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THE BOARD

FOR THE

PROTECTION OF THE ABORIGINES

IN

THE COLONY OF VICTORIA.

PRESENTED TO BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND.

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REPORT.

Melbourne, 5th November, 1891.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The Board for the Protection of Aborigines have the honour to submit for Your Excellency's consideration their Twenty-seventh Report on the state and condition of the Aborigines of this colony, together with reports from managers of stations, statements of accounts, and other papers.

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

2. The Board greatly regret to have to record the death of W. Macredie, Esq., J.P., whose valuable services for the welfare of the Aborigines have been of great importance since the establishment of the Board in 1860.

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

	Totals.		Average.
Coranderrk	94	...	79
Condah	79	...	74
Lake Tyers	68	...	57
Ramahyuck	65	...	50
Ebenezar	38	...	35
Framlingham	43	...	37
Total	387	...	332

4. The number of half-castes who have left the stations under the Act for merging them with the general population of the colony, and who are endeavouring to earn their own living with some assistance from the Board, is as follows:—

Coranderrk				40
Condah				42
Lake Tyers... ..				20
Ramahyuck				33
Ebenezar				26
Framlingham				36
Swan Hill District				27
Total				224

5. A number of half-caste families who have selected land and received some assistance from the Board, in accordance with the above-mentioned Act of Parliament, have done very well, and the Board are desirous to see some more families settled in their own homes and become useful citizens of this colony.

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

	Births.		Marriages.		Deaths.
Coranderrk	3	...	2	...	1
Condah	1	...	2	...	3
Lake Tyers	1	...	...	...	5
Ramahyuck	3	...	...	...	2
Ebenezar	3	...	...	...	1
Depôts ... ..	...	...	...	...	15
	11	...	4	...	27

Total decrease during the year, 16.

7. 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 of them, and will be granted under the Board's certificate in compliance with the regulations in connexion with the same.

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

	Expenditure.			Net Income.			Actual Cost.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Coranderrk	1,807	14	2	902	14	7	904	19	7
Condah	1,757	4	5	402	5	2	1,354	19	3
Lake Tyers	1,488	14	4	72	19	7	1,415	14	9
Ramahyuck	1,177	11	11	187	3	7	990	8	4
Ebenazar	1,265	15	7	153	1	2	1,112	14	5
Framlingham	594	19	0	158	9	0	436	10	0

9. Supplies of rations, clothes, blankets, &c., are sent to the various depôts in different parts of the colony, and weekly or bi-weekly orders are issued by the local police officers for the regular distribution of the same; and through the periodical visits of the General Inspector all the wants of the blacks receive proper attention.

10. The Board are pleased to state that all the schools at the various stations are now under the control of the Department of Public Instruction, and observe with pleasure that very fair progress is made with the children.

11. The Board, in order to accumulate useful and interesting information, have issued a circular to the managers of stations containing a number of important questions, which have been carefully answered by those gentlemen, and will be read with interest in their respective reports.

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, 31st June, 1891.

I have the honour to forward you my Annual Report of the Aborigines of this station, dating from 1st July, 1890, to 31st June, 1891.

I have much pleasure in stating that the conduct of the natives generally has been as good as one could expect during the whole year, no serious disturbance of any kind having taken place.

1. The number attending the station, and the average daily attendance in each month, has been as follows:—

1890.				1891.			
		Daily Average.	Totals.			Daily Average.	Totals.
July ...	...	88	93	January	...	78	93
August ...	...	90	95	February	...	79	97
September ...	...	91	95	March	...	88	98
October ...	...	84	96	April ...	...	76	86
November ...	...	73	96	May ...	...	75	88
December ...	...	78	96	June ...	...	84	95

2. TABLE OF BIRTHS.

Date.	Name.	Sex.	Names of Parents.	Colour.
24th January, 1891	Albert	M.	Albert Darby ... Annie Darby ...	Black. Black.
25th February, 1891	Cissy	F.	Thos. Dunolly ... Jessie Dunolly ...	Half-caste. Half-caste.

There has been only one death, viz., Topsy Terrick, on the 13th October, 1891, age 7 years, black; cause of death—diarrhœa and exhaustion.

Marriages.—On the 17th September, 1891, Richard Purcell, age 22 years, black, married Maggie Parker, widow, age 36 years, half-caste; on the 9th June, 1891, Alick Donnelly, age 21 years, black, married Jane Cooper, age 18 years, black.

3. Religious services have been regularly held every Sunday twice a day, and are generally well attended. Sunday school is also kept every Sunday afternoon, and religious instruction is given to the children in the school on the week day.

4. The day-school for children is under the control of the Education Department, and the results, so far as can be seen, are satisfactory.

5. The total area of the reserve is 4,800 acres, and, with the exception of about 200 acres, is all fenced in and subdivided into ten paddocks for grazing and cultivation purposes. Hay, potatoes, and hops are the principal products of the station. The hay and potatoes were all consumed on the station, but the hops were sold in Melbourne, and, as usual, realized the highest price in the Victorian market. Our crops of hay and potatoes were also good.

6. The kinds and number of stock are as follow:—83 cows, 6 calves, 99 heifers, 101 steers, 4 bulls, 8 working bullocks, and 15 horses—total, 316 head. On an average, about 15 cows have been milked daily during the year. The following have been killed for food:—19 cows, 12 bullocks, 9 steers, and 2 heifers—total, 42. None have been sold.

7. All produce has been consumed on the station except the hops, which realized £902 14s. 5d., and this amount has been paid into the Treasury.

8. No new cottages have been erected this year, only one small room having been added to old Barak's house after he was married. The number of houses on the station is 22, and all are occupied except one, and are well and cleanly kept.

9. The men are mostly employed in general farm work and in keeping the station in good repair. The women attend to domestic duties, and in their spare time make baskets for sale. The men also make and sell a great many native weapons. The bigger boys when out of school are taught to be useful in farm and garden work, and the older girls domestic work.

10. The natives, being born sportsmen, continue to hunt native game and fish when opportunity offers; and, notwithstanding whatever or how much they obtain in this respect, they always look for their usual allowance of beef or mutton from the station, and sell all they can of their game to Europeans and appropriate the money to their own use.

