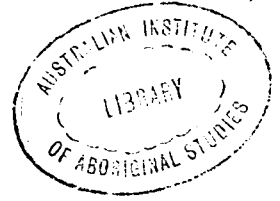


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OF

THE BOARD

FOR THE

PROTECTION OF THE ABORIGINES.

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REPORT.

Melbourne, 1st October, 1907.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

The Board for Protection of the Aborigines have the honour to submit for Your Excellency's consideration their Forty-third Report on the condition of the Aborigines of this State, together with the reports from the managers of the stations and other places.

1. The Board have held nine meetings during the past year.

Mr. F. R. Godfrey, who had been a member of the Board for many years, resigned his position on the 24th June, 1907. The Reverend F. A. Hagenauer, who had been General Inspector and Secretary for some years, retired from the Board's service on the 30th September, 1906.

2. The number of Aborigines and half-castes under the care of the Board on the 30th June, 1907, was 270, as per statement annexed:—

Station.	Total.	Average Attendance.
Coranderk	59	58
Lake Condah	53	39
Lake Wellington	20	25
Lake Tyers	69	52
Framlingham	18	18
Depôts—		
Goyura	13	
Koondrook	1	
Lindenow	3	
Mildura	14	
Swan Hill	15	
Wahgunyah	5	
Total	270	

Statement showing the number of blacks and half-castes under the care of the Board:—

	Blacks.	Half-Castes.	Total.
Number at stations, &c., on 30th June, 1906	194	81	275
Births during 1906-7	5	3	8
Totals	199	84	283
Died during 1906-7	10	3	13
Present number	189	81	270

3. The returns of births, marriages, and deaths were as follow:—

Station.	Births.	Marriages.	Deaths.
Coranderk	1	—	2
Lake Condah	1	—	1
Lake Wellington	1	—	3
Lake Tyers...	5	4	—
Depots	—	—	7
Totals	8	4	13

4. The Board decided to obtain from the Penal Department the clothing and other articles not included in the annual contracts, and other stores from the contractors under the Tender Board. Tenders for the supply of provisions to the several stations were also obtained through the Tender Board. The reports received from the managers regarding the goods supplied were satisfactory.

5. A tabulated statement showing the amount expended in administering to the wants of the aborigines for the past seventeen years is appended.

STATEMENT OF AMOUNTS VOTED BY PARLIAMENT, OF REVENUE RECEIVED, AND OF NET COST OF BOARD FROM 1891 TO 1907.

Year.	Amount Voted.			Amount Expended.			Unexpended Vota.			Revenue from Sale of Produce, &c., paid into Treasury.			Net Cost of Board		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1891 ...	8,883	0	0	8,692	4	5	190	15	7	1,061	3	5	7,631	1	0
1892 ...	7,800	0	0	6,745	6	7	1,054	13	5	1,124	1	3	5,621	5	4
1893 ...	6,788	0	0	5,578	0	5	1,208	19	7	487	0	3	5,091	0	2
1894 ...	5,600	0	0	5,596	7	10	3	12	2	414	2	8	5,182	5	2
1895 ...	5,630	0	0	5,515	19	9	114	0	3	560	15	4	4,955	4	5
1896 ...	5,501	0	0	5,459	17	3	41	2	9	409	10	6	5,056	6	9
1897 ...	5,497	0	0	5,407	7	5	89	12	7	442	11	7	4,964	15	10
1898 ...	5,515	0	0	5,451	14	10	63	5	2	215	10	0	5,236	4	10
1899 ...	5,523	0	0	5,080	17	4	442	2	8	301	13	1	4,779	4	3
1900 ...	5,483	0	0	4,845	0	4	639	19	8	181	14	6	4,663	5	10
1901 ...	5,300	0	0	4,704	12	9	595	7	3	326	10	11	4,378	1	10
1902 ...	5,182	0	0	4,633	7	7	548	12	5	431	5	3	4,202	2	4
1903 ...	4,870	0	0	4,810	4	7	59	15	5	630	11	4	4,179	13	3
1904 ...	4,703	0	0	4,406	15	9	296	4	3	622	18	9	3,783	17	0
1905 ...	4,569	0	0	4,152	18	0	416	2	0	354	16	3	3,798	1	9
1906 ...	4,359	0	0	4,324	10	11	34	9	1	359	11	5	3,964	19	6
1907 ...	4,087	0	0	4,078	4	8	8	15	4	512	8	1	3,565	16	7

