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REPORT.

MY LORD,

Melbourne, 1st July 1881.

The Board for the Protection of the Aborigines has the honor to submit, for Your Excellency's consideration, this the Seventeenth Report of their proceedings, together with other reports, papers, and returns relating to the condition of the natives.

The number of Aborigines on the several stations, according to the latest returns, is as follows :—

Coranderrk, under the superintendence of	Rev. F. P. Strickland	...	93
Lake Condah,	Rev. J. H. Stähle	...	100
Lake Tyers,	Mr. John Bulmer	...	112
Ramahyuck,	Rev. F. A. Hagenauer	...	76*
Lake Hindmarsh,	Rev. W. Kramer	...	81
Framlingham	Mr. W. Goodall	...	75
			537

The Board held twelve ordinary and three special meetings during the year. The number of births, marriages, and deaths during the year is as follows :—

			Births.	Marriages.	Deaths.
Coranderrk	...	...	5	3	5
Framlingham	...	...	2	0	2
Condah	...	...	7	1	3
Ramahyuck	...	...	4	0	6
Tyers	...	...	4	0	3
Hindmarsh	...	...	2	4	6
Total	...	...	24	8	25

The general state of health of the Aborigines on the stations has been good. There is an increase in the number of deaths over last year, but eight of these were infants under one and a half years old. (*See Appendix VII.*) There is also an increase in the number of births and marriages.

The gross proceeds of the products of the various stations are as follows :—

					£	s.	d.
Coranderrk	...	...	...	...	881	16	6
Lake Tyers	...	...	...	...	23	7	3
Lake Condah	...	...	...	...	101	2	5
Lake Hindmarsh	...	...	...	...	111	1	4
Ramahyuck	...	...	...	...	119	14	4
Framlingham	...	...	...	...	48	6	11

The number of children attending school is as follows :—

Coranderrk	...	...	...	...	...	39
Framlingham	...	...	...	...	...	19
Condah	...	...	...	...	...	26
Ramahyuck	...	...	...	...	...	41
Tyers	...	...	...	...	...	21
Hindmarsh	...	...	...	...	...	13

The hop crop this year was below the average in all the hop-growing districts, and that of Coranderrk was no exception. The price obtained per lb. was the highest paid in Melbourne.

Two bales of hops, exhibited by the Board at the Melbourne International Exhibition, were awarded a first prize.

The reports of the managers of the various stations will be found in the Appendices.

* Many more reside on the station at times.

The Board much regret that their recommendation as to the removal of the Aborigines from Coranderrk has not yet been acted upon. This station is the only one where insubordination and discontent prevail, and this unhappy state of things is attributable to constant outside interference, and the bad surrounding influences; the consequence is that most of the natives on this station have become thoroughly demoralized, and the proper management of the station rendered an impossibility. Were the Coranderrk reserve sold, as the Board has frequently recommended it should be, there can be no doubt but that the result would be a considerable payment into the Treasury, with a portion of which the natives could be established on country which both the Board and the Surveyor-General have reported suitable for the purpose; and were this done, the content and well-being of these people might again become possible.

It is the duty of the Board to add, that there is reason to fear that the discontent, which long-continued systematic interference of irresponsible people has brought about at Coranderrk, will eventually extend itself to the other stations, at which, in the past, the discipline and content of the people have been subjects of congratulation by visitors, notably by the Royal Commission which Your Excellency's predecessor appointed to visit and enquire into the concerns of those establishments.

The greater proportion of the inhabitants of Coranderrk are half-castes, who, it may be stated, are viewed in the same light as pure-blooded Aborigines in the Act under which the Board exists. Unfavorable comment and surprise have, however, often been expressed at the retention of these people on the station; but, if the critics of the Board knew as much of the subject as its members, it would be seen that it is for the good of the half-castes that they have been kept. If Christian families could be found who would undertake to employ them, and interest themselves in their moral welfare in as great a degree as the Board have done, it would be well to let them go, but the difficulty is to place them where they would be so cared for. Were they turned adrift to shift for themselves, family ties would be broken, and much unhappiness would ensue; the men would inevitably, with few exceptions, become loafers and vagabonds, and the women prostitutes; for, although sharp and cunning enough in small matters, they are, as a rule, unreliable, untruthful, and sadly wanting in energy, perseverance, self-reliance, and other qualities which fit men to successfully compete with their fellows in the battle of life.

Finally, whilst offering these few remarks on the subject of the half-castes at Coranderrk, the Board desire respectfully to bring under the notice of Your Excellency, that, in view of the constant disregard of their advice, and the undesirable influx of holiday-makers to Coranderrk, which materially interferes with the discipline and work of the place, the frequency with which of late enquiries have been made into the management of the station, and other circumstances which it is unnecessary to detail, it will be seen that it is useless to expect, as regards Coranderrk, the same prosperous results as the Board has been able to secure on the other stations. At the same time the Board is of opinion, that owing to the establishment of a large number of selections and settlers in the neighborhood of some of those stations, even they are now becoming undesirable as Aboriginal homes.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

ALBERT A. C. LE SOUËF,

Vice-Chairman.

