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PROTECTION OF THE ABORIGINES.

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# REPORT.

5th September, 1900.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The Board for the Protection of Aborigines have the honour to submit for Your Excellency's consideration this, their Thirty-sixth Report on the state and condition of the Aborigines of this colony, together with the reports of managers of the various stations, and the accounts for the last financial year, which have been duly certified by the Commissioners of Audit on the accompanying balance-sheet.

1. The Board held twelve ordinary and one special meeting during the past year.

2. The number of Aborigines who have resided on, or are belonging to, the stations and different depôts has been as follows:—

Coranderrk	...	...	...	...	...	...	82
Condah	...	...	...	...	...	...	68
Ebenezer	...	...	...	...	...	...	49
Framlingham	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Ramahyuck	...	...	...	...	...	...	68
Lake Tyers	...	...	...	...	...	...	62
Depôts	...	...	...	...	...	...	79
<b>Total</b>	...	...	...	...	...	...	433

3. After full consideration and careful inquiry, the Board found it advisable to close two more depôts in far distant parts of the colony; and feel sure that the remaining blacks will either join the nearest depôts, or settle on some of the stations.

4. The returns of marriages, births, and deaths on the various stations and depôts have been as follows during the past year:—

	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.
Coranderrk	...	2	1
Condah	...	...	3
Ebenezer	...	...	2
Framlingham	...	...	1
Ramahyuck	...	2	1
Lake Tyers...	...	1	4
Depôts (seven)	...	...	9
<b>Total</b>	...	5	21

Total decrease, 16

5. Careful attention has been given at all times to the selection of rations clothes, blankets, and other comforts, with the required medical assistance, to, the Aborigines, and to those half-castes who hold the Board's certificates, in compliance with the regulations under which assistance can be given.

6. The usual visits to all the stations and depôts, by the General Inspector and members of the Board, have again produced very good results on the stations, and also to those blacks who live near the depôts at different places throughout the colony.

7. The different reserves under the Board's management are as follows:—

Coranderrk	...	2,400 acres	Ramahyuck	...	810 acres
Condah	...	2,000 "	Framlingham	...	548 "
Ebenezer	...	3,600 "	Colac	...	40 "
Lake Tyers	...	4,000 "	Lake Moodemere	...	8 "

8. 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 gradually reduced during ten years, as may be observed from the following financial statements:—

STATEMENTS OF AMOUNTS VOTED BY PARLIAMENT FROM 1891 TO 1900.

Year.	Amount Voted.			Amount expended (inclusive of Income from Produce).			Amount Lapsed.			Revenue paid into the Treasury.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1891 ...	8,883	0	0	6,692	4	5	190	15	6	1,061	3	5
1892 ...	7,800	0	0	6,745	6	7	1,154	13	5	1,124	1	3
1893 ...	6,788	0	0	6,057	10	10	1,208	19	7	487	0	3
1894 ...	5,600	0	0	6,091	1	6	3	12	2	414	2	8
1895 ...	5,630	0	0	5,934	11	5	114	0	3	560	15	4
1896 ...	5,501	0	0	5,812	11	4	41	2	9	409	10	6
1897 ...	5,497	0	0	5,913	15	9	89	12	7	442	11	7
1898 ...	5,515	0	0	5,989	8	10	63	5	2	215	10	0
1899 ...	5,523	0	0	5,080	17	0	442	2	8	291	14	7
1900 ...	5,485	0	0	4,855	5	0	639	19	8	181	14	0

9. 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:—

1899-1900.

Station.	Total Expenses from the Vote.			Net Income.			Actual Cost.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Coranderrk ...	1,079	10	5	168	18	0	910	12	5
Condah ...	643	18	8	184	1	2½	818	19	10½
Framlingham ...	244	11	2	12	16	0	231	15	2
Ebenezer ...	446	14	8	149	0	5	595	15	1
Ramahyuck ...	652	19	2	90	7	7	743	5	10
Lake Tyers ...	658	19	2	184	17	6	843	16	8
Melbourne and Depôts ...	1,127	8	0	...			1,127	8	0

\* All station accounts are duly audited at the end of each financial year.  
† All income from Coranderrk and Framlingham is paid into the Treasury.

