Boggabilla	1	...	do	1 13 10
Bateman's Bay	6	...	Rations, meat, and boat	38 16 2
Barraba	1	2	Rations and meat.....	16 16 10
Blacktown Road	2	6	Rations	7 8 3
Barrington	2	...	Rations and meat	4 17 6
Bushfield	2	10	do	32 9 7
Brungle .....	...	...	Maintenance, salaries, &c.....	380 17 0
Burnt Bridge.....	18	30	Rations, burials, &c.	151 16 2
Braidwood .....	...	...	Tent	0 18 3
Balranald	8	10	Rations, meat, and coffin	99 17 4
Blakebrook	1	...	Rations	1 7 1
Broken Hill	1	...	do	7 14 0
Bonalbo	3	...	do	15 2 8
Ballengarra .....	...	...	Coffin	1 10 0
Bonshaw	2	...	Rations	9 12 1
Brewarrina .....	...	...	Maintenance, salaries, &c.....	1,395 1 2
Burra Bee Dee .....	...	...	do huts, meat, &c.	222 15 4
Borah Crossing	6	8	Rations, meat, paint, and huts	292 9 3
Bellinger Heads.....	14	8	do tanks, guttering	71 15 6
Byron Bay	2	1	Rations	15 17 4
Bomaderry Home .....	...	17	do and meat.....	61 0 2
Copmanhurst	8	...	do	37 7 11
Cabbage-tree Island	6	...	do meat, tanks, iron.....	180 9 7
Carowra Tank	27	40	do	331 16 8
Cuthero	2	...	do	2 14 2
Collarendabri.....	13	17	do meat, netting, paint	160 14 2
Cangai	3	7	do	35 11 7
Coraki.....	...	11	do netting, allowance	35 15 3
Cobar	5	1	Rations and meat	86 19 0
Coonabarabran	2	2	do	12 9 10
Cootamundra.....	...	...	Maintenance, salaries, &c.....	608 12 1
Cow Creek .....	...	...	Plough	4 2 6
Condobolin	13	19	Rations, meat, and twine	68 11 0
Cumerooogunga .....	...	...	Maintenance, salaries, &c.	1,530 6 1
Currowan	4	12	Rations	9 0 0
Coonamble .....	...	...	Burials	12 0 0
Dungaleer	11	7	Rations and meat.....	117 18 0
Delegate	6	5	do huts, tanks	46 3 7
Dunoon	13	6	do meat, wire	116 19 8
Drake	5	1	do and meat.....	90 17 8
Dubbo.....	5	6	do	25 7 3
Dandaloo	4	12	do	48 15 5

APPENDIX D—continued.