To His Excellency

The Marquis of Normanby, G.C.M.G.,
Governor of Victoria.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX I.

SIR,

Coranderrk, 30th June 1881.

I have the honor to forward the following report for the financial year ending on the above date.

In so doing, I have much pleasure in stating that the general conduct of the Aborigines has been exceptionally good. There has not been one instance of intemperance, quarrelling, or fighting. When I first undertook the duties of Superintendent my rest was frequently disturbed by nightly brawls, which required the presence of the police to quell the disturbance, or arrest the disturbers. All this unpleasantness has now passed away.

Nevertheless, the harmony of our little village is occasionally disturbed by a chronic disease, known as discontent; it is generated by outside influences. The remedy for cure is the removal of the patients from the baneful influences. The close proximity of the station to a township is most detrimental to the real interest of the Aborigines, and affords many opportunities for wrong-doing.

Our Sunday services, which are regularly conducted, both morning and evening, are sometimes well attended, at other times but few adults are present.

The Sunday school is well attended, the children being more immediately under control.

The day school instructions are successful under the teaching of Mr. Deans.

During the year there have been 3 marriages, 5 births, 6 deaths.

There are on the station at present—

Pure Blacks—Adults: male, 12; female, 10.—Children: male, 4; female, 4.

Half-castes—Adults: male, 10; female, 11.—Children: male, 21; female, 14.

Quadroons—Adult: 1.—Children: male, 2; female, 5.

I have induced the elder boys to place their hop-picking money (together with other coins given them by visitors) in the Post Office Savings Bank; they are delighted at their investments.

Hops, last season, were not so good as the former year; throughout the district they were a partial failure. Every care had been taken, but cold and late rains were against us; the crops of hay and potatoes suffered from the same cause. By strict economy we shall have sufficient hay to carry us over the current winter.

Cattle.—At our last muster we collected 295 head of both sexes, including calves. We have a difficulty in ascertaining a correct estimate of the cattle, or increase, belonging to the station, for the following reasons:—The Crown common is only separated from us by the width of the road at the entrance of the station reserve, which is entered by a gate, which gate is frequently left open, either from indolence or design. There being a surveyed main road through this part of our reserve unfenced, this affords every opportunity for strange cattle to eat us up. Again, at the rear of the station there are four and a half miles of unfenced station property open to the Ranges, and to the River Don, to and from which the cattle do and will wander. Next to the comfort and homes of the people, the fencing requires to be attended to.

Horses.—For heavy work we are well supplied. For stock and general hack work we have need of two fresh ones.

Bullocks.—We have a good and useful team.

Improvements.—A substantial crossing has been formed over the natural drain at the entrance of the station, another over the Blue-shirt Creek, and other general improvements of the road. The hill in front of the homestead has been cleared of dead timber.

Buildings.—A much needed commodious kitchen and laundry has been built and water laid on. There are two new cottages in course of erection, together with a general wash-house for the people. Everything that can conduce to the comfort and welfare of the people both for body and soul has been done for them, for which some are grateful. On "their" behalf I respectfully thank the Government for its considerate annual grant, the Board for its onerous duties, and the Inspector-General for his zeal and watchfulness for our general welfare.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. P. STRICKLAND.

Captain Page, General Inspector,
Board P. Aborigines.

APPENDIX II.

SIR,

Aboriginal Station, Purnim, 17th July 1881.

I have the honor herewith to forward my annual report for the year ending 30th June 1881.

I have nothing very striking to report for this year; it is merely a repetition of the previous year, as years generally are. But still I am happy to be able to have a little progress to report.

The attendance on the station has been as near as possible the same as last, viz., 70. My return of births and deaths is also the same, *i.e.*, 2 deaths and 2 births. The deaths occurring were those of 2 black children, one 8 years old and the other 10, both very promising and beautiful children. One of the births was a half-caste, *i.e.*, the child of half-caste parents ; the other was pure black.

The health of all the other residents on the station has been on the whole good, I think an improvement upon last year. I am pleased to be able to record also an improvement in their general behaviour, and their promptness in attending to their instructions ; also their diligence and application to their duties.

The stock on the station consists of about 175 head of cattle (this of course includes the 100 head just received from Condah), 2 draught mares, 1 two-year-old filly, and 3 station hacks, one of them very much the worse of wear. During the year 26 head have been killed for food.

The produce of the station is not as satisfactory as it should be, taking into consideration the amount of care and labor bestowed upon it. The failure may be entirely attributed to the lowness of the land and the long severe winter we experienced. Although we had a much larger area under crop, the return was less than the previous year. The total yield from nearly thirty acres was 193 bushels of oats, 47 bushels wheat, 17 bushels pease, 3 tons hay, and 10 ton potatoes.

The improvements effected comprise one weatherboard cottage, one slab cottage, one storeroom. Two acres of land heavily timbered have been grubbed, cleared, fenced, and planted with potatoes, and about the same area has been grubbed ready for the incoming season. About ten acres have been ploughed and sown with ryegrass, and four with wheat ; we have also ringed about 500 or 600 acres of thickly timbered country, and cleared the dead timber off a portion thereof, and nearly half a mile of draining has been excavated. I do not think we have got through quite so much as last year, but still my men have not been idle.