11. Some of the men still indulge in intoxicating drink, and, with the view of preventing them being supplied with it, I have had two or three persons prosecuted and fined for having done so.

12. About 40 half-castes who have come under the operation of the law have left the station, and are now obtaining their living elsewhere. One married couple remain at the station under the usual certificate, but none are apprenticed as servants on the station.

13. I am very glad to say the rations and clothing granted by the Board have been of really good quality, and have given satisfaction to the people; and on their behalf I beg to thank the Board and you, Sir, for the very kind and prompt attention to all requests for anything reasonable required for the comfort and well-being of the natives.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH SHAW.

The Rev. F. A. Hagenauer,
Secretary and General Inspector, Board for Aborigines, Melbourne.

APPENDIX II.

Church Mission Station, Lake Tyers,
4th September, 1891.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward replies to your questions contained in letter of the 25th of August.

1. The number of blacks attending the station for the past twelve months is as follows:—

1890.				1891.			
	Average.	Total.		Average	Total.		
July ...	60	63	January	52	54	...	...
August ...	58	60	February	55	58	...	...
September ...	59	60	March ...	56	59	...	...
October ...	58	60	April ...	58	60	...	...
November ...	58	59	May ...	59	61	...	...
December ...	55	58	June ...	58	58	...	...

2. The return of births, deaths, and marriages is as follows:—

BIRTH.

Name.	Colour.	Date of Birth.	Names of Parents.	Colour.
Alice Hayes	Black	29th May, 1891	William and Caroline Hayes	Black.

DEATHS.

Name.	Colour.	Date of Death.	Cause of Death.	Age.
Dulcibella Rivers	Black	11th July, 1890	Tuberculosis	3 years
Peter Hayes	Black	27th September, 1890	Bronchitis	1 year
Big Joe	Black	19th February, 1891	Heart disease—dropsy	60 years
Ernest Johnson	Black	4th June, 1891	Injury to head—meningitis	11 "
Sophia Neukong	Black	18th June, 1891	Cirrhosis of liver	20 "

3. Religious services are held twice daily, besides which the children receive a good religious training. The services are generally well attended, and the children attend religious instruction daily. I may here state that, during the past few weeks, one or two of the young men have shown most decided signs of change of heart.

4. The day-school is under the charge of the Department of Public Instruction, and has been supplied by a very good teacher, who very conscientiously discharges his duties. The average attendance is about 20.

5. The total quantity of ground belonging to the station is 4,200 acres, 2,000 acres of which are fenced. There are also about 120 acres fenced near home-station (forming paddocks for milking cows), and 10 acres of orchard. The orchard is fenced by a good paling fence. The produce consisted mostly of fruit and vegetables, none of which was sold. No hops, oats, or potatoes were grown. No fruit was disposed of.

6. The number of stock is as follows:—150 head of mixed cattle; 360 sheep have been killed for meat during the year—these were bought by the Board. There are only 3 cows being milked at present, but as the season advances more will be brought in for that purpose.

7. The income and expenditure is as follows:—

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
By Wool, skins, and bags	44	5 8	To Wages account	14	4 6
" Overdraft	28	8 11	" General expenditure	58	15 1
	£72	19 7		£72	19 7

8. The number of cottages built for the Aborigines is nine. They are kept in tolerable order; some of them are remarkably clean and tidy, others are fairly so. The total number of buildings is fourteen. These include the mission-house, school-building, church, store, and a large building which was used for a dormitory for children. All the aboriginal cottages are inhabited.

9. The blacks are employed at present in clearing away the scrub and undergrowth; some are employed in the orchard and garden. The females are mostly employed about their own houses. When they are required to do anything—as washing, scrubbing, or other work of a similar nature—they do it, but their time is chiefly taken up by their own domestic duties. The boys work in the garden or do other work required of them.

10. The blacks still hunt native game, but they are by no means as expert as their fathers were in hunting. They become each year more and more dependent on the food supplied to them by the Board. Those who do work receive a supply of meat at the rate of 1 lb. per diem for each adult.

11. As to whether the blacks indulge in the use of intoxicating drinks, I may state that I have not had much cause to complain this year, as there has not been many cases of intoxication among the Aborigines.

12. The number of half-castes who have left the station is as follows:—4 males and 16 females; total, 20. All but one have remained under their original certificates. The exception is a young man named Walter Creedie, who left his situation without leave. He is, I believe, working near Geelong. There are no half-castes apprenticed on the station.

13. The supplies of rations, as to quantity and quality, is good. The clothing supplied was also of satisfactory quality.

On behalf of the Aborigines, I tender my thanks for the care that has been bestowed upon them during the year.

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

JOHN BULMER.

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

APPENDIX III.

Mission Station, Lake Condah,
25th September, 1891.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward my report compiled in the form of replies to the various questions on the paper sent to me by you, and which will, I hope, be found satisfactory.

1890.				1891.					
		Total.	Average.			Total.	Average.		
July	...	90	...	80	January	...	76	...	76
August	...	80	...	80	February	...	78	...	78
September	...	79	...	79	March	...	75	...	75
October	...	67	...	67	April	...	74	...	74
November	...	65	...	65	May	...	74	...	74
December	...	75	...	75	June	...	74	...	73½

No. 2. BIRTHS.

Name.	Date.	Parents' Names.	Colour.
George McDonald	26th November, 1890	Alfred and Annie McDonald...	Half-caste.
Elizabeth Watson	21st April, 1891	Narie and Emily Watson	Black.

MARRIAGES.

Name.	Date.	Colour.
Narie Watson } Emily Turner {	13th January, 1891	Black.
Hugh Courtwine } Flora Carmichael {	8th April, 1891	Black

DEATHS.

Name.	Colour.	Date.	Cause of Death.	Age.
John Sutton	Black	12th August, 1890...	Congestion and bronchitis	60 years.
Tommy Ritchie	Black	14th April, 1891	Heart disease	78 "
Elizabeth Watson	Black	7th May, 1891	Premature birth	2 weeks.

