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NEW SOUTH WALES.

PROTECTION OF THE ABORIGINES.

(ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD.)

Presented to Parliament by Command.

The Aborigines Protection Board to The Colonial Secretary.

Office of the Board for the Protection of the Aborigines.

Sir,

114, Phillip-street, Sydney, 10 May, 1888.

We have the honor to furnish a report of the proceedings of the Board for the Protection of the Aborigines for the year 1887. and to supply details of the expenditure of the Parliamentary Vote placed at our disposal.

Mr. A. Maxwell Hutchinson accepted a seat on the Board, on the 26th August. 1887.

By Mr. Fosbery's absence on leave a vacancy has been occasioned in the Chairmanship, which has been filled by Mr. Sydney Burdekin, M.L.A., whose appointment to the Board, in lieu of the Hon. W. J. Foster, had previously taken place. On Mr. Fosbery vacating his seat, the following resolution was unanimously agreed to by the full Board:—

“Resolved,—That in view of the contemplated absence from the Colony of Edmund Fosbery, Esq., Inspector-General of Police, the members of the Aborigines Protection Board desire to record to him, as their Chairman, their sense of the immense assistance which he, with the aid of the police throughout the Colony, has been able to render to the Board in dispensing the funds placed at its disposal by the Government for the benefit of the Aborigines, and to testify to the benevolent views which he has always shown towards this interesting but unfortunate race.”

The weekly meetings of the Board have been punctually attended, and matters connected with its duties in relation to the Aborigines have received from time to time the most careful and prompt consideration.

The subjoined tables will show the numerical status of the Aborigines, and, separately, of their half-caste descendants. The difficulty of dealing with this latter class by no means diminishes, but it is hoped that whilst no special scandal arises from their presence in the community their absorption into the general population may at some future date be accomplished.

The influence of the teaching and discipline which many of the children are receiving at the Public Schools must have their effect; whilst the efforts of the Aborigines Protection Association at Warangesda and Maloga, and at the Mission or Home for the Aborigines near Brewarrina, continue to bear fruit.

We have little of importance to refer to on this occasion, but we would desire that this report should be read in connection with the two last preceding reports, which contain generally the views held by the members of the Board, and which do not require reiteration from year to year.

We, however, desire to say that we are more than ever impressed with the sense of the duty the Colony owes to the unfortunate Aboriginal race, and to express an opinion that the provision which has been made by Parliament has been sufficient to relieve pressing necessities. We do not, however, desire to conceal the probability that our expenditure must increase year by year, as the race becomes more conversant with the willingness of the Government and the country to make its latter end as happy and comfortable as possible.

We have, &c.,

SYDNEY BURDEKIN, Chairman.
 PHILIP GIDLEY KING, M.L.C.
 RICHD. HILL, M.L.C.
 HUGH ROBISON.
 A. M. HUTCHINSON.
 HARMAN J. TARRANT, F.R.C.S.E.

Census, October, 1887.

	Aborigines (full-blood)*					Half-castes.					Grand Total.
	Adults.			Children.	Total.	Adults.			Children.	Total.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.			Males.	Females.	Total.			
By return. 1886	2,172	1,590	3,762	1,131	4,893	698	556	1,254	1,487	2,741	7,634
Do. 1887	2,093	1,530	3,623	1,419	5,042	662	573	1,235	1,625	2,860	7,902
Decrease	79	60	139	.....	.....	36	.....	19	.....	.....	.....
Increase .....	.....	.....	.....	288	149	.....	17	.....	138	119	.....
Total Increase	268

Children attending School 398. Public, 350 ; private, 48.

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Locality.	Average monthly.		Period.	Rations, Clothing, Work done.	Amount expended in the Year.
	Adults.	Children.			
Angledool.....	11	7	12 months	Rations.....	£ s. d. 158 13 0
Ballina.....	2	.....	12 "	and boat.....	22 10 8
Barrington.....	8	.....	12 "	and clothing.....	65 12 5
Bega.....	6	.....	12 "	".....	36 16 4
Bonarbah.....	2	.....	3 "	".....	2 12 6
Boorooma.....	7	8	12 "	".....	74 9 6
Bourke.....	3	.....	12 "	".....	13 14 6
Bourville.....	7	2	9 "	".....	15 15 6
Bingera.....	2	.....	3 "	".....	2 0 0
Brecza.....	6	5	12 "	and clothing.....	38 15 2
Brewarrina.....	8	4	12 "	".....	103 12 9
Brungle.....	37	.....	6 "	and huts.....	90 14 6
Broughton Creek.....	1	3	3 "	".....	3 14 7
Bullerawa.....	2	.....	3 "	".....	4 3 4
Burrier.....	2	.....	6 "	".....	7 8 7
Camira (Laurence).....	3	.....	4 "	".....	6 3 5
Collareudabri.....	6	.....	12 "	".....	44 16 0
Coonabarabran.....	2	.....	12 "	".....	16 12 8
Cootamundra.....	2	.....	1 "	".....	0 6 7
Copmanhurst.....	1	.....	5 "	".....	2 1 3
Coppymurrumbilla.....	13	.....	12 "	and clothing.....	96 8 7
Cowra.....	5	7	4 "	".....	11 18 11
Cox's River.....	3	6	12 "	".....	43 5 0
Dandaloo.....	5	.....	2 "	".....	1 14 4
Denison Town.....	6	.....	8 "	and clothing.....	33 17 1
Dubbo.....	11	6	12 "	".....	67 0 11
Eden.....	1	3	8 "	and clothing.....	9 6 9
Fernmount.....	18	.....	12 "	".....	61 19 7
Forster.....	6	1	12 "	clothing, and boat.....	72 0 3
Gilgunnia.....	5	.....	12 "	".....	39 5 10
Glenugie.....	2	.....	12 "	".....	12 8 4
Glenorchy.....	2	1	12 "	".....	24 6 2
Goodooga.....	12	.....	12 "	".....	85 16 0
Goonal.....	7	.....	12 "	".....	50 11 2
Gulgambone.....	15	7	12 "	".....	82 14 7