10. The approximate cost per head per annum, including everything, has been about £10 15s., or 4s. 2d. per week.

11. In connexion with the merging of the half-castes with the general population, the question of giving the boys and girls a suitable industrial training, in order that they may be enabled to earn their own living, has been well considered by the Board, and, after careful inquiry, the practice of transferring these half-caste children on leaving the station schools to the Department for Neglected Children has been adopted; and the system of training the boys on the farm at Bayswater, and the girls at the home for domestic service, has been working remarkably well. All the children already transferred are happy in their new surroundings, and there seems every likelihood of them becoming useful members of the community.

12. The Board have again the pleasure to state that in the matter of education and moral and religious training of the children good progress has been made, as stated in the reports of the station managers. The schools are all connected with the Department of Education.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

D. N. McLEOD,

Vice-Chairman.

His Excellency

The Lieutenant-Governor,

Sir John Madden, K.C.M.G.,

&c., &c.

## APPENDICES.

## APPENDIX I.

Coranderrk Aboriginal Station,  
1st July, 1900.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward you my Annual Report of this station, and of the Aborigines connected with it, dating from the 1st July, 1899, to 30th June, 1900, and to report as follows:—

1. The Aborigines resident and attending the station during each month of the year has been as follows:—The lowest number in any month was 65, and the highest number 73. Total belonging to station, 82.

2. (a) Marriages, *nil*.

## (b) TABLE OF BIRTHS.

Date.	Sex.	Colour.	Name.	Parents' Name.
8th January, 1900...	F.	Black ... ..	Catherine ... ..	{ Christina Robinson. Woodford Robinson.
12th February, 1900	F.	Black ... ..	Elizabeth ... ..	{ Rosanna McLellan. Thomas McLellan.

## (c) TABLE OF DEATHS.

Date.	Sex.	Colour.	Name.	Cause of Death.	Age.
6th March, 1900 ...	M.	Black ... ..	Thomas Smyth ...	Hydatids, lungs and liver ...	56

3. Religious services, as usual, have been regularly held for the people, both on Sundays and week days, throughout the year, the children, in particular, being required to attend prayers in the church before going to the State school every morning. Sunday school has also been regularly kept by Mrs. Shaw and my daughters for the boys and girls; and, I am again pleased to say, the services have been very well attended, and also the Sunday school, and much appreciated by many.

4. During the week days the children attend the State school, which is about 1 mile from the station, and continue to make good progress in all the branches of education that are taught.

5. We have still about 2,000 acres of land belonging to the station, which is divided into twelve paddocks, varying in size from 6 to about 300 acres each. We cultivate altogether about 40 acres, consisting of oats, wheat, potatoes, and hops. The crops were all good the last season except the hops, which, unfortunately, were badly affected by the "red spider."

6. The stock of the station at present consists of the following:—Cows, 56; calves, 3; heifers, 71; steers, 60; bulls, 2; working bullocks, 6; horses, 15; total, 213 head. Some 12 or 14 cows are generally milked daily for the use of the whole station, and any family wishing to milk one or two specially for themselves are allowed to do so. Twenty-three steers, 9 cows, and 1 heifer were killed for food during the year. Three bullocks, 3 calves, and 2 heifers were sold, realizing £40 3s., which, together with the sale of the hops, amounting to £128 15s., was paid into the Treasury.

7. The number of buildings remains the same, viz., 25, which consist of 18 for the natives, and are kept in a good and satisfactory condition by themselves. The other buildings are the manager's and teacher's houses, church, school, and store, &c.

8. The young and able-bodied men are almost regularly employed in farm and hop-garden work, while the women attend to their domestic duties, and in their spare time make mats and baskets for sale. The bigger boys and girls are taught to be useful in work suitable for them to do.

9. The blacks do not hunt much now for native game, because they are now regularly supplied with beef or mutton twice a week, at the rate of 1 lb. per head per day, and half that quantity for children under 10 years of age.

10. Some of the men continue to get drink outside the station when opportunity suits them, and it is difficult to catch Europeans supplying them with it, as it is mostly late at night that they obtain it from them.

11. We have still three families of half-castes residing here who come under the operation of the Act, but their children are required to leave the station when they become old enough and big enough to earn their own living.