No. 3.

Religious services are kept and attended by all Aborigines on the station twice every day (morning and evening); and on Sundays morning prayers are held at half-past eight, full church service at eleven, Sunday school at three in the afternoon, and evening service at half-past six. The religious instruction given to the children during week days is held in connexion with the daily morning and evening services referred to above.

No. 4.

The day-school is under the control of the Education Department. The results have not been what one might have wished, owing to the frequent changes of teachers of late; but the present teacher seems to be energetic, and, as far as I can see, promises to be well suited for his charge here. He has been here only for about four weeks. More time, therefore, is required in order to speak definitely of results achieved by him in teaching Aborigines; but, as he is a married man and apparently pleased with his position here, I hope to be able to report more favorably about our school in another year.

No. 5.

The total quantity of ground belonging to the station is 3,700 acres; 1,700 acres of this are stones, and only suitable for running a few head of young cattle. The other 2,000 acres are fairly good grazing land, carrying about three-quarters of a sheep to the acre.

All the reserve is fenced in. The stones are enclosed by a substantial stone wall, erected by the natives, and which is 4ft. 6in. high, 3ft. wide at the bottom, and about 4½ miles long. The other 2,000 acres are fenced in with post and three-rail and log fences, the whole area being subdivided into

four large and seven small paddocks. All the fencing (both boundary and subdivisional) has been done entirely by the Aborigines. About 700 acres of marshy land have been reclaimed, being successfully drained by the Aborigines according to my directions and under my supervision, so that it is now splendid pastoral ground. The main drain is 12 feet wide, 5 feet deep, 9 feet wide at the bottom, and about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles long. Besides this drain there are several small ones leading into it.

There have been 12 acres of ground under cultivation for hay and 5 for potatoes. The hay crop was fairly good, but the potatoes were a complete failure owing to the locust plague. The $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres of garden yielded an abundance of fruit of all kinds, as well as a large supply of vegetables. All were consumed and much enjoyed by the natives living on the station.

No. 6.

The number of stock is as follows:—141 cows, 100 calves, 59 heifers, 28 steers, 2 bulls, 18 working bullocks, 269 ewes, 37 lambs, 47 wethers. Five cows are at present in milk, but during the season when the calves come in every aboriginal family is allowed to milk one or two cows in accordance with the number of persons in the family, so as to enable them to supply themselves with milk and butter. As we had the locusts here (which ate almost all the grass) and after them the bushfires (which destroyed the grass still left) we could only kill five head of young cattle during the year, the rest being too poor for meat; therefore, in order to supply our people, we had to sell store cattle and buy fat sheep instead of them. We bought 338 fat sheep and killed 291 during the year, leaving a balance of 47 over for the ensuing year. Taking the five head of cattle to weigh on an average 400 lbs. each, and the sheep 45 lbs., the Aborigines (reckoning 70 on an average) have received $4\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. of meat weekly per head all the year through. This brings the amount of money laid out for meat for each Aboriginal to the very moderate sum of from 10d. to 11d. per week.

The number of cattle sold were 103, all young stock, as you will see from the bills which are in your possession. You will likewise find in examining them that I obtained the highest market value then going for the cattle, if you compare the figures with the general market rates at the time. As since the half-castes had to quit the station we have only old blacks and a few sickly young ones to do the station work with, I find that they cannot manage cattle, while they are quite capable of handling sheep, consequently I intend to gradually dispose of the cattle and buy sheep instead. A commencement has already been made, as I bought 221 first-class crossbred ewes from some of the money realized from the cattle, and I am glad to say they do remarkably well.

The station expenditure appears as £404 8s. 8d. after the balance is deducted. I desire to remark that out of this sum we have £107 14s. 9d. worth of store sheep on the station, while £138 15s. 3d. was laid out from the money received for cattle in buying fat sheep for meat, so that only £157 18s. 8d. was actually used for paying incidental expenses, for wages for Aborigines, and for white labour during the year. I think I ought to explain further with reference to this sum of £257 18s. 8d. that many items which were formerly paid by the Board from the Government grant—such as shelving-boards, wire for fencing purposes, repairs for buggy, cart, and saddlery, as well as oats for hay, for potatoes, for ploughing, for implements such as axes, spades, hoes, scythes, hay-rakes, forks, nails, glass for windows, &c.—are now paid from station income, and if these items were all deducted from the above sum there would only be about £80 left for paying wages to Aborigines and for general incidental expenditure.

No. 7.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.—BALANCE-SHEET, 1890-91.

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
By Stock	...	305 4 3	For wages	...	37 6 11
„ Skins and hides	...	26 18 0½	General expenditure	...	57 0 10
„ Wool and bark	...	58 2 10	Travelling expenses for blacks	...	2 18 6
„ Miscellaneous	...	6 2 6	Produce	...	36 12 2
„ Balance from previous year	...	63 3 4	Stock	...	247 10 0
			Miscellaneous expenditure	...	20 16 9
			Balance on hand	...	57 5 9½
		<u>£459 10 11½</u>			<u>£459 10 11½</u>

No. 8.

The cottages and other buildings all in fair condition are as follows:—Three limestone cottages, five bluestone cottages, five weatherboard cottages, four sawn-timber cottages; all are inhabited and kept clean. Besides these there are one dormitory, of weatherboards; one store, of bluestone; one stable, of bluestone; one woolshed, of sawn timber; one milking cow-shed, of sawn timber. The mission buildings comprise one handsome church, of bluestone; one large school-house, of bluestone; one mission house, of bluestone and weatherboards; one teacher's house, of weatherboards. This makes the total number of buildings of the station 26. There are also two large underground water-tanks, walled out and cemented, one being 18 x 18 feet and the other 12 x 12.

No. 9.

The natives are employed as follows:—The men do clearing, fencing, gardening, stockriding, and rabbiting, the latter vermin being alarmingly on the increase in this district. The women are chiefly expected to look well after their houses and families, while the children attend the day-school regularly. The girls obtain sewing lessons, and the boys (who are rather young) will be taken in hand shortly to do some light station work, such as chopping wood and keeping the station properly clear from rubbish.