6. A detailed statement of the expenditure in connexion with each station is given in Appendix VI.

7. The revenue received and paid into the Treasury was as follows :—

From Coranderrk—							
	Sale of Stock	...	...	...	£75	0	0
	" Hops	...	...	...	435	11	7
" Framlingham—							
	Grazing Fees	...	...	...	1	9	0
	Office	...	...	...	0	7	6
	Total	...	...	...	£512	8	1

8. In connexion with each station, except Coranderrk, a large amount of revenue has, for many years, been received from the sale of stock and other produce, but the expenditure of the money did not immediately come within the purview of the Board. It has been decided that the revenue from those stations should be forwarded to the Office, where the accounts for each establishment will be dealt with.

9. The areas of land reserved for the use of the aborigines are as follow :—

Coranderrk	Acres	2,400
Lake Condah	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,050
Lake Tyers	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,000
Lake Wellington	...	...	...	...	...	...	860
Colac	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Gayfield	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,000
Framlingham	...	...	...	...	...	...	548
Lake Moodemere	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
							<u>11,899</u>	

The reservation of the following areas, which were no longer required for the aborigines, has been revoked :—

Dunced, 1 acre ; Tallageira, 620 acres.

10. With regard to the amalgamation of certain stations, a reference to which was made in the previous Report, the Board proposed to the Government that accommodation be provided at Lake Tyers and Coranderrk, for the blacks now residing at Lake Condah and Lake Wellington Stations. As soon as the aborigines at the latter stations can be so transferred, without undue pressure or the infliction of any hardship upon them, the Board intend to close the stations at Lake Condah

and Lake Wellington. The proposal has been approved, and the sum of £1,000 has been placed on the Estimates for the purpose of erecting the necessary buildings at Coranderk and Lake Tyers. Several families have left Lake Wellington Station for Lake Tyers, where houses have recently been built. Preparations are being made for the erection of several cottages at Coranderk and Lake Tyers, to accommodate the aborigines now at the stations to be closed, and as soon as the aborigines have been transferred, the Board would be able to hand over to the Government about 2,900 acres of land, worth probably £15,000. Further, the closing of those stations would enable the Board to effect considerable economies, and thus reduce the annual expenditure.

11. The education of the children, with the exception of those at Lake Wellington Station, where a private teacher is employed by the Board, has been attended to by the Education Department. The school at Lake Condah Station, which was half-time, has been made a full-time one, and a better result is therefore expected. At Lake Tyers Station the children are making good progress with their work.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

H. P. KEOGH,

Vice-Chairman.

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor,

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

APPENDIX I

Coranderk Aboriginal Station,

1st July, 1907.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward you my Annual Report of this Station for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1907—

1. You will observe from the statement below that the highest number resident here, including half-castes, was 61, and the lowest number 56, and the daily average for year 57½. The number living on the station in each month was as follows:—

1906.				1907.			
	Highest.	Lowest.	Daily Average.		Highest.	Lowest.	Daily Average.
July	58	57	56	January	61	56	59
August	58	56	55	February	61	58	59
September	60	57	59	March	61	61	61
October	58	59	58	April	58	56	56
November	57	56	56	May	57	57	57
December	57	55	56	June	59	59	59

Included in the above are fourteen half-castes, six of whom do not come under the operation of the Act relating to half-castes, but eight children that do, who, therefore, in due time will have to leave the station and be gradually merged into the general population of white people according to the law.

2. There have been no marriages.
3. Births and deaths.

BIRTH.

Date.	Sex.	Name.	Parents' Names.	Colour.
22nd January, 1907	M.	Walter Leslie	{ Albert Darby Ellen Darby }	Black.

DEATHS.

Date.	Sex.	Name.	Colour.	Cause of Death.	Age.
28th August, 1906 ...	F.	Catherine Robinson	Black ...	Phthisis... ..	6 years.
20th January, 1907	F.	Maggie McLellan ...	Half-caste	Paralysis	58 years.

4. Short religious services have been regularly held every morning, and in addition Sunday School for the children, who are always taught by Mrs. Shaw and my daughters. The religious services are held by myself and the Rev. J. Spittal, Presbyterian minister, of Healesville, and I am glad to be able to say that the natives attend very regularly and join heartily in them.

