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REPORT.

Melbourne, 7th November, 1894.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

The Board for the Protection of Aborigines have the honour to submit for Your Excellency's consideration this, their Thirtieth Report on the state and condition of the Aborigines of Victoria, together with reports from managers of stations and statements of accounts, &c., &c.

1. The Board have held twelve ordinary and two special meetings during the past year.

2. The number of Aborigines and half-castes under certificates who resided at the various stations during the past year is as follows:—

Attendance.				Lo	west Numbe	r.	Highest Number.
Coranderrk		•••	•••	•••	57		72
Condah	***			•••	65		84
Ebenezer	•••				30	•••	58
Framlingham	•••			•••	26	***	36
Lake Tyers	•••	•••	•••		50		58
Ramahynek	•••	***		•••	68		86
Depôts	•••	•••	***	•••	108	•••	108
	Total				404		502

3. The returns of marriages, births, and deaths during the past year give the following particulars:—

				Marriage	s .	Births		Deaths.
Coranderrk	***	***	•••	3	***	2		3
Condah	***	***	•••	***	•••	4	•••	4
Ebenezer	***	•••	***	•••	•••		•••	•••
Lake Tyers	***	***	•••	•••	***	1		5
Ramahyuok		***	,	•••	***	1		7
Framlingham	***	• • •	***	1	•••	***	•••	2
Depôts	•••	•••	***	1	•••	1	***	1
				_		-		_
	Total	•••	***	5	•••	9	•••	22

Decrease during the year, 13.

4. Regular supplies of rations, clothes, blankets, and other comforts, with medical attendance, have been given to the Aborigines and to those half-castes who were in need, in compliance with the regulations under the Act. Any special or unforeseen claims arising are always met, either by the General Inspector during his periodical visits, or by the Board's authorized agents at the various depôts.

5. The regular visits of inspection by the General Inspector have enabled the Board to get reliable information, and to afford prompt assistance to the blacks whenever it was required, as well as to settle occasional disputes arising among them.

6. Whilst the Board faithfully adhere to their rule that all able-bodied Aborigines shall do a fair amount of work for the assistance granted to them by the Government, they find that the results from such labour are gradually getting smaller through decreasing numbers and failing strength of the poor Aborigines.

7. In connexion with the noticeable decrease in the number of blacks at the different stations, and the merging of the half-castes with the general population of the colony, the Board keep steadily in view the policy of amalgamation of stations,

with which they trust before long to make effectual progress.

8. At the expiration of the Act of Parliament on the 31st of December, 1893, for merging the half-castes with the general population, out of 233 who came under the operation of the Act a considerable number have settled on small farms, some young men and women have gone into service, and a number of orphans have been placed in the Orphanage and Industrial Schools. A few families, however, who could

not during this time of general depression find employment have received assistance from the Board under the usual certificate. In every case where temporary assistance is required, either by those in distress or others starting for themselves, the Board willingly grant it.

9. Whilst the Board at all times have liberally supplied the wants of the blacks, they desire to state that the amount annually granted by Parliament has been greatly reduced during the last few years, as will be observed by the following particulars:—

STATEMENTS OF AMOUNTS VOTED BY PARLIAMENT, ETC., FROM 1887 TO 1894 INCLUSIVE.

Year.	Amount Voted by Parliament.	Total Amount expended, inclusive of Proceeds from Produce.	Amount Lapsed.	Revenue Paid into Treasury.
	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1887–8	11,036	11,172 9 1	54 7 1	851 0 4
1888-9	11,003	11,366 13 3	54 7 9	945 11 9
1889-90	10,000	10,476 1 10	239 16 11	317 13 3
1890-91	8,883	6,692 4 5	190 15 7	1,061 3 5
1891-2	7,800	6,745 6 7	1,154 13 5	1,124 1 3
1892-3	6,788	6,057 10 10	1,208 19 7	487 0 3
1893-4	5,600	6,091 1 6	3 12 2	414 2 8

10. The following table gives particulars (1) of the total expenditure on each station; (2) the net income of each; and (3) the actual cost of each:—

				189	3-1	894.							
Name of Stati	lon,		Total Ex	pendi	ture.		Net	Inco	mė.		Actus	d Cos	t.
			£	8.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	ŧ.	d.
Coranderrk	•••		1,312	15	0	•••	414	2	8		898	12	4
Condah	•••		1,018	61	4	***	225	11	10	***	793	1	6
Ramabyuck	***	•••	856	12	0	•••	74	3	7	•••	782	8	5
Lake Tyers	•••	***	687	12	9	•••	94	14	7	•••	592	18	2
Ebenezer	•••	***	63 9	12	6	•••	99	10	ő	•••	540	2	1
Framlingham	•••	•••	466	9	0					***	466	9	0
Melbourne and	Ten De	pôts	1,108	13	8	•••		•••		•••	1,108	13	8