No. 10.

At certain seasons the blacks obtain liberal supplies of fish, and during such times they get only half the allowance of meat.

No. 11.

There are two or three who still indulge in intoxicating drink if they can procure it, but if it is found out who supplied them the offenders are prosecuted in accordance with the law. Two convictions were obtained against publicans during the course of the year.

No. 12.

There are 42 half-castes out, struggling for a living. Five are still on the station under the usual certificates.

No. 13.

The supplies of rations and clothes granted by the Board have been of good quality, and have given satisfaction to the people, and on their behalf I desire to thank the Board and you for all provisions and help given to the Aborigines under my charge.

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

J. H. STÄHLE.

To the Inspector-General of Aborigines, B.P.A., Melbourne.

APPENDIX IV.

Aboriginal Mission Station, Ramahyuck,
7th July, 1891.

Sir,

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, from which you will observe the following particulars:—

1. The total number of Aborigines belonging to this station is now only 52, several pure Blacks having died, and all the half-castes, who come under the operation of the new law, have left some time ago. There are sometimes a good many visitors at the station, so that frequently the number is much above that given before, which is as follows:—

1890.				1891.			
	Total.	Attendance.		Total.	Attendance.		
July ...	53	49	January...	55	51		
August ...	56	45	February	55	52		
September ...	55	42	March ...	64	63		
October ...	54	45	April ...	66	60		
November ...	34	49	May ...	52	47		
December ...	55	51	June ...	52	47		

2. The number of births, deaths, and marriages:—

BIRTHS.

Name.	Date.	Parents' Names.
Albert ...	24th January, 1891	{ Albert Darby. Mary Ellen Darby.
Alfred William ...	25th February, 1891	{ Harry Stephen. Emily Stephen.
Haines Malcolm ...	22nd April, 1891 ...	{ Samuel Hamilton. Ellen Hamilton.

DEATHS.

Name.	Date.	Disease.	Age.
Joseph Kramer ...	20th September, 1890	Phtthisis ...	41 years.
Long Jones ...	2nd February, 1891 ...	Inflammation ...	59 years.

MARRIAGES.—None.

3. Religious services are kept regularly twice every Sunday, which are well attended by all the Aborigines and the neighbouring selectors. Week-day services are held every morning and evening, and both services are well attended. Sunday school is kept morning and afternoon, and religious instruction for the children is kept five times a week, and good progress is made in all the branches connected with the various classes.

4. The secular branches of the day school are held by a State school teacher under the Department of Public Instruction, but the school at present being only a half-time school, the results are not what they used to be in former years. It is very desirable that the half-time system should be discontinued, and a day school re-established as soon as convenient.

5. The total quantity of land belonging to the Aboriginal reserve is still 2,363 acres, including 500 acres of deep morasses, and the whole extent of the Avon River for the length of the reserve. The reserve is subdivided into the following paddocks :—

- (a) Large paddock of 1,800 acres, including the morasses.
- (b) A well-fenced 320-acre paddock for young stock, horses, and working bullocks. Of this paddock a great deal has been cleared and improved during the past two years.
- (c) Paddock of 200 acres, in which the station buildings are situated. This paddock is subdivided into many small gardens, cultivation grounds, and paddocks for calves, milking cows, and horses.

Regarding the kinds and quantities of produce, I have to state that the cultivation of arrowroot and hops had to be given up on account of the want of able men to do the work, and the only crops produced have been about 5 tons of hay, 10 tons of potatoes, some maize, and great quantities of all kinds of vegetables for home use. No produce of any kind has been sold.

6. The reserve at present is only stocked with 191 head of cattle of all kinds, through which, though not the property of the Government, a full supply of good fresh meat for all on the station is obtained, and a small number of surplus stock can be sold, so that wages and running expenses may be paid. A good number of cows are supplying the place with milk and butter during all seasons of the year. Twenty-six cows and heifers, and 73 fat sheep have been killed for food, 10 head of cattle died, and 67 have been sold during the past year.

7. The clear audited Balance-sheet of Income and Expenses during the past year is as follows :—

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Hides and skins ...	...	8 17 3	Bank overdraft and interest on 30th	...	...
Surplus stock ...	232	15 0	June, 1890 ...	30	7 1
Miscellaneous ...	...	1 7 6	General expenditure ...	43	17 6
			Wages accounts ...	112	19 0
			Balance at credit ...	55	16 2
		£242 19 9			£242 19 9

8. The number of cottages inhabited by the Aborigines is 14. Some of them are kept in good order and condition, others are fairly well kept, and a few need constant looking after, and, as far as can be done, all are kept under good repairs. The total number of buildings on the station is 25, including the church, State school, orphan-house, mission-house, store-house, produce store, bath-house, tool-shop, and other buildings, which are all kept in good repairs.

9. All able-bodied men are employed with farming, gardening, clearing the ground, or work at the neighbouring farms, the women have to attend to their household duties, dressmaking, washing, and other work, and the boys receive instruction in garden and farm work, whilst the girls are employed with all kinds of domestic work, so that in days to come they may be able to perform all the work likely to be required from them.

10. The Blacks like occasionally to hunt and fish here, though not for the sake of getting supplies, but more for pleasure.

11. I am sorry to say that on several occasions a few of the Blacks have indulged in intoxicating liquors, but in every case proceedings were taken and convictions obtained against the offenders.

12. The number of half-castes who have left this station under the new law is 33; no certificates have been required, and only one servant girl is apprenticed here.

13. The rations and clothes granted by the Board have been of very good and suitable qualities, and have given general satisfaction to the people; and I am requested to express the best thanks of the Aborigines to the Board and the Government of the colony.

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

The General Inspector of Aborigines,
City Bank Chambers, Melbourne.

F. A. HAGENAUER, Missionary.

APPENDIX V.

Lake Hindmarsh Mission Station,
2nd September, 1891.