Locality.	Average monthly.		Period.	Rations, Clothing, Work done.	Amount expended in the Year.
	Adults.	Children.			
Gulgong	2	.....	12 months	Rations, clothing, nursing, and attendance on sick aborigines	£ s. d. 32 1 11
Gundagai	2	.....	6 "	"	2 5 3
Gunnedah	4	.....	12 "	"	25 10 0
Jervis Bay	7	9	12 "	"	58 18 8
Kangaroo Valley	6	.....	12 "	"	36 15 0
Kempsey	51	.....	12 "	clothing, and medical attendance.....	239 1 0
Kiana	2	15	12 "	"	56 8 1
Kogarah	3	2	12 "	and clothing	18 4 8
Lake Macquarie	2	2	12 "	"	14 18 6
La Perouse	8	6	12 "	clothing, &c.	87 6 6
Lionsville	2	.....	12 "	"	13 18 1
Lismore	3	.....	12 "	"	16 10 8
Lithgow	1	2	9 "	"	3 5 0
Milparinka	4	.....	1 "	"	0 17 7
Milroy	6	.....	12 "	"	58 3 9
Mogil Mogil	11	3	12 "	"	82 9 6
Moruya	5	8	12 "	"	51 6 5
Mungindi	24	.....	12 "	"	213 6 1
Nambucca	11	4	12 "	"	57 0 6
Narrandera	12	14	12 "	"	100 2 7
Newstead	3	.....	3 "	"	4 6 3
Nowra	6	6	12 "	fishing-net, &c.	46 3 10
Oban	6	.....	5 "	and clothing	7 5 9
Penrith	1	1	12 "	"	5 5 1
Port Macquarie	21	11	12 "	and farm implements	105 1 9
Port Stephens	14	.....	12 "	repairs to boat, &c.	100 1 2
Quambone	8	.....	2 "	"	1 7 8
Singleton	17	13	12 "	clothing and tools	108 15 3
Taree	9	9	12 "	"	55 1 2
Terembone	6	4	12 "	"	61 12 9
Terry Hi Hi	15	.....	12 "	"	98 8 1
Tilba Tilba	14	11	12 "	and clothing	167 10 0
Tilpa	3	.....	12 "	"	31 18 8
Tomakin	3	.....	12 "	"	9 13 2
Tooloom	3	.....	4 "	"	7 0 7
Ulladulla	10	14	12 "	boat, paint, bark for huts	165 11 7
Umarra	1	.....	6 "	"	0 4 6
Walcha	3	3	10 "	and clothing	26 5 6
Wanaaring	4	.....	12 "	"	19 4 3
Warren	7	.....	12 "	"	36 3 3
Wee Waa	2	.....	12 "	"	11 8 7
Wellingrove	1	5	4 "	and clothing	9 12 5
Wellington	9	6	12 "	"	113 16 7
Wingham	18	8	12 "	repairs to boat	85 19 7
Wollar	1	2	4 "	and clothing	6 9 11
Wollomombi	4	.....	12 "	"	21 3 10
Windsor	15	7	12 "	"	33 1 8
Yass	2	19	12 "	school requisites	111 4 5
Totals	601	244			£4,021 13 9

WARANGESDA.—Population, December, 1887.

Adults.		Children.		Total.
Blacks.	Half-castes.	Blacks.	Half-castes.	
14	10	10	16	50

Children attending Public School in December, 1887—20.

Cost of the above Station :—	£	s.	d.
Management	231	3	4
Clothing	31	1	11
Rations	364	4	7
Building material, tools, and furniture, &c.	240	0	7
	£866	10	5

Of the above, £270 8s. 5d. was raised by private subscription, and £207 2s. 1d. by the sale of wool, &c.; the cost to the Government was consequently £388 19s. 11d.

MALOGA.—Population, December, 1887.

Adults		Children.		Total
Blacks.	Half-castes.	Blacks.	Half-castes.	
26	47	20	50	143

Children attending Public School—44.

Cost of the above Station:—

	£	s.	d.
Management	453	13	3
Clothing	120	1	5
Rations	526	3	7
Building material, tools, &c.	274	18	8
	<u>£1,374</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>11</u>

Of the above, £210 11s. 8d. was raised by private subscription, and £138 19s. 2d. by the sale of wool, &c.; the cost to the Government was consequently £1,025 6s. 1d.