12. I have again to express my great satisfaction at the kind and quantity of the stores and clothing supplied to this station during the year just past; and, on behalf of the blacks and myself, I have once more to thank you and the Board for your kind and ready attention to all matters affecting the conduct and welfare of this people.

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

JOSEPH SHAW.

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



## APPENDIX III.

Aboriginal Mission Station, Ramahyuck,  
18th July, 1900.

SIR,

In compliance with your request of the 12th instant, 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 and its neighbourhood.

1. The attendance has been as follows:—

		1899.		1900.	
		Lowest Number.	Highest Number.	Lowest Number.	Highest Number.
July	...	55	61	January	...
August	...	57	60	February	...
September	...	56	59	March	...
October	...	54	56	April	...
November	...	56	63	May	...
December	...	59	61	June	...

2. Number of marriages, births, and deaths.

(a) MARRIAGES: None.

(b) BIRTHS.

Date of Birth.	Name.	Sex.	Parents' Names.	Colour.
19th January, 1900	James Matthew	M.	{ Albert Darby ... Looloo Darby ...	Black.
12th June, 1900	Lara Johnson	F.	{ Collin Hood ... Ellin Hood ...	Black.

(c) DEATHS: None.

3. Religious services are held every morning and evening during week days, and Sunday twice, and all have been well attended. Sunday school is kept morning and afternoon, and religious instruction is given five times a week; and good progress is made.

4. The day school in connexion with the Department of Education is making very good progress under the careful teaching of Miss Armour.

5. The total quantity of land belonging to the Aboriginal Reserve is only about 750 acres, and it needs very careful management to raise enough meat for the supply of the station.

6. The number of stock of all kinds is about 128 head of cattle, including sixteen milking cows, supplying the station with milk and butter; 20 head of fat cattle and 53 sheep have been killed for the supply of meat, and some surplus stock has been sold, and the money expended for station use.

7. The total income during the past year has again been very good, as will be observed from the following table:—

INCOME.			EXPENSES.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance from last year	...	7 8 8	General, including wages	...	90 7 7
Surplus stock	...	81 3 6	Cash balance	...	6 2 5
Hides, &c.	...	7 17 10			
Total	...	96 10 0	Total	...	96 10 0

8. The number of cottages and other buildings are the same as last year, and are quite suitable for the comfort and mode of life for the Aborigines.

9. All able-bodied men are expected to do a certain amount of work, for which they receive wages in accordance to the work they do; and the women have to do their house work, which, I am sorry to say, is sometimes very carelessly done.

10. The Aborigines are still hunting and fishing, both for pleasure and for the enjoyment to eat native game.

11. I am sorry to say that there is still the evil habit of drinking among some of the men, especially when they are away from the station.

12. The health among the people, in general, has been good.

13. The supplies of clothes and rations have been of very good quality, and liberal quantities, in accordance with the Board's regulations; and I desire to express the best thanks to the Government and the Board for the same.

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

J. HAGENAUER, Acting Manager.

The Secretary, Board for Protection of Aborigines, Melbourne.

## APPENDIX IV.

Mission Station, Lake Tyers,  
19th July, 1900.

MY DEAR SIR,

I have the honour to forward my Annual Report for the year ended 30th June, 1900.

1. The number of Aborigines attending the station during the year was as follows :—

1899.				1900.			
	Lowest.	Highest.		Lowest.	Highest.		
July ...	35	35	January ...	35	37		
August ...	33	33	February ...	35	41		
September ...	35	35	March ...	34	40		
October ...	34	34	April ...	42	45		
November ...	35	35	May ...	43	45		
December ...	35	37	June ...	39	43		

2. The number of births and deaths are as follows :—

MARRIAGES : None.

## BIRTHS.

Date.	Child's Name.	Sex.	Parent's Names.	Colour.
10th September, 1899 ...	Violet Sophia ...	Female	{ Willie Johnson ... Maggie Johnson ...	} Black.
5th July, 1900 ...	Ida May ...	Female	{ Thomas Johnson ... Kate Johnson ...	