DEAR SIR,

In answer to your circular of the 28th inst., I have the honour to report as follows :—

1. The number of Blacks attending the station during the twelve months from 1st July, 1890, to 30th June, 1891, has been—

1890.			1891.		
	Total.	Attendance.		Total.	Attendance.
July ...	36	32	January ...	27	25
August ...	42	36	February ...	39	35
September ...	46	36	March ...	40	37
October ...	48	42	April ...	37	35
November ...	41	40	May ...	41	35
December ...	39	39	June ...	31	27

2. The number of births, deaths, and marriages:—

BIRTHS.

Name.	Colour.	Date.	Parents' Names.	Colour.
Stefan Ruben	Half-caste ...	8th Sept., 1890 ...	{ Albert Coombs Ida Coombs	Half-caste. Half-caste.
Peter Andrew	Half-caste ...	27th Oct., 1890 ...	{ Peter McGuinnes Esther McGuinnes	Black. Half-caste.
Emma Maria	Half-caste ...	12th Nov., 1890 ...	{ Henry Fenton Kitty Fenton	Black. Half-caste.

DEATHS.

Name.	Colour.	Date.	Disease.	Age.
Blind Mary	Black ...	16th May, 1891 ...	Old age	80 years.

MARRIAGES.—Nil.

3. Religious services during the week, as on Sundays, have been kept and well attended; also Sunday school and religious instructions during the week.

4. The day school on the station has been held by the missionaries, Rev. C. W. Kramer, and, after his death, by myself.

5. The total quantity of ground to this station reserve is 3,607 acres, which is fenced in by a substantial post, rail, and wire fence, divided into paddocks for grazing and wheat cultivation for hay.

6. The stock consists at the end of this year of 21 cows, 13 calves, 9 heifers, 7 steers, and 1 bull; 6 cows supplying us with milk at present. Three steers and 1 calf have been killed for meat. There are further 930 sheep on the station now; killed for meat during the year have been 255 sheep. The number of horses is 7.

7.—BALANCE, 1890-91.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Balance forward ... ..	...	...	30 17 9	Wages ... ..	...	...	90 8 6
Wool and skins ... ..	...	...	80 8 10	General ... ..	...	...	62 12 8
Agricultural produce ... ..	...	...	16 5 7	Balance ... ..	...	...	11 5 11
Fruit ... ..	...	...	9 18 5				
Miscellaneous ... ..	...	...	26 16 6				
			<u>£164 7 1</u>				<u>£164 7 1</u>

8. There are 8 cottages—3 built of limestone, 3 log-huts, and 2 weatherboard cottages; the latter are in good condition. The total number of buildings is 18, including church, missionary's residence, school-house, visitors' cottage, store, stable, wool-shed, and 3 sheds. There are 5 cottages inhabited by the Blacks, 2 occasionally, and 1 is not inhabited. Those inhabited cottages are clean and well kept.

9. The able-bodied men work at the station or in the garden. The women have their domestic duties to attend. The boys are trained after school to do some garden work or other work about the house.

10. Native game is not to be had, since the mallee and bush is cleared more and more every year by the whites. The fishes in the river are very small and not worth mentioning.

11. Several cases of drunkenness have occurred, and the people are always getting intoxicating liquors when in the township in a sly way from some white friends. The police should be informed to watch more vigilantly the Blacks when in town than they have done before.

12. Twenty-six half-castes have left the station who come under the new law. One is here at the station by certificate.

13. At the conclusion, I have to state that the supplies in rations and clothes granted by the Board have given satisfaction to the people, for which I return thanks for the people to the Secretary of the Board.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

P. BOGISCH.

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

APPENDIX VI.

BALANCE-SHEET, 1890-91.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Vote, 1890-91—				Station Accounts	8,692	4	5
Subdivision No. 1	£626	0	0	Unexpended balance of vote—			
" 2	243	0	0	Subdivision No. 1	£0	3	11
" 3	14	0	0	" 2	38	4	6
" 4	8,000	0	0	" 3	5	0	8
			8,883	" 4	147	6	6
Collections			23			190	15
			<u>£8,906</u>	Repaid Treasury (collections)		23	4
			4			<u>£8,906</u>	4
			6			6	

APPENDIX VII.

STATEMENT showing the Amounts voted for the Aborigines, and the Amounts expended from 1st July, 1890, to 30th June, 1891.

Vote 1890-91—		£ s. d.			£ s. d.	
Subdivision No. 1	...	£626	0 0	Medical attendance, medicines, &c.	...	265 18 10
" 2	...	243	0 0	Stores, clothing, provisions, &c., including carriage	...	4,497 1 2
" 3	...	14	0 0	Improvements	...	806 11 3
" 4	...	8,060	0 0	Stock	...	649 16 9
				Hardware	...	51 1 2
			8,883 0 0	Seeds	...	47 9 9
Collections	...			Hop-growing, Coranderrk	...	225 13 2
				Expenses in cultivation other than hops	...	28 0 0
				Wages to Blacks other than in hop ground	...	170 10 11
				Harness, saddlery, &c.	...	37 11 0
				Insurance	...	82 4 6
				Blacksmith's work	...	80 18 7
				Firewood	...	7 4 0
				Horse-feed	...	5 10 0
				Furniture	...	82 19 0
				Rewards	...	40 10 0
				Funerals	...	7 5 0
				Compensation Mr. Mackie removing furniture from Coranderrk	...	10 0 0
				Repairs to buggy, Coranderrk	...	9 15 0
				Marriage fee, Coranderrk	...	1 10 0
				Allowance in lieu of rent and rations (Miss Powell)	...	2 10 0
				Bullock dray and six bullocks, Ramahyuck	...	54 0 0
				Set of scales and weights, Ramahyuck	...	1 10 0
				Repairs to dray, Ramahyuck	...	3 0 0
				Repairs to boat, Ramahyuck	...	2 10 0
				Water-barrow, Ramahyuck	...	3 10 0
				Churn, Ramahyuck	...	1 11 9
				Boat, Ramahyuck	...	7 10 0
				Meat-cask, Ramahyuck	...	1 12 6
				Expenses, in police cases, re supplying liquor, Ramahyuck	...	1 1 0
				Buggy, Lake Tyers	...	13 0 0
				Ploughs, Lake Hindmarsh	...	62 19 6
				Sewing machine, Lake Hindmarsh	...	9 5 0
				Law expenses, re road, Lake Hindmarsh	...	2 2 0
				Christmas presents	...	25 15 3
				Superintendent, Coranderrk	...	175 16 1
				Teacher	...	8 19 4
				Matron	...	77 0 0
				Salary, General Inspector and Secretary	...	450 0 0
				Rent of office (including fires and caretaker)	...	113 2 10
				Stationery, books, &c.	...	27 15 6
				Clerk	...	78 19 4
				Teacher, Framlingham	...	48 16 2
				Acting Manager, Framlingham	...	62 10 0
				Allowance to Sergeant Lyons	...	5 0 0
				" Constable Weir	...	8 10 0
				" Constable Woodhouse	...	2 0 0
				" Local Guardian, Swan Hill	...	16 13 4
				Travelling expenses, General Inspector	...	191 1 9
				" " Members of Board	...	9 4 9
				" " Miss Powell, removing to Melbourne	...	8 12 9
				" " Mr. Shaw	...	2 3 3
				" " Mr. Stähle	...	1 18 0
				" " Aborigines	...	188 16 0
				Grant to Mr. Shaw	...	45 0 0
				" Mr. Ditchburn	...	25 0 0
				Sundries	...	1 2 9
				Unexpended balance of vote—		
				Subdivision No. 1	£0 3 11	
				" 2	38 4 6	
				" 3	5 0 8	
				" 4	147 6 6	
					190 15 7	
				Repaid Treasury (collections)	...	23 4 6
					£8,906 4 0	£8,906 4 6