Locality.	Average number monthly receiving aid.		Nature of Supply.	Amount.		
	Adults.	Children.		£	s.	d.
Edgerton.....	...	...	Maintenance, salaries, &c.....	506	18	6
Eurabba.....	9	33	Rations, meat, huts, w.c's.....	819	12	10
Eunabalong.....	4	19	do and huts.....	85	8	5
Eugowra.....	4	...	do burial.....	23	4	5
Erambie.....	3	7	do repairs, tools.....	69	15	9
Forster.....	8	10	do fares, and coffin.....	40	0	10
Fatorini Island.....	...	15	do and paint.....	29	6	5
Forbes.....	2	8	do.....	14	19	11
Gunnedah.....	1	...	do and meat.....	4	11	5
Goodooga.....	21	18	do meat, and tents.....	121	16	7
Gulgargambone.....	5	6	do repairs, &c.....	85	12	9
Grafton.....	...	...	Maintenance, salaries, &c.....	313	10	6
Gongolgon.....	6	3	Rations and meat.....	17	10	6
Gloucester.....	2	4	do.....	17	10	6
Hillston.....	8	4	do meat, firewood.....	118	14	10
Ingalba.....	2	...	do.....	11	11	6
Kiama.....	1	1	do.....	7	10	11
Kajuligah.....	10	10	do.....	84	15	1
Killawarra.....	...	...	Tank, guttering, &c.....	8	10	0
Katoomba.....	3	...	Rations.....	14	9	8
Kaleno.....	4	3	do and meat.....	42	15	1
Jervis Bay.....	3	...	do do.....	20	10	10
Jerseyville.....	6	8	do.....	54	4	10
La Perouse.....	7	12	do meat, repairs &c.....	105	19	2
Lang's Creek.....	...	...	Iron, nails, &c.....	11	1	9
Lawrence and Lower Southgate.....	8	2	Rations and wire.....	36	6	6
Louth.....	1	8	do.....	9	7	2
Lionsville.....	5	2	do.....	84	16	0
Mungindi.....	17	6	do meat, huts.....	521	5	11
Moonaicullah.....	17	31	do medicine, tools, &c.....	129	3	10
Maclean.....	8	20	do.....	80	13	1
Macksville and Nambucca Heads.....	9	12	do.....	48	6	6
Murwillumbah.....	2	2	do.....	11	4	6
Menindie.....	2	6	do.....	14	12	8
Moruya.....	...	...	Burial.....	5	10	0
Nymagee.....	1	...	Rations, meat, firewood.....	16	16	5
Nymboida.....	4	14	do allowance, wire, &c.....	97	15	5
Narrabri.....	5	2	do meat, burial.....	50	9	0
North Bourke.....	2	...	do.....	11	16	4
Nulla Nulla.....	10	10	do and teacher's salary, &c.....	128	10	9
Oban.....	4	5	do.....	40	8	0
Pooncarie.....	10	10	do tents.....	100	16	6
Pilliga.....	13	10	do and meat.....	111	1	5
Port Stephens.....	7	6	do do.....	45	16	5
Port Macquarie.....	9	25	do &c.....	60	18	6
Purfleet.....	9	12	do burial, funeral, &c.....	68	3	5
Pretty Gully.....	8	10	do and meat.....	196	13	11
Quambone.....	7	10	do.....	30	0	0
Runnymede.....	...	...	Maintenance, salaries, &c.....	323	2	7
Roseby Park.....	...	...	do do.....	214	17	1
Rolland's Plains.....	...	...	Erection of school, &c.....	92	17	6
Rivertree.....	...	5	Rations.....	14	2	3
Rylstone.....	2	...	do.....	8	12	9
Rye Park.....	1	7	do and meat.....	22	7	10
South Grafton.....	7	2	do.....	34	13	6
Sackville.....	7	...	Fixing tanks, guttering, &c.....	15	12	6
St. Clair.....	12	33	Rations, repairs, &c.....	184	12	4
Sevington.....	...	...	Maintenance, salaries, &c.....	663	18	5
Tibooburra.....	3	3	do meat.....	50	11	8
Terry-hie-hie.....	14	21	do repairs, huts, &c.....	443	19	8
Tatalla.....	15	11	do.....	95	3	10
Tomingley.....	4	4	do schoolbooks, &c.....	34	12	4
Trundle.....	2	9	do.....	16	4	11
Torrowangee.....	3	5	do.....	24	5	2
Trangie.....	2	...	do.....	2	13	5
Tamworth.....	...	...	Burial.....	2	10	0
Tingha.....	1	4	Rations.....	23	11	7
Uralla.....	2	6	do.....	24	0	4
Ulladulla.....	2	...	Meat and firewood, rations.....	27	2	7
Ulmarra.....	7	1	Rations and meat.....	57	17	7
Unungar.....	2	...	do.....	12	5	8
Ulgundahi Island.....	...	...	Allowance, tools, paint, &c.....	33	9	0
Wingham.....	8	5	Rations.....	42	0	4
Walcha.....	6	3	do burial, fares, &c.....	29	15	5
Wheatbush.....	1	...	do and meat.....	15	3	11
Walchs Road.....	2	8	do.....	81	15	1
Wantabadgery.....	...	...	Timber, &c.....	4	18	3
Wyalah.....	2	...	Rations.....	9	12	11
Woodenbong.....	5	...	do.....	27	3	5
Warunganda.....	...	...	Maintenance, salaries, &c.....	497	5	5
Wollomombi.....	1	2	Rations.....	14	5	3
Wauasaring.....	6	...	do.....	39	13	0
Wilcannia.....	2	13	do.....	16	14	0

APPENDIX D—continued.