I am of opinion that a considerably larger amount of work could be got through, and much more satisfaction given if the regular workers could be allowed a regular monthly payment. As I have frequently pointed out, it is most unsatisfactory to the more steady and industrious to receive so little recognition of their efforts beyond that which is received by others who are less diligent. I am quite confident that, if the Board would make some advance in this direction, and offer some inducement for them to remain at home instead of attending the shearing, and so lose three months of the best of the year, I should be able to show a handsome return, and speedily repay them for any additional outlay. It would be well worth while to try the experiment with three or four of the best of the men this season.

Thanking the Central Board for their liberality, and yourself for your care and labor and consideration of our comfort and requirements,

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
WILLIAM GOODALL.

A. M. A. Page, Esq., General Inspector B.P.A.,
69 Temple Court, Melbourne.

APPENDIX III.

SIR,

Lake Condah, 2nd August 1881.

With regard to the past year, I have the honor to report as follows :—

The average attendance of Aborigines at this station during the 12 months was 96.

One marriage took place during the year, also 8 births and 3 deaths. The latter were all little children—the first a female, 2½ years, who died of consumption ; the second a baby boy of 3 days, who died from hæmorrhage ; and the third a baby boy of six months, who died of bronchitis.

The general condition of the Aborigines with regard to health has been as a whole very favorable. We had not so much sickness as during previous years.

The behaviour and industry displayed by the Aborigines were fair ; but one case of drunkenness occurred, which resulted in a prosecution against the person who supplied the Aborigines with intoxicating liquor, and who was fined at the Heywood Police Court.

One strange half-caste arrived here during the year literally clothed in rags, and no sooner was he decently clad and properly cared for, than he tried to get the station and everything else into his own hands, causing, for the time being, a considerable amount of trouble ; but through the prompt measures of the Board for Protection of Aborigines, the disturbance soon subsided ; yet the effect of such disturbances is to be felt for some time after. I am, however, happy and thankful to say that, with a few exceptions, the blacks have quietly and steadily attended to their daily work, and otherwise conducted themselves satisfactorily.

The school has been carried on regularly, and the progress made by the children under the tuition of Miss Gregory receives recognition from numerous visitors who come here during the year, and who comment upon the latter, as well as with regard to the whole station, very favorably in the visitors' book.

There are now two children—one girl 14, and a boy 13 years of age, who play the harmonium, and who can accompany the singing at divine service.

The work done by the Aborigines during the year is as follows :—

They erected 1½ miles post and rail and strong log fence. The Mission and Station garden fences were replaced, flower gardens were laid out and fenced in in front of all the houses of the Aborigines. A new bluestone store has been erected, a large underground water-tank dug, walled out, and cemented, the stones having been quarried, the lime burned, and both carted, as formerly, by the Aborigines.

The road leading to the station has been fenced off with a strong post and three-rail fence. A tree plantation was also fenced in, and the pine trees kindly sent up by you planted in it.

One house of sawn timber was erected.

Eight tons of wattle-bark were stripped, and, along with ten tons stripped last year, carted away for sale.

The fattening paddock, about 600 acres, has been cleared of dead timber.

A large amount of posts and rails were split, and are on hand for fencing purposes.

Seven acres of oats for hay were sown, which yielded a very poor crop. Seven acres of potatoes were planted, which gave a fair return, and proved sufficient to supply the station, and allow enough for seed for this season.

One acre of garden ground has been under cultivation with vegetables for the whole station.

At the last mustering we found that the stock had increased to 470 head (besides the 35 which were killed for meat), the station being overstocked; 100 head have since been handed over to the Framlingham station; 10 of those remaining died accidentally or through disease, leaving a total of 360 head.

Money received and expended during the year :—

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.				
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Hides	...	15	9	0	Wages to Aborigines	29	0	0
Lime	...	5	10	0	Station expenses	48	1	0
Bark	...	78	18	5				
For an old pair of cart-wheels		1	5	0				
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Total	...	£101	2	5	Total	£77	1	0
Balance on hand	...							
						£24	1s.	5d.

Fifty pounds were kindly granted by the Board as wages to the Aborigines in the month of February, for work done on the station.

The money thus received was a great encouragement and inducement for them to go on with the work of improving their home.

The rations, clothing, medical comforts, &c., so liberally supplied by the Board were all of the best quality.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the Board and you very heartily for the liberal support given, and the warm interest taken in making the remaining days of a race, which is generally said to be rapidly decreasing, happy and comfortable, as well as for all the personal assistance and advice so unweariedly and promptly given in all matters concerning the management of this station.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. STÄHLE.

Captain A. M. A. Page,

General Inspector and Secretary of Aboriginal Stations, Melbourne.

APPENDIX IV.

SIR,

Ramahyuck, 23rd July 1881.

I have the honor to forward to you my annual report on the state and progress of our work among the Aborigines of this station and the surrounding district, and their condition during the past year.