NOTE.—The proceeds of all produce from Coranderrk are paid into the Treasury. The amount realized is not shown in this statement.

F. A. HAGENAUER, General Inspector and Secretary.

30th October, 1891.

We certify that we have examined the above statement of receipts and expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1891, and find the same to be correct.

JOHN W. FOSBERY, }
A. MORRAH, } Commissioners of Audit.

Audit Office,
Melbourne, 30th October, 1891.

APPENDIX X.

ACCOUNT showing the Amounts received from and the Amounts expended on Lake Condah
from 1st July, 1890, to 30th June, 1891.

						£	s.	d.							£	s.	d.																																																																								
To Balance	1,854	19	8	Medical attendance, medicines, &c.	83	4	1	Provisions	465	16	10	Clothing	653	6	8	Improvements	155	9	7	Furniture	50	4	6	Travelling expenses (Mr. Stähle)	1	18	0	Christmas presents...	5	0	0	Reward	4	0	0	Funerals	6	0	0
						£1,854	19	8							£1,854	19	8																																																																								

APPENDIX XI.

ACCOUNT showing the Amounts received from and the Amounts expended on Lake Wellington
from 1st July, 1890, to 30th June, 1891.

						£	s.	d.							£	s.	d.																																																																																																																																																																																													
To Balance	990	8	4	Medical attendance, medicines, &c.	80	5	6	Provisions	244	0	0	Clothing	149	2	0	Carriage of stores	26	12	0	Improvements	408	13	5	Furniture	11	16	0	Hardware	3	10	9	Blacksmith's work	6	4	6	Bullock dray and team	54	0	0	Rewards	14	0	0	Seeds	1	17	2	Travelling expenses (Aborigines)	1	15	0	Law expenses, re police cases, re supplying liquor	1	1	0	Saddlery, harness, &c.	10	11	0	Repairs to dray	3	0	0	boat	2	10	0	Scales and weights...	1	10	6	Water-barrow	3	10	0	Churn	1	11	9	Boat	7	10	0	Meat-cask	1	12	6	Christmas presents	5	15	3
						£990	8	4							£990	8	4																																																																																																																																																																																													

APPENDIX XII.

ACCOUNT showing the Amounts received from and the Amounts expended on Lake Tyers from
1st July, 1890, to 30th June, 1891.

						£	s.	d.							£	s.	d.																																																																																																																														
To Balance	1,415	14	9	Medical attendance, medicines, &c.	41	7	4	Provisions	463	2	7	Clothing	483	6	8	Carriage of stores	17	5	0	Cultivation	8	0	0	Improvements	70	18	6	Stock	292	0	6	Hardware	27	3	5	Furniture	7	12	6	Seeds	1	7	9	Saddlery, harness, &c.	6	2	6	Travelling expenses (Aborigines)	22	8	0	Rewards	13	0	0	Christmas presents...	5	0	0	Buggy	13	0	0
						£1,415	14	9							£1,415	14	9																																																																																																																														

APPENDIX XIII.

ACCOUNT showing the Amounts received from and the Amounts expended on Lake Hindmarsh from 1st July, 1890, to 30th June, 1891.

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Balance	...	1,112	14	5	Medical attendance, medicines, &c.	...	25	11	6
					Provisions	...	341	17	10
					Clothing	...	294	8	11
					Carriage of stores	...	15	15	2
					Cultivation	...	25	0	0
					Improvements	...	67	12	0
					Stock	...	216	6	8
					Hardware	...	2	19	8
					Seed wheat	...	15	11	0
					Ploughs	...	62	19	6
					Saddlery, harness, &c.	...	5	6	6
					Horse-feed	...	3	10	0
					Travelling expenses (Aborigines)	...	7	10	6
					Furniture	...	11	19	0
					Sewing machine	...	9	5	0
					Law expenses, <i>re</i> road	...	2	2	0
					Christmas gifts	...	5	0	0
		£1,112	14	5			£1,112	14	5

APPENDIX XIV.

ACCOUNT showing the Amounts received from and the Amounts expended on Melbourne from 1st July, 1890, to 30th June, 1891.

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Balance	...	961	17	8	General Inspector and Secretary, salary	...	450	0	0
					Clerk	...	78	19	4
					Rent of office, fires, and caretaker	...	113	2	10
					Stationery	...	20	7	9
					Board and lodging (Aborigines)	...	72	8	0
					Travelling expenses (General Inspector)	...	191	1	9
					Travelling expenses (Members of Board)	...	9	4	9
					Hardware	...	0	10	6
					Grant to Mr. Ditchburn	...	25	0	0
					Sundries	...	1	2	9
		£961	17	8			£961	17	8

APPENDIX XV.