5. All the children of school age (10) continue to attend the State school, and, upon the whole, make good and satisfactory progress in the elementary subjects taught.

6. The land reserved for the use of the natives still consists of about 2,000 acres, but it should always be remembered that about one-third is frequently covered with flood water in the winter and spring months, thus reducing the grazing area for the cattle at that time of the year. The reserve is divided into twelve paddocks varying in size from 6 to about 300 acres.

7. The natives are not very good farmers, and it is rather difficult to keep them steadily at anything like farm and hop garden work. I, however, manage to cultivate about 30 acres of oats, wheat, potatoes, and hops; the latter being the most profitable, and realized last season £435 11s. 7d. net, which, with £75 for the sale of surplus cattle, makes a total of £510 11s. 7d. That sum was, as usual, paid into the Treasury.

8. The stock consists of the following:—42 cows, 4 calves, 36 heifers, 39 steers, 3 bulls, 6 working bullocks, and 12 horses; total, 142.

We generally milk about twelve or fourteen cows daily for the use of the whole station, so that there is always a good supply of milk available for those who desire it.

We have killed the following number of cattle for meat, namely:—4 cows, 3 heifers, 21 steers; total, 28. The meat is served twice a week at the rate of one pound per day for each adult, and half-a-pound per day for children over ten years of age.

9. *Buildings.*—Besides the managers and teachers houses and church there are twenty houses for the use of the natives, as well as all necessary station outbuildings, such as store-rooms, butcher's shop, stable, and harness-rooms, &c. With one or two exceptions the houses are kept fairly clean, but some of them would soon fall into untidy habits if not regularly looked after. All the weatherboard houses, also the church, including windows and doors, have recently received a good coat of white paint, and their neat appearance is much improved thereby.

10. The work of the hop garden, as well as the farm and station, is done by the natives, and to encourage them in habits of industry they are paid a small amount in wages every month according to the time they work. They also receive a liberal supply of rations of bread, butchers' meat, oatmeal, rice, tea and sugar, &c.; also all necessary medical comforts and attendance free. Some of them, too, earn a considerable amount of money in the summer months by the sale of boomerangs and baskets, &c., to visitors.

11. As they are all now so liberally supplied with all the necessaries of life they have no need to hunt for native game as in former years.

12. There is still occasionally some little trouble by the men getting intoxicating drink, and some white persons, as well as the blacks, resort to very cunning devices to get it, and it is therefore very difficult to obtain the conviction of those who supply it.

13. In conclusion, and on behalf of the natives, I have to thank you and the Board for the continued supply of all things necessary for the comfort and well-being of the people.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Acting Secretary, Board for Aborigines,
Melbourne.

JOSEPH SHAW.

APPENDIX II.

Mission Station, Lake Condah,
Milltown, 16th July, 1907.

SIR,

I herewith beg to forward my Annual Report with reference to the Aborigines and the management of this station for the year ending 30th June, 1907.

1. The attendance during the past twelve months was as follows:—

1906.			1907.		
		Number.			Number.
July ...	...	36	January ...	...	42
August ...	...	36	February...	...	42
September...	...	39	March ...	...	42
October ...	...	36	April ...	...	42
November ...	...	36	May ...	...	38
December ...	...	42	June ...	...	38

Total number on the list, 53.

2. Marriages, Births, and Deaths.

(a) MARRIAGES.

Nil.

(b) BIRTHS.

Date	Sex.	Name.	Parents Name.	Colour.
29th July, 1906	M.	Hugh James Edward	{ Daniel Courtwine ... Catharine Courtwine ...	Black.
21st August, 1906	M.	Ernest Alfred August	{ Ernest Mobourne ... Maggie Mobourne...	Black.

(c) DEATHS.

Date.	Sex.	Name.	Colour.	Cause of Death.	Age.
27th April, 1907 ...	M.	Ernest Alfred August Mobourne	Black ...	Pneumonia ...	8 months.

3. Religious instruction was imparted daily. Our days during the week begin with public prayers. On Sundays we have full church service morning and evening, as well as Sunday school in the afternoon. All these meetings are regularly attended by young and old.

4. Secular instruction is given by a teacher employed by the Education Department, and as the school, which was worked on the half-time system, has now been made a full-time one, and as an able and energetic teacher has been appointed, Miss Boston will soon make her mark among the children, who are mostly bright, intelligent, and fond of her.