## DEATHS.

Date.	Name.	Sex.	Age.	Cause of Death.	Colour.
28th August, 1899 ...	Duncan Jennings ...	Male	22 years ...	Internal abscess ...	Black.
30th December, 1899 ...	Roderick McLeod ...	Male	46 years ...	Pneumonia ...	Black.
5th May, 1900 ...	Arthur John Mobourne ...	Male	4 years ...	Intestinal catarrh ...	Black.
21st May, 1900 ...	William Robert Turner Mobourne	Male	6 years ...	Intestinal catarrh ...	Black.

3. Religious instruction is given daily, and daily services are held, the attendance being satisfactory. The day school, being under the direction of the Department of Education, is available for our neighbours, many of whom send their children. The school at present is under the charge of Miss R. Turner, who obtained a good percentage last examination.

4. The reserve consists of 4,000 acres of third-class land, 2,000 acres of which is fenced with a three-rail fence. During the year we have put up a wire fence which encloses a paddock of about 600 acres. There is an orchard of about 4 acres, which is stocked with fruit trees; during the late season the fruit was very poor, owing to the very dry weather we had. We have also a good vegetable garden, which supplies the station with vegetables.

5. The stock on the reserve consists of 57 head of mixed cattle and 300 sheep. During the year 8 head of cattle and 70 sheep have been killed for meat. I have given the people days for hunting native game to supplement the meat supply.

6. The income and expenditure is as follows :—

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Income ...	203	7	7	Expenditure ...	184	17	6
				Balance ...	18	10	1
Total ...	£203	7	7	Total ...	£203	7	7

The accounts were carefully audited by the General Inspector on his last visit of inspection.

7. The number of cottages are the same as last year. During the year they have been renovated and well painted, which gives the station a more lively appearance. The blacks are employed in the various works of the station—as gardening, carpentering, &c., and many of them have worked fairly well.

8. As I have stated above, the people still hunt native game.

9. We use all lawful means to keep the people from strong drink. I am sorry to say they sometimes get drunk, though they very seldom allow us to see them under the influence of it. As a community, I must say they are very orderly.

10. The annual supply of clothing was distributed among them at Easter; it was of suitable quality, and there was sufficient to supply all. On behalf of the Aborigines, I tender thanks for the many kindnesses they have received during the year, and for the liberal supply of food and clothing.

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

JOHN BULMER.

The Revd. F. A. Hagensauer, General Inspector, B.P.A.



## APPENDIX V.

Lake Hindmarsh Mission Station,  
4th July, 1900.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward my Annual Report for the above station for the year ended 30th June.

1. The attendance of the Aborigines has been as follows:—

1899.					1900.				
		Lowest.		Highest.			Lowest.		Highest.
July ...	...	26	...	26	January ...	...	17	...	29
August ...	...	25	...	26	February ...	...	26	...	29
September ...	...	26	...	26	March ...	...	27	...	29
October ...	...	25	...	25	April ...	...	28	...	34
November ...	...	23	...	28	May ...	...	26	...	30
December ...	...	26	...	27	June ...	...	26	...	26

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

(a) MARRIAGES: None.

(b) BIRTHS.

Name.	Colour.	Date.	Name of Parents.
William Thomas ...	Half-caste ...	27th March, 1900 ...	{ William Marks { Betsie Marks

(c) DEATH.

Name.	Colour.	Date.	Cause.	Age.
Hanna Lena Fenton ...	Black ...	9th December, 1899	Dentition ...	9 months

3. Divine services have been held regularly for the people living here on week days and Sundays; and religious instruction is given to the children regularly after school. All the children attend Sunday school, and are instructed by Mrs. Bogisch. The services for divine worship are fairly attended.

4. The day school is under the Department of Education, and is attended by all the black children; and satisfactory results have been produced under the teaching of Miss Tyrie.

5. The area of land belonging to the Mission Reserve is 3,607 acres, which is fenced in by a substantial post, rail, and wire fence. The reserve is divided into several paddocks, used for grazing and cultivation for wheat.