STATEMENT of Total Cost of Clothing, Provisions, &c. (including Transport thereof), paid for the use of the Aborigines, from the 1st July, 1890, to 30th June, 1891.

		£	s.	d.
Coranderrk	...	635	5	2
Framlingham	...	413	5	1
Lake Condah	...	1,099	3	1
Lake Wellington	...	419	14	0
Lake Tyers	...	912	14	3
Lake Hindmarsh	...	652	1	11
Swan Hill and District	...	238	9	7
Beaufort	...	15	18	2
Casterton	...	22	18	4
Colac	...	7	11	5
Echuca	...	13	18	8
Koondrook	...	11	10	
Wahgunyah	...	54	12	10
		£4,497	3	0

APPENDIX XVI.

STATION AND DEPÔTS ACCOUNTS.

		£	s.	d.
Coranderrk	...	1,807	14	2
Framlingham	...	594	19	0
Lake Condah	...	1,354	19	3
Lake Wellington	...	990	8	4
Lake Tyers	...	1,415	14	9
Lake Hindmarsh	...	1,112	14	5
Melbourne	...	961	17	8
Swan Hill and District	...	264	12	7
Beaufort	...	15	18	2
Casterton	...	22	18	4
Colac	...	10	13	5
Echuca	...	42	17	7
Koondrook	...	13	10	6
Wahgunyah	...	83	6	3
		£8,692	4	5

APPENDIX XVII.

TABULAR STATEMENT of the Amounts paid for each Station from 1st July, 1890, to 30th June, 1891.

Station.	Salaries.	Wages to Aborigines.	Provisions.	Clothing.	Improvements.	Hardware.	Medical Attendance, &c.	Stock.	Other Expenses.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Coranderrk	261 15 5	360 18 4	411 10 11	223 3 10	83 19 2	0 11 3	86 4 5	141 10 0	229 0 10	1,807 14 2
Framlingham	119 16 2	2 0 0	269 8 9	143 16 4	4 0 0	...	41 4 6	...	14 13 3	594 19 0
Lake Condah ... ..	...	...	465 16 10	633 6 3	155 9 7	...	33 4 1	...	67 2 6	1,354 19 3
Lake Wellington ... ..	...	...	244 0 0	149 2 0	408 13 5	3 10 9	80 5 6	...	154 16 8	990 8 4
Lake Tyers ... ..	..	...	462 2 7	433 6 8	70 18 6	27 3 5	41 7 4	292 0 6	88 15 9	1,415 14 9
Lake Hindmarsh ... ..	...	...	341 17 10	294 8 11	67 12 0	2 19 3	25 11 6	216 6 3	163 18 8	1,112 11 5

NOTE.—The Missionaries on the Mission Stations are paid by their respective Committees, and the Teachers by the Education Department.

APPENDIX XVIII.

BOARD FOR PROTECTION OF THE ABORIGINES.

The Hon. the Chief Secretary, *Chairman.*

C. M. Officer, Esq., M.P., *Vice-Chairman.*

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W. E. Morris, Esq.

Alex. Morrison, Esq., LL.D.

F. A. Hagenauer, General Inspector and Secretary.

Office: City Bank Chambers.

APPENDIX XIX.

DISTRIBUTION of Stores paid for, for the use of the Aborigines, by the Board from 1st July, 1890, to 30th June, 1891.

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Name of Station.	Blankets.	Shirts, Serge.	Shirts, Twill, &c.	Trousers.	Yds. Woincey.	Yds. Flind.	Yds. Print, &c.	Yds. Flannel.	Yds. Serge.	Yds. Shirting.	Yds. Skirting.	Yds. Molekin.	Pairs Boots.	Hose and Half Hose.	Dresses.	Chemises.	Waistcoats.	Yds. Calico.	Flour.		Tea.	Rice.	Sugar.	Tobacco.	Oatmeal.	Salt.	Soap.	Candles.	Kerosene.	Meat.	Sandries.											
																			tns. c. qr.	lbs.																						
Coranderrk ...	24	6	78	88	...	199	272	148	64	88	90	120	89	259	2	0	0	772	8	0	0	87	0	0	10	9	0	0	28	0	0	16	0	0	450	52	...	48 coats, 114 hats, 68 yds. dress-stuff, 9 doz. handkerchiefs, 12 K. B. suits, 24 yds. tweed, 64 yds. sheeting, 126 yds. silesia, 93 yds. hessian, 2 grs. laces, hooks and eyes, flowers, cotton, and ribbon, 6,249 loaves bread, 1 cwt. treacle, 120 lbs. maizena, 3 boxes blacking, 127 lbs. currants, 61 lbs. raisins, 56 lbs. barley, 12 bottles vinegar, 6 bottles brandy, 8 bottles port wine, 3 cwt. wash. soda, 12 doz. matches, 10 cwt. rock salt, 6 brooms, 1 fender and irons, 1 clock, 12 axe handles, 6 chairs, 2 adze handles, 3 locks, 12 tomahawks, 30 woolpacks, 1 cwt. sulphur, 4 doz. twine, 3 tons 7 cwt. 3 grs. coke, 6 scrub. brushes, 6 closet pans, 2 cwt. 2 qrs. white lead, 28 lbs. red lead, 1 coffin, 6,100 ft. timber, 15 pairs hinges, 16 lbs. screws, 228 lbs. nails, 24 shts. G. C. iron, 4 gals. turpentine, 5 gals. boiled oil, 400 palings, 558 ft. galvanized pipes, 2 do. elbows, 1 brass cock, 1 strainer, 1 cart saddle, 1 riding saddle, 30 cwt. superphosphates, 30 cwt. bone-dust, 5 tons potatoes, 12 lbs. seeds (assorted), 56 bushels oats (seed), 4 bushels barley (seed), 12 bullocks, 100 sheep.
Framlingham ...	27	...	86	46	...	204	216	86	...	...	96	...	46	104	...	...	...	108	12,338	...	378	1,355	...	3,175	167	...	1,236	...	8	2	6	345	...	3,413	50 towels, 60 handkerchiefs, 24 coats, 2 K. B. suits, 65 yds. dress-stuff, 6 yds. holland, 49 hats, 1 grs. laces, 5 doz. combs, 1 grs. needles, 1 grs. cotton, ribbon, and birds, 25 lbs. currants, 25 lbs. raisins, 15 lbs. lollies, 60 loaves bread, 15 lbs. nails.							
Lake Condah ...	104	...	210	220	...	224	270	351	...	517	151	...	323	461	139	613	16	10	0	904	9	3	8	70	3	4	224	7	0	16	13	3	0	16	1	8	1050	56	...	607 yds. dress-stuff, 169 yds. holland, 58 yds. sheeting, 25 yds. forfar, 54 yds. huckaback, 16 yds. hessian, 90 coats, 240 handkerchiefs, 812 hats, 144 towels, 13 K. B. suits, 4 grs. laces, 96 combs, 6 pieces braid, 5 grs. cotton, needles, thimbles, birds, and ribbon, &c., 150 lbs. sago, 25 lbs. linseed meal, 2 cwt. treacle, 45 lbs. hops, 10 lbs. coffee, 86 lbs. maizena, 24 lbs. mustard, 156 lbs. currants, 120 lbs. raisins, 28 lbs. lollies, 1 cricket set, 6 dining tables, 8 colonial sofas with mattress, 4 meat safes, 2 washhand-stands and ware, 6 toilet glasses, 36 chairs, 5 bedsteads, 7 palliasses, 6 flock bolsters, 602 ft. shelving, 2 coffins.