Locality.	Average number monthly receiving aid.		Nature of Supply.	Amount.
	Adults.	Children.		
Wee Wee	3	4	Rations, burial	£ s. d. 27 5 7
Walhallow .....	...	...	Maintenance, salaries, &c.	446 15 10
Wallaga Lake .....	...	...	do do	961 1 4
Wellington	5	15	Rations, meat, repairs, &c.	131 9 5
Walgett .....	...	...	do tents, burial	62 5 2
Wagga Wagga .....	...	3	do	2 8 8
Yulgilbar	8	2	do	40 8 4
			Miscellaneous	360 16 5
			Railways	339 16 9
			Salaries	336 17 7
			Postage stamps	131 10 4
			Stores Supply Department (tea, soap, dress material, &c.)	379 4 0
			Home Finder, Salary and travelling expenses	94 10 4
			Total	17,700 16 0

APPENDIX E.

STATEMENT of Expenditure from Vote of Stores Supply Department on account of the Aborigines Protection Board for the year 1912.

	£	s.	d.
Blankets	3,178	14	10
Clothing	2,218	2	2
Medicines	0	7	11
Other stores	173	3	5
Furniture	17	7	3
Stationery	16	8	1
	£5,604	3	8

APPENDIX F.

AMOUNTS paid for Medical Attendance on Aborigines. Year ending 31st December, 1912.

Locality.	Amount.	Locality.	Amount.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Armidale	0 10 0	Maclean	25 0 0
Bateman's Bay	5 19 0	Macleay River	50 0 0
Bellinger Heads	0 10 0	Mungindi	30 0 0
Brewarrina	5 11 0	Narrandera	11 1 9
Cabbage-tree Island	8 0 0	Nowra	17 18 0
Casino	30 0 0	Port Kembla	8 9 0
Collarendabri	2 2 0	Port Macquarie	45 0 0
Cooma	0 10 0	Raymond Terrace	19 13 0
Coonabarabran	30 0 0	Roseby Park	5 15 0
Cumeroogunga	100 0 0	Singleton	40 0 0
Delegate	4 10 0	Taree	40 0 0
Edgerton	3 12 0	Tucabia	4 14 0
Eugowra	10 9 0	Tumut	50 0 0
Foster's Retreat	12 13 0	Urunga	2 5 9
Gloucester	2 10 0	Walcha	5 10 0
Guyra	1 10 0	Wallaga Lake	119 4 0
Grafton	60 0 0	Walhallow	14 0 0
Henty	5 1 0	Walgett	11 7 0
Ingleba	0 5 0	Warangesda	113 19 0
Karush	0 10 0	Wilcannia	1 0 0
Katoomba	7 15 0	Wingham	25 0 0
Kiama	40 0 0	Yass	7 1 6
Kyogle	30 0 0		
		Total	£1,007 14 3

APPENDIX G.

STATEMENT of Expenditure on account of Aborigines during year 1912 by the Department of Public Instruction.