1. The total number just now belonging to the station is 76, but there are sometimes a good many more here who come from other stations, and are of course not counted in the general returns. The usual attendance, as stated in my monthly report, has been as follows :—

Month.	Total.	Average.	Month.	Total.	Average.
July ...	81	71	January	76	65
August ...	83	75	February	76	65
September ...	88	74	March ...	77	76
October ...	87	74	April ...	74	68
November ...	85	71	May ...	76	68
December ...	79	70	June ...	76	69

2. The number of births during the past year has been four, two male and two female children; one male and one female child, however, died soon after their births; the two other children, full black, are doing well. The number of deaths besides the children mentioned has been four adult full blacks:—

1. Female, aged 34, died of consumption.
2. Male, aged 54, was drowned near Sale.
3. Male, aged about 70, died of old age.
4. Male, 46, died of inflammation of lungs.

Five from Coranderrk, who resided here for some time, returned to their old home, so that the number of inhabitants at the station has been reduced by seven.

3. The total number of children on the rolls of our State school is now 41, including a few of our neighboring selectors. The school continues to keep its place of importance, and is in excellent working order, of which every inspection by the school inspector bears a living testimony. Our new teacher, Mr. Beilby, assisted by his wife, is taking all possible care both for training and education of the children, and deserves our best thanks for his work. During the past year the Department of Education appointed Mrs. Beilby as sewing mistress for the school, which is a very great help to that branch of our work. I may state here that all the children receive daily, besides their school lessons, half an hour's moral and religious instruction out of the usual school hours, and show considerable understanding in it.

4. The whole of the reserve is fenced in with a good three-rail fence, and is divided into the following paddocks:—A, paddock of 1,800 acres, including about 500 acres of morass land, which is only available for a short time in summer. B, 300 acres for calves and young stock. C, 200 acres for milking cows, working bullocks, and horses. D, 4 acres, fenced and subdivided into gardens for the natives. E., 4 acres, fenced with palings and slabs, for the cultivation of hops; and several other paddocks for the cultivation of potatoes and arrowroot. I am sorry to say that during the past year all our labor with the hops has been in vain, as shortly after the poling the river overflowed the land, and the water remained on it for about six weeks, and the whole crop was ruined. This has been a most serious loss for the past year, as will be seen in the financial statement below, and will be felt in the same way in next year's accounts. The return for the arrowroot cannot be stated yet, as the crop is still in the ground.

5. The total number of cattle at the station is about 340 of all kinds, which number is sufficient for the carrying capabilities of the land; otherwise the quality of the meat will not be good enough for the station use. We killed 36 head of fat cattle for fresh meat during the past year, to the value of £4 10s. per head; the total amount of £162 sterling I have accounted for in the general financial statement as showing the value of returns from the land for station use. Besides the above, we killed 44 sheep, from private sources. As the native game is getting less, it will be needed in future to kill more fat cattle, and thus supply all wants for the blacks from the reserve. I am sorry to say that early in the season we lost a good many old cows and calves through the cattle disease, which, however, was soon successfully stopped through inoculation of all the stock on the land. Twenty-three head of surplus store cattle was sold, and the income added to the support of the station, of which the due account will be found elsewhere. There are about 30 milking cows in use, and any of the natives who wish to do so can milk one or more according to their pleasure.

6. The number of buildings on the station has only been increased by one—a large cart-shed and harness-room—and a number of cottages have been re-covered with iron, and lined with pine boards; but as there are still several of the old buildings in need of repair, it will be necessary to do the same ere long. The large orphan-house, the school-house, and church have also been repaired, and nearly all the buildings fresh painted and put in good order, so that with few exceptions the appearance of the buildings is very pleasing. I beg again to express our best thanks for the assistance with building materials so kindly granted by the Aboriginal Board, and feel sure that more will be allowed in due time to complete the whole. I may here remark that all the work is done by ourselves, which gives good employment to the blacks, and makes the outlay much smaller than it would be if white labor was to be employed.

7. The total amount of money received and expended has been as follows:—

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.				
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
From hides	...	20	15	4	Balance due at bank, overdraft	42	18	0
From surplus stock	...	72	4	8	Wages account	67	1	11
On account of arrowroot	...	26	14	4	Arrowroot account	20	11	11
Account of fresh meat for head of fat cattle...	...	162	0	0	Building materials and general account	80	19	10
Balance still due	...	101	17	4	36 head of fat cattle for meat...	162	0	0
Total	...	£383	11	8	Total	...	...	£383 11 8

It will be necessary to observe here that the overdraft still due is of long standing, from the building of the hop kiln. This debt would have been paid during last year if the total income from hops had not failed. I hope, however, that we shall soon be able to get a small sum to the credit of the station. The usual plan of numbering all the original vouchers before they are

entered into the station books, and the auditing of all accounts, has been carried out as formerly, and all accounts are kept ready for inspection at any time.

8. As the hunting of native game has nearly ceased, a supply of fresh meat is given out every morning with the other supply of rations to all the natives on the station. Hunting for native game is now only done for the sake of pleasure or for the sake of skins, but not to supply the want of meat.

9. I am sorry to say that during the year a few cases of drunkenness have still happened, but not so much as formerly. It seems that often the blacks are supplied with strong drink, even without any money to pay for the same.