APPENDIX XIX.—Distribution of Stores, &c.—continued.

Name of Station.	Blankets	Shirts, Serge.	Shirts, Twill, &c.	Trousers.	Yds. Wincey.	Yds. Field.	Yds. Print, &c.	Yds. Flannel	Yds. Serge.	Yds. Shirting.	Yds. Skirting.	Yds. Molekin.	Pairs Boots.	Hose and Half-hose.	Dresses.	Chemises.	Waistcoats.	Yds. Calico.	Flour.	Tea.	Rice.	Sugar.	Tobacco.	Oatmeal.	Salt.	Soap.	Candles.	Kerosene.	Meat.	Sundries.	
																			tns. c. qr.	lbs.	cwt. q. lb.	cwt. q. lb.	lbs.	cwt. q. lb.	cwt. q. lb.	cwt. q. lb.	lbs.	gl.	lbs.		
Lake Wellington	25	...	41	68	...	...	108	96	...	92	...	...	85	124	...	1	39	186	5 15 0	438	2 0 0	45 3 20	80	5 0 0	10 0 12	8 0 0	225	48	...	24 jackets, 1 doz. scissors, 72 handkerchiefs, 6 K. B. suits, 24 combs, 24 hats, 16 coats, 20 lbs. lollies, 80 lbs. raisins, 80 lbs. currants, 24 bottles essence of lemon, 140 lbs. treacle, 112 lbs. jubilee meal, 24 lbs. tapioca, 28 lbs. sago, 56 lbs. coffee beans, 14 lbs. coffee, 56 lbs. soda, 86 chairs, 1 file, 2 hand-lamps, 1 set skewers, 1 doz. H. and C. hooks, 1,020 pulings, 1 drum tar, 3 spades, 16 lbs. nails, sole-plate for plough, 1 meat cask, 1 churn, 6 bullocks and dray, 4 yokes, 8 bows, 5 chains, 12 pcs. cork, 1 cricket set, 1 boat, 1 set scales and weights, 1 buggy, 1 set harness (manager's house) 1 water-barrow, 1 doz. jelly glasses, 2 saddles and cloths.
Lake Tyers	...	80	...	203	180	2	69	229	174	40	100	107	76	177	287	102	511	12 7 0	786	10 0 0	73 3 20	124	3 3 16	7 1 12	12 0 0	400	61	...	72 coats, 162 hats, 80 yds. tweed, 54 yds. towelling, 185 yds. tick, 722 yds. dress-stuff, 3 K. B. suits, 60 yds. hessian, 4 grs. laces, 96 combs, needles, thread, ribbon, &c., 1 hood, 2 aprons, 4 pinafores, 3 ulsters, 560 lbs. treacle, 448 lbs. jubilee meal, 40 lbs. sago, 100 lbs. raisins, 100 currants, 20 lbs. lollies, 24 bts. essence lemon, 2 tons potatoes, 4 bus. grass seed, 248 G. C. iron, 5,922 ft. timber, 120 ft. ridging, 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 27 lbs. sheet lead, 180 ft. spouting, 60 spikes and tubes, 6 elbows, 2 heads, 2 chisels, 2 hammers, 3 locks, 6 sets B.L. furniture, 1 oven, 48 pcs. paper, 5 gals. b. oil, 7 lbs. red lead, 1 bedstead, 1 palliasse, 4 chairs, 1 table, 1 sofa and cushions, 1 washstand and ware, 6 cups and saucers, 6 plates, 6 basins, 60 pannicans, 48 camp-kettles, 6 tubs, 6 buckets, 2 axes, 3 spades, 1 fork, 155 lbs. nails, 12 axe handles, 1 adze handle, 48 knives and forks, 25 lbs. netting twine, 1 grs. fish hooks, 6 doz. fish lines, 12 coat straps, 1 cricket set, 1 football, draughts, chess, &c., 1 saddle and bridle, 1 bull, 60 cows and heifers, 164 sheep.
Lake Hindmarsh	34	...	103	98	103	128	414	170	12	87	190	75	352	9 0 0	934	4 1 0	63 2 14	140	5 0 0	...	6 2 0	325	40	...	42 yds. holland, 50 yds. sheeting, 51 yds. linen, 194 yds. dress-stuff, 103 yds. skirting, 10 yds. tweed, 195 yds. shirting, 10 yds. linen tick, 30 yds. hessian, 12 flannel slips, 6 quilts, 60	

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