5. The stock on hand is as follows:—Cows, 41; calves, 45; heifers, 25; steers, 36; bull, 1; ewes, 49; lambs, 24; wethers, 10; ram, 1; horses, 7.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the year ended 30th June, 1907.

Dr. RECEIPTS.				Gr. DISBURSEMENTS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Balance forward ...	...	41	7 9	By Stores ...	...	29	0 6
„ Sale of Wool ...	...	22	15 7	„ Stock ...	...	34	16 0
„ Sale of Hides ...	...	18	9 0	„ Wages ...	...	6	2 0
„ Sale of Bark ...	...	13	4 0	„ Cultivation ...	...	6	16 0
„ Sale of Stock ...	...	1	10 6	„ Travelling Expenses ...	...	0	19 1
„ Grazing Fees ...	...	4	8 6	„ Bank Charges ...	...	2	1 8
				„ Balance carried forward ...	...	22	0 1
Total ...	...	101	15 4	Total ...	...	101	15 4

6. The buildings are the same in number as last year, viz., 25, inclusive of church, school, and mission-house.

7. Seven acres of ground were under cultivation for hay, and 3 for potatoes. The yield of both was not very good, but what was obtained was all used on the station. The orchard yielded a good supply of fruit—the garden also provided vegetables, all of which were used on the station.

8. The work done by the men during the year was chiefly grubbing stumps, clearing off dead timber, gardening, trimming wattie trees, exterminating rabbits and digging burrows. A few men are kept going cutting and carting firewood for the station.

9. The health of the people was fairly good. Their conduct—with the exception of that of two men—was satisfactory.

10. No half-castes are residing here, except those who, with the sanction of the Board, can lawfully do so.

11. The rations and clothing were all of good quality, and on behalf of the blacks I desire to tender my best thanks to the Board therefor.

13. As regards the land belonging to this station, viz., 2,050 acres, I would recommend that the portion which has already been surveyed with a view to reducing the area of the reserve, and which comprises about 1,000 acres, more or less, be given back to the Lands Department before it becomes valueless, owing to all manner of undergrowth which our people can no longer keep in check, as so many of the men are old. The blacks would not object to this, nor would it inflict any hardship on them.

14. As to the removal of the blacks which it is now proposed to carry out, my thirty-five years' experience is, that although natives like to go away at times for a change, they invariably return after a while to their own home, and those who had once or twice to be sent away for correction and for the good of the little community, were never at rest until permission was given to them to return to their own home.

15. There are about 39 who usually reside here all through the year, while the rest come to stay for a time. Frequently they turn up when they are ailing or sick, and when they feel better they are off again. Then there exists a regular network of relationship between the blacks here and the half-castes who live as a little community by themselves about 2 miles from here. These people come over to buy goods from a storekeeper who calls weekly, and on Sundays they attend our church services, while their children come regularly to our day school as well as to our Sunday school.

16. Whatever may be done with regard to removing the blacks from here, it can only be done gradually, especially as a goodly number of them are very old. These old people cannot last long, and they are opposed to being removed to some other place for the few remaining years of their life.

17. Although all cannot claim to have been born here, yet, with the exception of a very few, they are all Western District blacks.

18. It has been said that some of the blacks here have already asked for permission to be allowed to go to Coranderrk or Lake Tyers. If this is so—although I know nothing about it—I would recommend that they may be allowed to go.

19. I am confident that there is no need to ask the Government or the Board not to do anything that might expose the few remaining blacks to any hardships (whether imaginary or real) which would hasten their finality—for the stamp of an Allwise Providence, that they are doomed to die out, is impressed upon them—and our aid in bringing this about is not needed.

This is known to the authorities, as well as to us.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. STÄHLE.

Mr. W. J. Ditchburn,
The Acting Secretary B.P.A.,
Melbourne.

APPENDIX III.

Ramabyuck, July 3, 1907.

The Acting Secretary Board for Protection of Aborigines, Melbourne.

SIR,—

I have the honour to forward to you herewith my annual report on the state and work among the aborigines at this station, which is as follows :—

ATTENDANCE.