10. I feel it again my pleasant duty to express our best thanks to Doctors Forbes and Reid, of Sale, for their kind attention to the sick people. When medical aid was needed, these gentlemen promptly attended, gave advice, and often medicine gratis, and only charged very moderately, when they had to travel to the station.

11. In conclusion, I beg to state that the clothes, blankets, and rations for the natives have been of excellent quality and full supply for the wants of the people, and feel it a great pleasure to express our warmest thanks to the Aboriginal Board and the Inspector-General for all the help and prompt attention in every way.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
F. A. HAGENAUER.

Captain A. M. A. Page, Inspector-General, Melbourne.

APPENDIX V.

SIR,

Mission Station, Lake Tyers, 26th August 1881.

I have the honor to forward my nineteenth annual report from the Aboriginal Mission Station, Lake Tyers.

1. The total number of Aborigines who live in the country between Lake Tyers and Delegete, and who look to this station as their retreat, is 112. All have been on the station at one time.

2. The returns of births, deaths, and marriages are as follow :—

BIRTHS.

Name.	Color.	Date of Birth.	Parents.	Color.
Lucy Bull	Black ...	16th Nov. 1880 ...	{ Billy the Bull { Emily Bull	Black Black
James Brindle... ..	Half-caste ...	25th Nov. 1880 ...	{ Jimmy Brindle { Emily Brindle	Half-caste Half-caste
William McDougall	Black ...	26th June 1881 ...	{ William McDougall... .. { Emma McDougall	Black Black
No name given (premature birth)	Half-caste ...	29th June 1881 ...	{ William Thorpe { Lily Thorpe	Half-caste Half-caste

DEATHS.

Name.	Color.	Date.	Cause of Death.	Age.
Frederick Thorpe	Half-caste ...	19th April 1881...	Dysentery	2 yrs. 9 mths.
Frank Cooper	Black ...	6th May 1881 ...	Pneumonia	14 years

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
By Wool and skins ...	14	16	11	By Wages, &c. ...	66	16	9
„ 176 lbs. arrowroot ...	8	10	4				

APPENDIX VI.

SIR,

Aboriginal Station, Lake Hindmarsh, 9th August 1881.

I have the honor to report on the present state of this station and the working thereof during the twelvemonth ended 30th June as follows :—

The number of births has been 2 ; of marriages, 4 ; and of deaths, 6, the latter number including 2 old men, one of them 100 years old at least at the time of his death, 3 young adults, and a boy 7 years old. The maladies that proved most fatal were consumption and hydatids. One young woman, subject to epileptic fits, came by her death through falling into the river and drowning before assistance arrived. In the short space of a month two cases of insanity occurred, both of which had to be sent to the Lunatic Asylum, Ararat. The intemperate habits of these men no doubt brought on the attacks, one of which was unusually severe. They belong to those few who still prefer a restless wandering life to the comforts of civilized life on the station. There have been no infectious diseases, and on the whole the state of health has been satisfactory.

The average attendance during the period under review was 67. Latterly the remnants of some of the Wimmera tribes have come to the station to take up their residence here. They are all old people, and several of them are blind. Having lived in camps all their lifetime, they have come to consider those primitive and, to our notions, most uncomfortable structures the very abodes of bliss, and cannot by any means be induced to live in one of the comfortable cottages on the station. Their friends here, however, try to make them as comfortable as possible under the circumstances. The number of houses is the same as last year, viz., 15, and is sufficient for present requirements.

The income of the station from all sources, including balance on hand 1st January, was £108, and has been expended partly in paying the Aborigines for their work, partly in covering the running expenses of the station. The income from wool shows a great falling-off as compared with former years. Our flock of sheep has suffered most severely from the ravages of both wild and tame dogs, and the lambing has also been unsatisfactory. The number of sheep left is about 400, and the average of lambs will be about 20. If something is not done speedily to abate the wild-dog nuisance, sheep-farming will become most unprofitable or cease altogether. The rabbits have been poisoned with good effect, and are comparatively harmless in the reserve, although abundant in the adjacent runs. The income from the sale of fruit was the same as last year, viz., £24. The fruit being early in the market, and being of splendid quality, finds a ready sale, and commands a fair price.

There are 19 acres under crop for hay, mostly new ground, and present appearances go far to encourage the hope of a fair yield. Last year, owing to the utter absence of rain in October, my hopes in that direction were not realized to their full extent, and some £10 will have to be expended in horse-feed. A 17-acre paddock, about a mile from the station, was not put under crop this season, the rabbits being so numerous in the Crown lands close by. Some more new ground has been cleared, and is now being fallowed for next season.

The conduct of the natives has been satisfactory generally, and they have always been willing to do the work I told them to do. Some of them, however, thinking the wages I was able to offer them for their work too low, preferred to leave the station and work elsewhere. Several half-caste couples, and some young men, have taken situations, principally as shepherds, and their employers express themselves as being well satisfied with them.

Several cases of drunkenness have occurred, the liquor, there is reason to believe, having been procured for them by unprincipled whites. It is so difficult to get a conviction.