6. The stock consists of 3 cows, 3 calves, 3 heifers, 1 bull, 460 sheep, and 4 horses.

#### 7. STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Balance from last year ...	...	31	6 8	General ...	...	112	13 2
Wool, Skins, Hides, &c. ...	...	146	17 0	Wages ...	...	36	7 3
				Cash Balance ...	...	29	3 3
		<u>£178</u>	<u>3 8</u>			<u>£178</u>	<u>3 8</u>

8. The number of buildings are thirteen, including church and school, and are of stone and weatherboards.

9. The employment of the men consisted in gardening and all kind of station work.

10. Rabbits, hares, and opossums are the native game.

11. Half-caste boys are coming occasionally for a visit, but are not supplied with rations.

12. The drinking habit is put down as much as possible; but it may be indulged in secretly.

13. The rations and clothes received from the Board for the Aborigines have been good and sufficient, for which I return best thanks to you, Sir, and the Board.

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

H. P. BOGISCH.

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

## APPENDIX VI.

STATEMENT showing the Amounts voted for the Aborigines, and the Amounts expended from  
1st July, 1899, to 30th June, 1900.

Vote 1899-1900—			£ s. d.					£ s. d.	
Division No. 18, Subdivision No. 1		£266 0 0			Salaries	...	£907 0 0		
" " 2		197 0 0			Medical attendance and medicines	...	148 5 6		
" " 3		450 0 0			Stores, provisions, clothing, transport, and incidentals	...	2,297 19 10		
				913 0 0	Repairs and improvements to stations	...	248 16 9		
Division No. 18, Subdivision No. 4—					Labour, purchase of stock, seeds, and expenses of cultivation	...	429 8 2		
Contingencies—					Management of stations and depôts, including insurance	...	448 8 10		
Medical, &c. ...	£150 0 0				Travelling expenses of members of Board, officers, and Aborigines	...	253 9 0		
Stores, &c. ...	2,845 0 0				Stationery and office expenses	...	111 12 3		4,845 0 4
Repairs, &c. ...	285 0 0								
Labour, &c. ...	460 0 0				Unexpended balance of vote—				
Management, &c. ...	452 0 0				Subdivision No. 1	£6 0 0			
Travelling expenses	260 0 0				" 4	633 19 8			639 19 8
Stationery, &c. ...	120 0 0			4,572 0 0					£5,485 0 0
									£5,485 0 0

D. N. McLEOD, Vice-Chairman.

F. A. HAGENAUER, Secretary.

Melbourne, 31st July, 1900.

We certify that we have examined the above statement of amounts voted and expended for the year ended 30th June, 1900, and find the same to be correct.

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

Audit Office,  
Melbourne, 8th August, 1900.

## APPENDIX VII.

STATEMENT showing the Amounts Expended on the various Stations and Depôts from  
1st July, 1899, to 30th June, 1900.

Station.	Salaries.	Medical, &c.	Stores, &c.	Repairs, &c.	Labour, &c.	Management and Insurance.	Travelling Expenses.	Stationery, &c.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Coranderrk ...	337 0 0	54 6 0	434 12 4	25 2 0	215 12 9	9 16 4	...	3 1 0	1,079 10 5
Framlingham ...	...	20 0 0	204 4 8	1 4 0	...	19 2 6	...	...	244 11 2
Lake Condah ...	...	11 9 7	454 12 0	66 18 1	...	100 0 0	...	1 19 0	634 18 8
Lake Wellington ...	...	21 4 11	431 19 10	26 4 7	71 9 11	100 0 0	...	1 19 0	652 18 3
Lake Tyers ...	...	36 0 0	354 16 2	30 10 6	135 13 6	100 0 0	...	1 19 0	658 19 2
Lake Hindmarsh ...	...	4 10 0	247 7 1	86 6 7	6 12 0	100 0 0	...	1 19 0	446 14 8
Melbourne and Depôts ...	570 0 0	0 15 0	170 7 9	12 11 0	...	19 10 0	253 9 0	100 15 3	1,127 8 0
Total Expended ...	907 0 0	148 5 6	2,297 19 10	248 16 9	429 8 2	448 8 10	253 9 0	111 12 3	4,845 0 4
Amount Voted ...	913 0 0	150 0 0	2,845 0 0	285 0 0	460 0 0	452 0 0	260 0 0	120 0 0	5,485 0 0
Amount Unexpended	6 0 0	1 14 6	547 0 2	36 3 3	30 11 10	3 11 2	6 11 0	8 7 9	639 19 8

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