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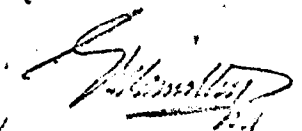
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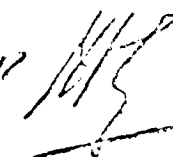
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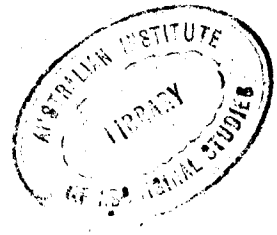
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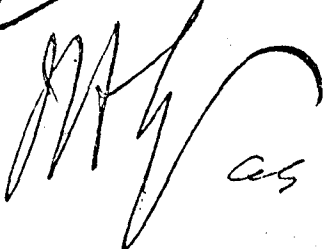
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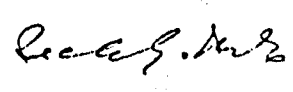


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To the Protector of
Aborigines

Chas. Cornish

30/11/02



May

Report of the Sub-Protector Far North (Fortfield, Port Augusta)

I have the honor to report that the general conduct of the Aborigines has been very good, but few complaints have reached me and being of a trivial character have been easily remedied.

owing to the long continued drought all over the Far North, only a few natives have been employed by the settlers, and there being such a scarcity of game many of the able-bodied had to be fed at the different Depots, more especially those enroute to and near the Queensland Borders, at Oodnadatta a large number came into the Depot from the Alkaya District, in a starving condition, and scarcely able to walk, owing to a great part of that Country being abandoned and scarcity of game.

I have not been able to visit many of the Depots, but from enquiries made and reports from Police Officers in charge of Stations, I am satisfied that the stores supplied by the Government have been carefully issued, only two complaints were made as to the quality of the flour, which has since been improved on.

There has been a good deal of sickness over the District, and in most cases medical comforts have been supplied through the Protector of Aborigines. The following natives were treated in the Port-Augusta Hospital 2, Ulcerated leg - recovered - 3, Hydatids - died; 1 Consumption - died - 10 males and 2 females were also treated as out patients, Dr. Menzies and the nursing staff treated these aborigines with the greatest kindness and attention.

The total number of Deaths reported was 32, and Births 17 - during the year. The offences committed by the Aborigines, are as follows -

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20 aborigines were admitted to the Adelaide Hospital during the year - and in 225 cases medical treatment was provided in various localities.

The number of aborigines at the Mission Stations -

Name of Station	adults	children	Totals	Births	Deaths
Point Macleay	125	108	233	9	4
Point Pearce	69	42	111	4	1
Koppermann	153	19	172	2	6
Totals	347	169	516	15	11

The financial returns from these Stations for 1901 - 1902 -

Total Voluntary Contributions received -	£1005 - 1 - 8.
" Amount proceeds of produce raised -	2729 - 7 - 11.
" Amount wages paid to aborigines	1266 - 11 - 6.
" Estimated value of all buildings.	} 20,373 - 17 - 0.
Stock and produce raised on Stations	

Comparative statement showing the number of aborigines and the cost of the departments in the States named. -

	South Australia -	Victoria -	N. S. Wales -
No. of aborigines -	3888. -	433. -	6891.
Annual cost -	£4462. -	£4846. -	£16591.
Cost per head -	£1 - 2 - 10	£11 - 3 - 10	£2 - 8 -

Notwithstanding the severe drought experienced in the far northern parts of the State, & its effect upon the aborigines, curtailing their natural supplies, and depriving them of many sources of employment & food, owing to the closing of stations and abandonment of so much country, the returns show that the number of deaths recorded, during the past year,

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and offences committed by Aborigines, have been less than in any of the preceding three years.)

The efforts of the Aborigines Protectorate and the useful and self-denying work carried out by those in charge of the various mission stations, appear to meet with a fair amount of success in ameliorating the condition of the Aborigines, native.

The Correspondence of this office during the year has been —

Inwards. — 949.

Outwards — 1520.

The Parliamentary vote for the year was £4262, which was expended, as follows,

Rations issued at the depots —	£1322 - 12 - 4
Clothing, Blankets &c	661 - 6 - 8
Medical attendance & Medicines	165 - 8 - 7
Boats, Fishing Tackle &c —	112 - 5 - 2
Transport charges sundry depots —	628 - 9 - 4
Burial charges, destitute Aborigines	47 - 10 - 6
Firewood: old infirm & Sick	12 - 16 - 5
Sundry rations, prisoners & travellers	26 - 10 - 4
Petty travelling, & sundry expenses	54 - 2 - 11
Annual Contribution, Adelaide Hospital	10 - 10 - 0
Services (clerical) in office of Prot. Protector	12 - 0 - 0
Telephone Exchange	10 - 0 - 0
Receiving, storing & issuing stores at G.P.O. stores.	20 - 0 - 0
Printing & Stationery	16 - 17 - 9
O.S. Telegrams	9 - 17 - 7
O.S. Postage Stamps	14 - 10 - 0
Salaries, Protector & Sub Protector, Far North.	262 - 0 - 0
Grant-in-aid Aborigines Friends Association ?	} 1000 - 0 - 0
Point-Maclean	

Supplement report of - Sub Protector
Far North —

Total £ 4386 - 14 - 7

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Aborigines Office, Adelaide
27th September 1902.

The following report with reference to the Aborigines for the year ended 30th June 1902, is respectfully submitted for the information of the Hon Minister of Education &c -

According to the Census of 1901 - the number of Aborigines in South Australia (exclusive of Northern Territory) was -

Adults, Blacks, Males -	1556	
" " Females -	1494	
Children, Blacks, Males -	190	
" " Females -	143	
Total Blacks,		3386.
Adults, Half-castes, Males -	117	
" " Females -	105	
Children, Half-castes, Males -	144	
" " Females	136	
Total Half-castes		502.

Total aboriginal population, 3888.

During the year there have been recorded -
 Births, Blacks, 22 - Half-castes, 15 - Total 37.
 Deaths, " 54 - " 4 - " 58.
 Excess of deaths 21.

The offences for which Aborigines were convicted were -
 Drunkenness 14.
 Common assault 3
 Larceny - 1
 Total - 18.

In 9 cases convictions were obtained for supplying Aborigines with intoxicating liquors.

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10, of whom 4 were fined & 6 imprisoned,
Larceny 1- Lunacy 1. Assault 1-

During the year 3 persons were convicted
for supplying intoxicating liquors to blacks - 1 was
fined to 5/- - 1 to 2/- - 1 to 1/- with costs -

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