11. The number of Aborigines having considerably decreased since the time when the Reserves in different localities were set aside for them, the Board, at the request of the Minister of Lands and Agriculture and after most careful consideration, relinquished 8,027 acres for Agricultural Colleges and Village Settlements from the following Reserves:—

Framlingham	***	•••	•••	•••	•••	4,227 acres
Coranderrk	***	***	•••	•••	***	2,400 ,,
Ramahyuck	***	•••	***	144	•••	1,400 ,,

Leaving still as Reserves for the blacks:—

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Coranderrk		***	2,400 acres	Framlingham	•••	***	548 асгев
Condah		• • •	3,700 ,,	Colac	•••	***	40 "
Ebenezer	•••		3,607	Dergholm			63 ,,
Lake Tyers	• • •	•••	4,200 .,	Lake Moodemere		4	8 .,
Ramahyuck			963				,,

12. The Board have again the pleasure to state that in the matter of education, moral and religious training of the children, good progress has been made, as will be observed from the reports of the managers of stations in reply to questions issued by the Board on the subjects which come under their consideration.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

C. M. OFFICER, Vice-Chairman.

His Excellency

The Right Honorable the Earl of Hopetoun, G.C.M.G.,

&c., &c., &c.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX I.

SIR.

Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, 30th June, 1894.

I have the honour to forward you my Annual Report of this station, and of the Aborigines in connexion therewith, dating from 1st July, 1893, to 30th June, 1894.

1. The daily average attendance and the total number resident or attending the station in each month has been as follows:---

	1893.							1894.				
		Dal	ly Avera	ge.	Total.				Da	ily Aver	age.	Total.
July		***	62	•	71	i	January		•••	57	·	57
August	***	•••	71		72	1	February		***	57	•••	57
September			59	•••	71		March	***		59		60
October		***	57		66	Ì	April		•••	59	***	59
November		•••	60	•••	65	- 1	May		***	59		61
December	***		56	•••	64	i	June	•••	•••	59	***	61

2. TABLE OF BIRTHS.

Date.	Name.		Sex.	Parents' Names.		Colour.
12th September, 1893 8th December, 1893	Jemima Jessie Joseph	••• ••• ·•• ·•• ·•• ·•• ·•• ·•• ·•• ·••	F. M.	Jemima Wandin	}	Half-caste,

TABLE OF DEATHS.

Date.	Name.	Sex.	Age.	Cause of Death.	Colour.
20th September, 1893 1st October, 1893 18th May, 1894		F.	3 months	Spinal Carles Diarrhœa Chronic Bronchitis	Black. Black, Black,

MARRIAGES.

3rd October, 1893 Otto Logan married Alice Taylor John Phillips married Mary Collett Sargeant Major married Jemima Lanky	***	***	***	*** ***	Black. Black. Black.	
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3. Religious instruction has been given and divine services have been regularly held every Sunday and also Sunday school, and the attendance of all, I am thankful to say, has been good. Some of our white neighbours living near also attend the services. Religious instruction has also been given in the day school to the children every morning, it being the first lesson of the day, and good progress has been made by all, particularly by the bigger boys and girls.

The day school for the children and also the teacher are under the control of the Department for

Public Instruction, and satisfactory progress has been made in the different subjects taught.

5. The Government having resumed during the past year about one-half the Reserve, there are only now about 2,400 acres left for the station, and a large quantity of this is subject to floods during the winter months. The result of this will be that we shall have a difficulty in supplying the station with the necessary allowance of meat from the stock of the station. All the ground, except about 80 acres, is well fenced in and divided into twelve paddocks, varying in size from 6 to 320 acres. About 15 acres have been ploughed and sown with oats for hay, and a fair crop was realized. Between 3 and 4 acres were also planted with potatoes, and we obtained a fair crop. Our hops were really good up to the time of picking, when the disease known as the "red spider" appeared, which interfered somewhat with the quality.

6. The kinds and number of stock are as follows, namely:—82 cows, 5 calves, 129 heifers, 128 steers, 10 working bullocks, 15 horses—total, 369. About fourteen cows have been milked on an average during the year, and the milk and butter consumed on the station. The following have been killed for meat for the station, namely :- 32 steers, 6 cows-total, 38. Twenty-eight head, all kinds, were

sold and the proceeds paid into the Treasury.