The school is small, but fair progress is made.

In conclusion, I beg to express my sincerest thanks to the Board for extending their kind liberality to the natives here for another year, in granting supplies of all kinds, including meat. Had it not been for the kind help and attention of the Board and yourself the general management of the station would have been immensely more trying and perplexing than it has been.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. W. KRAMER.

Captain Page, General Inspector of Aborigines, Melbourne.

APPENDIX VII.

RETURN of Deaths on Aboriginal Stations during the Year 1st July 1880 to 30th June 1881.

No.	Name.	Date.	Cause of Death.	Age.	Color.
1	Dan Hall ...	...	...	...	...
2	Peter Hunter ...	23rd July ...	Consumption ...	35 " ...	Black
3	Jimmy Reece ...	27th October ...	Hydatids and phthisis ...	35 " ...	"
4	Lily Edmonds ...	3rd November ...	Consumption and dropsy...	13 " ...	Quadroon
5	Rowan ...	6th November ...	Bronchitis ...	1 month ...	Black
6	Mary Ann White ...	...	...	...	...
7	Joseph Moburn ...	...	...	...	...
8	Alex. G. Carter...	...	...	...	...
9	Sarah A. Cussen ...	29th November ...	Consumption ...	8 years ...	Half-caste
10	Julia E. Brown ...	27th November ...	Inflammation of lungs ...	10 " ...	Black
11	Fredk. Thorpe ...	...	...	2 years 9 months ...	Half-caste
12	Frank Cooper ...	...	...	14 years ...	...
13	Old Yellenchip ...	12th September ...	Senile decay ...	100 years ...	Black
14	Christina ...	23rd October ...	Drowning ...	21 " ...	Half-caste
15	Henry Comb ...	7th November ...	Marasmus ...	7 " ...	Black
16	Pascoe ...	18th December ...	Consumption ...	22 " ...	"
17	King John ...	10th February ...	Consumption ...	50 " ...	"
18	Pambam ...	21st February ...	Tumor ...	36 " ...	"
19	Bobby Coleman...	19th November ...	Drowning ...	...	Black
20	Norah Foster ...	29th November ...	Consumption ...	34 " ...	"
21	David Foster ...	8th March ...	Weakly child ...	33 days ...	"
22	James Scott ...	5th April ...	Inflammation of lungs ...	5 weeks ...	"
23	Old Ngary ...	15th May ...	Old age ...	...	"
24	L. Harry ...	25th May ...	Inflammation of lungs ...	...	"

APPENDIX VIII.

STATEMENT of Total Cost of all Clothing, Provisions, &c. (including Transport thereof), Paid for the use of the Aborigines, from 1st July 1880 to 30th June 1881.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Coranderrk ...	986	19	6	Camperdown ...	17	16	0	Wangaratta ...	67	7	10
Framlingham ...	532	16	1	Geelong ...	23	13	0	Wickliffe ...	17	11	2
Lake Condah ...	669	14	5	Mildura ...	30	6	6	Piangil ...	51	13	5
Lake Wellington ...	371	5	11	Mount Hope ...	23	6	6	Balmoral ...	0	15	8
Lake Tyers ...	603	4	1	Ned's Corner ...	136	17	3	Colac ...	3	16	10
Lake Hindmarsh ...	616	19	11	Swan Hill district ...	359	5	8	Transport of above...	231	13	8
Melbourne ...	11	15	4	Towanninie... ..	35	15	2				
Casterton ...	20	8	5	Wyuna ...	107	5	0				
									£4,930	7	6

APPENDIX IX.

ACCOUNT showing the Amounts Voted for the Aborigines and the Amounts Expended from 1st July 1879 to 30th June 1880.