Name of School.	Salaries.		Books and apparatus.		Forage and travelling expenses.		Buildings, repairs, fuel, furniture, rent, and cleaning.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Brewarrina, M.	109	17 0	4	0 8	1	2 6	3	12 0	118	12 2
Brungle	227	10 0	3	10 1			6	11 8	237	11 9
Burnt Bridge	87	3 4	3	2 11			3	18 9	94	5 0
Cabbage-tree Island	110	0 0	2	14 0			2	12 0	115	6 6
Coraki	128	6 8	1	6 9			4	3 0	133	16 5
Cumeruogunga	397	3 3	6	18 10	5	17 9	23	12 6	438	12 4
Dunoon	340	11 3	10	5 2	9	8 6	15	7 0	375	11 11
Erambie	100	0 0	3	14 3	1	6 2	3	8 3	108	9 8
Forked Mount	123	0 0	1	12 9			2	12 0	127	4 9
Googeedes	113	0 0	2	0 4			4	12 0	119	12 4
Grafton Common	140	2 9	2	9 7	0	2 6	4	10 11	147	5 9
Gulargambone	443	5 4	7	14 7	38	12 0	26	17 6	516	9 5
Moonahcullah	110	0 0	3	18 11			0	7 6	114	6 5
Nanima	106	13 4	1	17 9			3	2 0	111	13 1
Ngocorumba										
Nulla Creek	114	12 6	0	16 0			2	13 0	118	1 6
Nymboida	109	3 4	2	10 3			3	12 0	115	5 7
Pilliga	86	15 1	8	16 5					95	11 6
Purfleet	105	15 7	0	6 0			2	11 7	108	13 2
Roseby Park	221	7 2	3	9 10	15	8 0	4	2 0	244	7 0
Runnymede	106	6 8	3	0 3	0	17 10	3	12 0	113	6 9
St. Clair	34	4 10							34	4 10
Towabba	37	6 11							37	6 11
Ulgundahi Island	110	0 0	3	11 2			3	3 6	116	14 8
Walhallow	174	10 0	4	0 8			4	4 3	182	14 11
Wallaga Lake	160	3 4	2	4 9			1	16 0	164	4 1
Warangesda	123	10 0	2	19			0	7 6	126	16 8
Total	£ 3,920	7 4	87	1 7	72	15 3	136	8 11	4,216	13 1
Total Expenditure									£ 4,216	13 1

APPENDIX H.

STATEMENT of Expenditure for Sanitary Attendance on account of Aborigines.

	1912.	
	£	s. d.
Burnt Bridge School, Kempsey ..	1	2 4
Erambie Reserve, Cowra ..	12	11 0
Gulargambone Reserve ..	11	16 0
La Perouse ..	11	14 0
Wellington ..	1	4 0
Edgerton ..	11	0 0
Wallaga Lake ..	0	10 0
£249		17 4

APPENDIX I.

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

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.			
Stations and Particulars.	Amount.		Stations and Particulars	Amount.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	
1st January, 1912, balance brought forward		318 13 4	Brewarrina—			
Interest on Trust Account ..		12 9 6	Fodder	79	15 6	
Brewarrina—			Fencing	1	10 0	
Sale of sheep-skins and hides	78	3 4	Tank guttering, &c.	25	0 0	
Agistment, sale of meat, groceries, &c.	4	10 8	Repairs to buildings, &c.	12	10 0	
Sale of wool	316	5 2	Shearing Expenses	27	17 4	
„ cattle	57	18 1	Spring Van	8	0 0	
„ horse, old dray, &c.	9	19 1	Sundries	8	14 2	163 7 0
		466 16 4	Brungle—			
Brungle—			Cultivation and Harvesting, expenses, &c.	23	11 8	
Sale of produce	63	18 10	Fodder	5	15 0	
„ skins and hides	19	2 9	Blacksmithing, &c.	3	2 6	
		83 1 7	Repairs to buildings	5	8 0	
			Sundries	6	8 0	44 5 2