7. Our produce of hay and potatoes was all consumed on the station, but the hops were sold as usual at a fair price and the proceeds paid into the Treasury.

8. No new cottages have been erected during the year so there are just the same number as reported last year, namely 20. They are all in good order and condition and have been fairly well kept by the

natives. They have all been, less or more, occupied during the year.

9. The blacks are mostly employed in all kinds of farm work and about the hop garden. The women continue to make baskets for sale, in addition to attending to their domestic duties. The boys and girls are taught and encouraged to be useful in all kinds of work suitable for them when not in school.

10. The native game having become very scarce about here the blacks do not hunt so much now as they used to do, and, of course, they look to us regularly for their usual weekly allowance of meat.

11. All reasonable and lawful means are used to prevent the blacks from obtaining intoxicating liquor, but some of them from time to time succeed in obtaining it, but I am thankful to say we have had little or no trouble on account of drink during the last year.

12. Over 50 half-castes who come under the operation of the law have left this station, and are now obtaining a living elsewhere. None are apprenticed here, nor are any living under the usual certificate.

13. I have much pleasure in stating that the supplies of rations and clothing have been of good quality; and on behalf of the natives I beg to thank the Government, the Board, and you also for the kind and prompt attention on all occasions when anything has been required for the comfort and well being of the natives.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Rev. F. A. Hagenauer, Board for Protection of Aborigines, Melbourne.

JOSEPH SHAW.

APPENDIX II.

Sir.

Mission Station, Lake Condah, 24th August, 1894.

I have the honour to report to the various questions in your communication of the 2nd August, as follows :-

1. The number of blacks attending the station during each mouth of the year was-

Monthly.	Average.	Monthly.	Average.
65	65	[l 74	74
67	67	75	75
69	69	79	79
84	84	76	76
77	77	72	72
77	74	72	72

2. BIRTHS.

Name.	Date.	Parents' Names.
Ellen Marian Louisa Lucy Agnes Constance William Robert	11th July, 1893 3rd October, 1893 10th January, 1894 27th January, 1894	(Frederick Carmichael (black) Sarah Carmichael (black) (Albert White (black) (Eva White (black) (William Carter (black) Agnes Carter (half-caste) (Ernest Mobourn (black) (Maggie Mobourn (black)

DEATHS.

Name.	Colour.		Date.	Cause of Death.	Age.
Rachel McCallum Thomas Green Edith McCallum Eva White	 Black Black Black Black	 ::: :::	28th September, 1893 22nd December, 1893 4th January, 1894 22nd January, 1894	Broncho-pneumonia Dyspepsia and senile decay Exhaustion and intense heat Tuberculosis	32 years 62 ,, 8 months 30 years

3. Religious services are held daily, viz.:—On Sundays, full church service morning and evening, and Sunday school in the afternoon; daily prayers morning and evening, with religious instruction. All the services and prayer meetings are well attended by young and old.

4. The school is under the Education Department, and the results have been considerably in

advance of last year, thus showing that the children are carefully instructed.

5. Three thousand seven hundred acres is the total quantity of land belonging to this station, and all is fenced in and subdivided into different paddocks for grazing and cultivation. 1,700 acres consist of stones which are practically useless. About 20 acres are sown with oats for hay, but, owing to the heavy rains and the very wet season, we had a poor crop; and all that was grown on the station was required for the working horses. We had a good supply of vegetables and fruit, which were very useful for our large family of blacks.

6. There are 236 head of cattle and 369 sheep on the reserve at present. Most of the milking cows have perished in the floods during the winter, but what are left are milked during the spring and summer season. We milked from 8 to 10 cows on an average. 349 sheep were killed for meat for the station. 44 head of mixed cattle were sold, and the money realized, as well as that from wool, skins, and bark, was used to pay for the sheep, &c., which were required and are accounted for in the balance-sheet.

7. Balance-sheet, 1893 to 1894.

		Income.		£	s.	đ.		Expen	DITURE.		£	s.	d.	
Hides and			***	44	14	5	General	•••		•••	63	12	6	š
Wool and		***	***	153	8	5	Wages	• • •	***	***	73	5	10)
Miscellane	ons	•••	***	8	15	2	Stock	***	***	•••	75	-		-
Stock	***	•••	***	56	6	0	Miscellaneous		***	***	13	13	6	ŝ
							Cash balance	***	***	***	37	12	2	2
				_										
	Tota	l ,		£263	4	0	•	Total			£263	4	C)
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8. There are seventeen cottages on the station, fifteen of which are inhabited by the blacks and are fairly well kept; some of them need new flooring, as the boards are quite worn out. The other buildings on the station are one solid stone church, stone school-house, mission-house, store, and dormitory.