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.			
Unexpended balance, 30/6/80	...	...	...	389	10	7	Medical attendance, medicines, &c.	...	...	...	337	6	2
Deposit	...	...	...	15	0	0	Seeds, &c.	...	...	...	39	18	5
Votes for 1880-81	...	...	...	7,500	0	0	Permanent improvements and stock	...	...	...	878	18	0
Meat, Coranderrk	...	...	...	7	4	10	Superintendent, Coranderrk	...	...	...	150	0	0
Hops, "	...	...	...	820	0	9	Matron, Coranderrk	...	...	...	50	0	0
Hides, &c., Framlingham	...	...	...	26	10	5	Schoolmaster, Coranderrk	...	...	...	120	0	0
Oats and wheat, "	...	...	...	21	16	6	Stores, clothing, provisions (including transport)	...	...	...	4,930	7	6
							Hardware	...	...	...	144	9	11
							Hop-growing, Coranderrk	...	...	...	350	15	6
							Wages to blacks other than in hop garden	...	...	...	170	15	3
							Other expenses in cultivation other than hops	...	...	...	92	16	1
							Travelling expenses, removing Aborigines, Board, &c.	...	...	...	94	11	9
							Horse-feed	...	...	...	13	6	6
							Harness, saddlery, &c.	...	...	...	36	4	0
							Farm implements, tools, &c.	...	...	...	25	15	0
							Blacksmith's work	...	...	...	30	1	3
							Master, Framlingham	...	...	...	120	0	0
							Schoolmistress, Framlingham	...	...	...	60	0	0
							Allowance to Mr. Goodall for boarding schoolmistress, from 1st July 1880 to 30th June 1881	...	...	...	20	0	0
							Insuring buildings	...	...	...	22	14	10
							General Inspector and Secretary (including travelling expenses)	...	...	...	500	0	0
							Clerical assistance	...	...	...	25	0	0
							Rent of office	...	...	...	25	8	0
							Allowance to local guardian, Swan Hill	...	...	...	25	0	0
							School books and stationery	...	...	...	35	15	4
							Services entire horse, Framlingham	...	...	...	11	10	0
							Office furniture	...	...	...	2	5	0
							Expenses in connection with exhibits at International Exhibition	...	...	...	20	8	3
							Firewood, Swan Hill	...	...	...	10	0	0
							Auditing accounts	...	...	...	3	3	0
							Subscription to hospital	...	...	...	21	0	0
							Destroying rabbits (Lake Hindmarsh)	...	...	...	7	0	3
							Wagonette, Ramahyuck	...	...	...	40	0	0
							Horse dray, Condah	...	...	...	12	0	0
							Hire of threshing machine (Framlingham)	...	...	...	9	5	4
							Fruit trees (Framlingham)	...	...	...	2	10	0
							Repairs to buggy (Framlingham)	...	...	...	15	0	0
							Sundries	...	...	...	6	16	1
							Unexpended balance of vote	1	0	5			
							Deposit	15	0	0			
							Balance available for next year	304	1	3			
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							£8,780	3	1							
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							£8,780	3	1							

APPENDIX X.

DISTRIBUTION of Stores Paid for, for the use of the Aborigines, by the Board from 1st July 1880 to 30th June 1881.

No. 35.

Station.	Clothing.											Hose.	Flour.		Tea.	Rice.	Sugar.	Tobacco.	Oa.	Salt.	Soap.	Meat.	Fruit.	Sundries.	
	Shirts.	Twili Shirts.	Serge Shirts.	Trowsers.	Dresses.	Petticoats.	Chemises.	Waistcoats.	Boots.	Yds. Flannel.	Yds. Print.		Yds. Calico.	Yds. Wincey.											Yds. Plaid.
Coranderrk ..	5	76	25	77	...	1	...	...	54	336	...	4	0	0	0	1,518	13	11,837	44	10	15	9 cwt	1,802	27	88 galls. kerosene, 3 doz. stout, 9 galls. vinegar, 2 doz. painkiller, 1 doz. spoons, 2 doz. pannikins, 6 dishes, 1 doz. paint-brushes, 2 doz. combs, 1½ cwt. paint, 1 pea-jacket, 1 camp oven, 1 kettle, 3 tons superphosphate of lime, 2 brooms, 2 prs. pants, 12 yds. persian cord, 40 yds. lustre, 83 yds. tick, 12 yds. damask, 20 yds. forfar, 3 ulsters, 62 hats, 52 yds. serge, 81 cwt. potatoes, 22½ bush. maize, 25 bush. bran, 92 bush. oats, 3½ cwt. treacle, 2,729 ft. timber, 104 lbs. raisins, 106 lbs. currants, 80 lbs. maizena, 96 lbs. sago, 2 saddles, 2 bridles, 4 tons coke, 500 palings, 3 cwt. sulphur, 50 woolpacks, 205 yards hessian, 24 ft. ridging, 6 buckets, 2 frying-pans, 1 set scales, 1 set carpenters' tools, 14 sheets iron, 9 cwt. hoop iron, 4 boilers, 1 saucepan, 56 lbs. nails, 1 stock horse, 3 doz. brandy, 5 doz. wine, 24 bush. seed oats.
Lake Condah	2	...	30	...	...	...	...	83	288	...	7	8	56	7	1,200	1,064	8	8,280	52	5	10	1	1,278	...	37 yds. cotton cording, 59 yards shirting, 109 yds. skirting, 50 lbs. currants, 50 lbs. raisins, 50 fruit trees, 12½ bush. pease, 2 tons potatoes, 24 bush. ryegrass seed, 400 lbs. cocksfoot, 24 head cattle, 24 axe handles, 6 axes, 1 saw, 1 crosscut saw, 1 doz. spades, 1 cwt. whitelead, 193 lbs. nails, 21 lbs. washers, 1 ton 12 sheets galvd. iron, 800 palings, 9,140 ft. timber, 30 ft. iron ridging, 6 ledged doors, 3 window sashes, 3 12-gall. boilers, 1 pickling cask.
Framlingham	2	50	30	50	...	...	...	83	...	288	160	50	...	0	1,000	720	10	6,460	50	7	11	2	...	4	233 yds. cotton cording, 57 yds. shirting, 110 yds. skirting, 120 yds. brown holland, 88 yds. cloth, 100 yds. tweed, 222 yds. check, 300 reels cotton, 3 gross needles, 12 gross buttons, 2 gross hooks and eyes, 5 doz. wine, 2 doz. brandy, 6,603 ft. timber, 172 sheets galvd. iron, 8 prs. window sashes, 3 doors, 192 ft. ridging, 502 ft. spouting, 225 lbs. nails, 9 locks, 17 prs. hinges, 1 horse cart, 1 plough, 3 trace-chains, 1 set harrows, 2 dray collars, 1 set plough swingletrees, 2 tons seed potatoes, 24 bush. oats, 116 pkts. assorted seeds, 1 cwt. treacle, 56 lbs. raisins, 56 lbs. currants, 50 lbs. sago, 1 doz. tins groats, 12 tins barley, 14 lbs. cocoa, 8 doz. porter, 6 axe handles.
Lake Welling ton	6	42	...	36	...	...	...	24	...	96	...	11	1	0	1,500	510	2	4,250	90	2	...	6	...	...	40 yds. serge, 60 yds. shirting, 38 yds. moleskin, 30 yds. forfar, 81 yds. brown holland, 95 yds. blue linen, 126 yds. striped drill, 400 reels cotton, 4 gross buttons, 24 coats, 1 pr. sailor's scissors, 1 hooded waggonette, 1 set double harness, 50 lbs. raisins, 50 lbs. currants, 1 ton galvd. iron, 288 ft. each ridging and gutter.
Lake Tyers..	0	48	48	72	...	...	...	48	...	48	100	4	12	...	3	823	5	7,150	30	4	...	9	5,280	...	40 lbs. coffee, 50 lbs. raisins, 50 lbs. currants, 2 doz. pannikins, 2 doz. wine, 1 doz. brandy, 54½ yds. huck, 10 lbs. clover, 68 lbs. cocksfoot, 20 bush. ryegrass seed, 2 doz. axe handles, 6 grubbing picks, 2 boilers, 2 doz. knives and forks, 6 hoes, 4 bullock chains.
Lake Hind-marsh	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	217	10	10	9	...	7	649	5	7,660	95	4	...	7½	5,050	...	173 yds. cloth, 113 yds. shirting, 38 yds. cotton cord, 58 yds. tweed, 105 yds. skirting, ½ gross buttons, 9 doz. combs, 30 scrubbing brushes, 12 broom handles, 7 doz. billies, 9 doz. pannikins, 6 rakes, 6 buckets, 4 tomahawks, 6 hoes, 12 axe handles, 1 tub, 4½ cwt. pease, 1 doz. wine, 1 doz. brandy, 56 lbs. sago, 50 lbs. currants, 28 lbs. raisins, 3 cwt. treacle, 100 lbs. phosphorus, 60 sheep, 330 ft. galvd. iron, 1,200 ft. flooring, 66 ft. ridging, 1 plough.	
Melbourne ..	1	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 merino vests, 2 merino pants, 2 cotton shirts, 4 handkerchiefs, 2 prs. drawers, 2 nightgowns, 1 shirt, 1 printed robe, 1 print wrapper, 2 pilot coats, 1 overcoat, 1 slip, 1 office chair, 2 tweed sacs, 3 shawls, 4 ulsters.