APPENDIX I—continued.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
Stations and Particulars.		Amount.		Stations and Particulars.		Amount.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Cumeroogunga—				Cumeroogunga—			
Sale of produce, skins, &c.	185 15 8			Stud fees.....	3 0 0		
" cattle.....	47 3 3			Purchase of 3 rams.....	9 9 0		
" lambs.....	76 14 9			Fencing.....	21 0 0		
" meat.....	19 1 4			Cultivation and Harvesting			
" wool.....	143 1 4			expenses, &c.....	149 13 1		
Refund on Vouchers	21 10 10			Shearing expenses.....	15 2 6		
		493 7 3		Repairs to harness.....	11 15 7		
				Machinery repairs, &c.....	61 10 0		
Edgerton—				Erection of buildings, repairs,			
Maintenance moneys....	0 17 6			&c.....	322 10 0		
Sheep-skins.....	5 7 6			Sundries.....	4 13 4		598 13 6
Sale of wool.....	8 19 0						
		15 4 0		Edgerton—			
Grafton—				Fencing.....	47 19 8		
Sale of produce and hides	224 2 6			Cultivation in orchard.....	19 0 0		
		224 2 6		Fodder.....	47 4 7		
Runnymede—				Suckering and clearing.....	60 0 0		
Refund in respect of wages ...	1 6 10			Erection of buildings.....	28 10 0		
Sale of hides.....	6 16 11			Sundries.....	4 1 0		206 15 3
" bullock.....	4 11 7						
" pigs.....	4 5 6			Grafton—			
" sheep.....	26 18 6			Blacksmithing, &c.....	8 12 0		
		43 19 4		Stud fees.....	2 15 0		
Walhallow—				New Dray.....	19 0 0		
Sale of meat.. ..	0 15 6			Sundries.....	3 10 2		33 17 2
" 3 bullocks and 1 cow..	15 10 0						
" 1 hide.....	0 10 1			Runnymede—			
		16 15 7		Blacksmithing, &c.....	2 3 0		
Wallaga Lake—				Harness, repairs, &c.....	4 17 0		
Sale of goatskins	1 4 9			Seed Oats.....	6 14 6		
" wattle bark.....	5 9 2			Plough.....	13 17 9		
" fish.....	1 10 0			Sundries.....	1 12 9		29 5 0
" heifers.....	10 8 9						
" mohair.....	2 11 11			Walhallow—			
Deposit on boat sold.....	0 10 0			Stud fees.....	3 3 0		
Refund of freight.....	0 2 0			Blacksmithing, &c.....	2 9 0		
		21 16 7		Seed wheat, and lucerne	8 9 0		
Warangesda—				Harness, repairs, &c.....	6 16 6		
Sale of sheep-skins.....	41 19 7			Fodder and agistment of stock	20 8 11		
" wool.....	29 14 1			Sundries.....	9 4 4		50 10 9
" meat.....	0 7 3						
		72 0 11		Wallaga Lake—			
Rental of Aborigines Reserves at				Purchase of Horse.....	20 0 0		
Bushfield, Nambucca Heads,				Fodder.....	14 15 3		
Moruya, Baan Baa, and Nym-				Cultivation, seed, &c.....	40 8 0		
boids and other sundry				Tools, &c.....	4 11 4		
receipts.....	64 0 8			Fencing.....	10 15 0		
		64 0 8		Sundries.....	7 10 9		98 0 4
Sale Store.				Warangesda—			
Cumeroogunga	365 5 11			Fencing.....	30 15 3		
Walhallow	193 19 0			Rabbit destruction.....	4 18 10		
Wallaga Lake.....	54 5 10			New buildings.....	14 9 8		
Warangesda	104 18 11			Shearing.....	8 12 6		
Sevington.....	188 15 9			Cattle.....	52 0 0		
		907 5 5		Stud fees.....	5 10 0		
				Repairs to machinery.....	10 15 6		
				Cultivation and harvesting			
				expenses, &c.....	20 6 2		
				Suckering, clearing, &c.....	55 2 6		
				Fodder.....	16 0 0		
				Sundries.....	5 4 2		223 14 7
				Sevington—			
				New plough and repairs	21 10 2		
				Fodder	9 14 0		
				Harness.....	4 7 11		35 12 1
				Transfer from Produce Account to			
				Consolidated Revenue Fund....	289 10 0		289 10 0
				Miscellaneous.....	5 3 4		5 3 4
				Sale Store.			
				Cumeroogunga	164 10 7		
				Walhallow.....	165 8 10		
				Wallaga Lake	85 2 3		
				Warangesda	80 3 4		
				Sevington.....	154 14 2		
							649 19 2
				Balance forward.....			305 19 8
		£ 2,734 13 0					£ 2,734 13 0