9. The men are employed in destroying log fences, and putting up post and wire fences, clearing ground, gardening, stripping bark, &c.; and the women and girls attend to household duties, while the boys have to chop wood and do gardening after school hours.

10. The blacks are still fond of hunting, but more from inherent love of sport than with the intention of providing for their own wants, and, therefore, they claim their meat supply independent of this pursuit—but if game is plentiful they get less meat than at other times.

11. Only in very exceptional cases, I am thankful to say, do the blacks indulge in intoxicating liquor, and, if found out, every effort is made to bring the offender who supplies them with it to justice.

12. About 40 half-castes are away from the station for the purpose of earning their own living, but I am sorry to say they show little energy in doing so, and pay more attention to sports than to providing for their families. Five half-castes are here under the usual certificates in vogue for that purpose.

13. All the clothing, rations, &c., were all of good and suitable quality, and on behalf of the blacks I desire to thank the Board and you for the very prompt attention and every assistance given to us and our

people during the year.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Yours obediently,

J. H. STÄHLE.

The Rev. F. A. Hagenauer, General Inspector and Secretary, B.P.A., Melbourne.

APPENDIX III.

SIR.

Mission Station, Ramahyuck, 20th July, 1894.

In accordance with your circular letter of the 16th inst., I have the honour to forward to you my Report for the past year on the state and progress of the mission work among the Aborigines under my care at this station.

1. The attendance during the year has been as follows:-

		1893	.					18	394.
		Lowest I Number, I	Highest Tumber.					Lowest Number	Highest Number.
July	 	68	75	1	January		•••	87	85
August	 •••	76	81		February		***	72	67
September	 ***	76	81	1	March	***	***		67
October	 •••	74	76	i	Aprii	-01	***		67
November	 	76	78	•	May	***	***		67
December	 •••	85	86	i	June		• • •	72	, 68

- 2. Number of marriages, births, and deaths :--

- (a) Marriages: None.
 (b) Births: (1) Emily Darby, black.
 (c) Deaths: (1) Emily Darby, black, 9 months; (2) John Conolly, half-caste, 1 year, measles;
 (3) Hughie Stephen, black, 14 years, spinal disease; (4) George Gilbert, black, 70 years, old age; (5) Ida King, black, 3 months, effect of measles; (6) James Raymond, black, 68 years, inflammation of lungs; (7) Ellen Stephen, black, 2 years, heart follows heart failure.
- 3. Religious services are kept every morning and evening during week days, and Sunday services twice, which are all very well attended. Sunday school is carried on morning and afternoon, and religious instruction is given to the children five times a week, and good progress is made.
- 4. The day school in connexion with the Department is making good progress under the careful teaching of Miss Evans.
- 5. The total quantity of land belonging to the reserve is still the same as given in last year's Report, and the produce for station use was likewise the same in quantity and quality.
- 6. The number of stock of all kinds remains also the same, and about 20 to 25 cows give a constant supply of milk and butter. The particulars are as follow:-46 cows, 37 calves, 25 heifers, 57 steers. 9 bullocks, 2 bulls, 6 working bullocks.

7. The total income from the station has been small on account of supplies being required for home The particulars are as follow:usė.

	1	NCOME.					Expenses.			
Surplus of stock Hides and skins Miscellaneous		···	•••	61 5		7	General expenditure Wages Cash balance	39 35	2 1 13	1 6
	Total	•••	•••	£74	16	10	Total	£74	16	10

8. The number of buildings is the same as last year, but in the course of next year some more accommodation will have to be provided for the increasing number of people.

9. All able-bodied men and boys are employed with farming, gardening, and other useful work, and receive a small amount of wages in addition to the usual Board's supplies.

10. Fishing and hunting receive proper attention on days set aside for that purpose.

11. There has been very little drinking reported, but the best rule against it is to keep the people away from the temptation.

12. The supplies in clothes and rations have been of very good quality and gave general satisfaction; the best thanks are due for such good and liberal supplies to the Board and the Government.

> I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

> > G. HAGENAUER, Acting Manager.

The Secretary, B.P.A, Melbourne.

SIR,

APPENDIX IV.

Mission Station, Lake Tyers, 22nd August, 1894.