DISTRIBUTION of Stores, &c.—*continued.*

Station.	Blankets.	Twill Shirt	Serge Shirt	Trousers.	Dresses.	Petticoats.	Chemises.	Waistcoats.	Boots.	Yds. Flanne	Yds. Print.	Yds. Calico.	Yds. Wincey	Yds. Plaid.	Hose.	Flour.	Tea.	Rice.	Sugar.	Tobacco.	Datmeal.	Salt.	Soap.	Meal.	Candles.	Sundries.
																ons. lbs.	lbs.	cwt.	lbs.	lbs.	cwt.	cwt.		lbs.	lbs.	
Casterton ...	1								1	3	8	6	9		2	0 1,200	42		321	3			19 cwt.			16 boxes vestas, 2 hats.
Camperdown ...	3															...	145		180	22			8 "			22 doz. vestas.
Geelong ...	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2								0 300	44	13	222	15	14		15 lbs.			1 jacket, 1 shirt, 4 slips, 2 coats, 1 hat.
Mildura ...	20	12	12	6			6									...										6 skirts, 2 doz. slips.
Mount Hope ...	6		6	6	6											0 100	11		56	6						6 jackets, 6 skirts, 6 tomahawks.
Ned's Corner ...	35	23	24	23	12	12										1 0	156		1,120	78		½	2 cwt.			35 flannel slips.
Piangil ...	25	28		14	5	5	10									...										38 flannel slips, 14 hats.
Swan Hill ...				30												5 1,200	1,014		7,651	294						2 gross pipes, 1 set scales and weights.
Towanninie ...	9	18		6	3	3										0 1,200	22		3,235	29						16 flannel slips.
Wyuna ...	52	30	30	30	24	30	30						59			...										2 doz. tomahawks, 60 flannel slips.
Wangaratta ...	17	16		8	9	7	18									1 600	79		659	38						1 doz. tomahawks, 30 flannel slips, 15 hats.
Wickliffe ...	2	4	2	2												0 484	15½		126	9½			10 "	39½		4 flannel slips, 13 boxes vestas.
Balmoral ...																0 50	1	4	6	1						

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