I have the honour to forward my Annual Report for Lake Tyers Station, ending 30th June, 1894.

1. The attendance during the year has been as follows:-

	1893	3.	-				1894.		
July			•••	62	January	***		***	47
August		•••	***	50	February	***	***	***	48
September		***		50	March	***	***	***	47
October	***	***	• • •	49	April	***	***	***	50
November	***	***	•••	50	May	***	***	***	50
December	***	***	***	50	June	***		***	50

2. The number of births, marriages, and deaths is as follows:-

(a) Marriages: Nil.

(b) Births: (1) Robert Johnson, black; parents, Willie Johnson and Maggie Johnson.
(c) Deaths: (1) Emily Bull, laryngitis, black; (2) Emma Cooper, pneumonia, black;
(3) Charles Rivers, acute phthisis, black; (4) Gertrude Cooper, diarrhea, black;
(5) Lady McKay, general debility, black.

The death-rate has been exceptionally heavy owing to the visitation of measles, and though all recovered from the measles yet the after effect was disastrous.

3. Religious services have been held daily during the year, on week days, morning and evening, and also the regular Sabbath services; they have always been fairly attended. Religious instruction has also been given daily to the children, they have also been regularly taught in the State school, thus they

also been given daily to the children, they have also been regularly taught in the State school, thus they are gaining secular and religious knowledge at the same time.

4. The day school is under the Department of Education; they have supplied the school with efficient teachers. During the year our old teacher, Mr. T. Starr, was removed to the Paynesville School, and in his stead Mr. J. W. Platt, M.A., was sent. He has just now sent in his resignation, as he has accepted the pastorate of the College Park Congregational Church, Adelaide, so we are looking for a new teacher. We part with Mr. Platt with great regret.

5. The quantity of ground connected with the station is 4,200 acres, 2,000 of which are fenced in by a three-rail fence. We have also a home paddock of about 60 acres fenced in. There are also about 20 acres which can be used as cultivation paddocks. We have grown during the year good crops of fruit and vegetables, which were all consumed on the station.

and vegetables, which were all consumed on the station.

6. The stock on the reserve is as follows:—155 head of mixed cattle and 290 sheep. The blacks have been supplied with meat regularly during the year.

7. The income of the station and expenditure is as follows :-

Income 94 9 11 Expenditure ... 0 Balance 4 8 £94 14 £94 14 7

The accounts were carefully audited by the General Inspector on his last visit to the station.

8. The number of cottages built for the Aborigines is ten; they are fairly well kept. The total number of buildings is sixteen; this includes the mission house, church, and State school.

9. The blacks are employed in the various works of the station, in the garden chiefly. During the year some of them have put up a strong stock-yard, with milking-shed and calf-pen; the work was done fairly well. They have also done other jobs of fencing; one of them (Billy Hayes) is now splitting about 2,000 feet of paling for a fence. This is work which they manage very well. 10. The blacks continue to hunt native game, though in the district it is very scarce. The lake is almost quite depleted, owing to the fishermen having free access to it, so that the Aborigines find it not worth while to try to get any; they are very much inclined to rely solely upon the supplies given them.

11. During the year I have not been much annoyed by their drinking habits; they will, certainly, get drink whenever they can, but as a rule this is when they are away from the station. I am glad to say they consider it a great calamity if I see them in a state of intoxication, so they are generally careful on that point.

12. There are now no half-castes on the station who have no legal right here. There are two families in the district who are earning a living; one is engaged to a farmer at £1 per week, and the

other has got a situation for a short time at 6s. per day, so they have a fair prospect of helping themselves.

13. The supplies of clothing, &c., were of very good quality and quite sufficient in quantity; the rations also are good. On behalf of the blacks I tender to the Board the thanks of all the Aborigines.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant,

The Rev. F. A. Hagenauer, General Inspector, B.P.A. JOHN BULMER.

APPENDIX V.

Lake Hindmarsh Mission Station, 6th August, 1894.

DEAR SIR,

In accordance with your circular of the 2nd inst., I have the honour to forward to you my Annual

Report on the state and progress of the mission work amongst the Aborigines under my care:

1. The total number of Aborigines who have been supplied with rations is 43, but more still are residing here and are under my care. These attend church, and their children school, supporting themselves by farming.

The attendance of those blacks who have been supplied with rations is given in total and average as follows :-

1898. Total. 30 Average. 28 July January ebruary August 54 59 49 52 31 30 September March 99 27 October ... April ... November June ... December

2. Number of births, deaths, and marriages: - Nil.

3. Religious services are held as usual in church, on week days as well as Sundays, during the year, and have been well attended. Religious instruction is also given to the children on week days, and Sunday school is held before service on the Sabbath.

4. The day school is under the control of the Department of Education, and is progressing well

under the tuition of a lady teacher.

5. The total ground belonging to the Mission Reserve is 3,607 acres, which is fenced in by a good strong post, rail, and wire fence. The ground is divided into several paddocks for pasture of stock, and two paddocks have been ploughed by the blacks with a stump-jump plough, for growing wheat and oats. The produce consisted of 80 bags of wheat, part of which was sold and part of which kept for seed, and 60 tons of hay for station use, besides vegetables and fruit for the station.

6. The stock consisted at the end of this year of 10 cows, 5 calves, 6 heifers, 1 bull, 789 sheep, and 5 horses. 105 sheep, 4 steers, 2 heifers, and 10 calves have been slaughtered for meat for our people.

Four cows supply us with very little milk at present, on account of scarcity of grass.

7. BALANCE-SHEET OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

	INCO	ME.			EXPEND	ITURE.							
Balance Wool, skins, and hides Miscellaneous Garden produce Agriculture Overdraft due	***	 	 14 57 4 4 18	13	d. 5 0 0 0 0 9	Wages General	, <u></u>	***	•••	***	£ 64 44		d. 11 3
			£109		2	1					£109	6	2

8. The number of cottages is as before, eighteen in all, including church, missionary's dwellinghouse, school, and sundry out-houses, mostly all built of limestone.

9. All the able-bodied men are employed in the usual station work—gardening, fencing, ploughing, shepherding, rabbit destruction, &c. The women are sewing dresses for themselves and their children, and attend to their household work, such as baking bread, washing, &c. Children out of school are taught to handle an axe or a spade.

10. Native game is not worth mentioning; fishes are very small in size and can only be found in

the Wimmers when flowing.

11. The blacks are only too glad to get intoxicating drinks, this is to be lamented, but they are always spoken to and warned, and some give heed to the warning, others do not.

12. The half-castes who are under the operation of the Act have not quite left the station, especially the boys still hang about the place. One half-caste girl is in service. Three half-caste families earn their living by farming on the opposite side of the Wimmera and do not receive any more assistance from the Board.

13. The clothes and rations supplied to the black people have been very good and sufficient, which should satisfy them, but, alas! the blacks are never satisfied, and cannot get enough. I return, therefore, my best thanks for the blacks to the Board and their able and efficient Secretary for all the necessary assistance given during the past year.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Secretary, B.P.A., Rev. F. A. Hagenauer, Melbourne. P. BOGISCH.

APPENDIX VI.

BALANCE-SHEET, 1893-4.

Vote for 1893-4- Subdivision No. 1	 . £608	0	£	8.	d.	Station Accounts Unexpended balance of Vote—	•			•••	£ 5,596		<i>d.</i> 10
,, 2	 174			0	0	Subdivision No. 1 2 3	•••	£0 0 2	19	0			
•			£5,600	0	0	,				— ;		12	0

APPENDIX VII.

STATEMENT showing the Amounts voted for the Aborigines, and the Amounts expended from 1st July, 1893, to 30th June, 1894.

transport	ote 1893-4- Subdivision No.	1		£60	 IR 0	£	s.	d.	Medical attendance, medicines, &c 236 Stores, provisions, clothing, &c., including		s. 9
Hop-growing, Coranderrk	57	2		17	4 0	0	0	0	transport 2,681 Improvements and stock 400 Furniture, hardware, and blacksmith work 186 Seeds, cultivation, and wages to blacks other	1	4
Stationery and office expenses, including fires and caretaker					/				Hop-growing, Coranderrk 214 Harness and saddlery 16 Insurance and guarantee premiums 28 Rewards and rabbit destruction 5 Marriage fees 4	13	34870
Members of Board 5 2 2 Officers 158 2 11 Unexpended balance of vote— Subdivision No. 1 £0 10 11 " 2 0 19 0 " 3 2 2 8			/						Stationery and office expenses, including fires and carctaker 131 Salaries 1,215 Travelling expenses—	1	5
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C. M. OFFICER, Vice-Chairman.

F. A. HAGENAUER, Secretary.

We certify that we have examined the above statement of amounts voted and expended for the year ended 30th June, 1894, and find the same correct.

JOHN W. FOSBERY, Commissioners of Audit.

Audit Office, Melbourne, 28th September, 1894.

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