1906.				1907.			
		Lowest	Highest.			Lowest.	Highest.
July ...	...	36	46	January ...	...	30	32
August ...	...	35	37	February ...	...	27	27
September ...	...	34	30	March ...	...	27	27
October ...	...	40	41	April ...	...	30	35
November ...	...	30	38	May ...	...	27	27
December ...	...	32	32	June ...	...	25	25

MARRIAGES.—*Nil*.

BIRTH.

Date.	Name.	Sex.	Colour.	Parents.
21st August, 1906 ...	Marjorie ...	F.	Half-caste	Lydia Gilbert. Father—name not given.

DEATHS.

Date.	Name.	Sex.	Colour.	Age.	Cause.
October 25, 1906 ...	Bobby Brown ...	M.	Black	76 years.	Debility.
December 2, 1906 ...	Meta ...	F.	Black	9 months.	Whooping-cough.
January 6, 1907 ...	Elizabeth Susan ...	F.	Half-caste	1 year.	Whooping-cough.

3. As usual, religious services have been held morning and evening, and these, as well as the services on Sunday and Sunday school for children in the morning, have been well attended at all times during the year.

4. The school for the aboriginal children residing here is still carried on by Mr. Geissler, the Board's appointed teacher, and although the number of children is small, a great deal of good is done by regular school work.

5. The quantity of land belonging to the Reserve is about 800 acres of inferior grazing land. It is subdivided into three large and four small paddocks ; it is well fenced and stocked with cattle. A great bush fire destroyed nearly all the feed and very much fencing, which has since been repaired. A few head of young cattle were likewise destroyed by the fire. The produce from the small paddocks, such as potatoes, vegetables, etc., for the people, and hay for the horses, has all been used here, and nothing has been sold.

6. There are about 86 head of cattle of all kinds on the reserve, including eighteen milking cows. Twelve head of cattle were sent to Lake Tyers station, which at lowest estimate were worth at least £5 per head, or £60 in all. We killed for the supply of meat twenty head of the best stock, which would be valued of £100 sterling.

The accounts are as follows :—

1906-7. RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Balance brought forward	...	18	18 3	By Medicines, &c.	...	1	3 6
Sale of Stock ...	...	16	4 3	„ Stores ...	...	11	17 5
Hides ...	...	11	5 11	„ Wages ...	...	13	6 6
				„ Cultivation ...	...	8	3 6
				„ Trav. Expenses ...	...	2	14 0
				„ Balance ...	...	9	3 6
		46	8 5			46	8 5

8. The number of buildings on the station are still the same as last year. Some of them are out of repairs, and ought to be repaired or taken down, but as the station is to be closed at the end of the year, the matter may be left over.

9. Regarding the state of health among the people, I am happy to say that it has been fairly well. Whooping-cough among the children was severe for some time, and several little ones were taken away. One old man died suddenly whilst on a journey to Bairnsdale. Several families, have left for good to Lake Tyers, and I believe are doing well.

10. I consider that the closing of the station in due time will not give any trouble, for when the people see it must be done they will submit to the direction of the Board.

11. In conclusion, I beg to thank the Board for the very good supply of food and clothes to the blacks under my care, and for all the medical help whenever it was required.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHANNES HAGENAUER,

Manager.

APPENDIX IV.

Mission Station, Lake Tyers,
17th July, 1907.

The Acting Secretary B.P.A.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward the Annual Report for the year ended 30th June, 1907.

1. The daily attendance has been as follows :—

1906.				1907.			
	Lowest.	Highest.		Lowest.	Highest.		
July	54	65	January	59	63	...	...
August	55	56	February	60	60	...	...
September	55	57	March	54	54	...	...
October	50	51	April	54	54	...	...
November	47	50	May	56	56	...	...
December	47	50	June	36	46	...	...

The daily average was $52\frac{1}{2}$.

2. There have been four marriages, as follows :—27th December, 1906, Dick Cooper to Maggie Adjury ; 15th January, 1907, Bertrand Stephen to Polly Bull ; 30th March, 1907, Charles Green to Lydia Gilbert ; 30th March, 1907, John McDougall to Isabella O'Rourke.

There have been five births, as follows :

BIRTHS.

Date.	Infant's Name.	Sex.	Parents' Name.	Colour.
1906.				
September 29	Daisy Leah...	F.	Colin Hood ... Ellen Hood ...	Black
October 12	Mildred May	F.	Thomas Scott ... Martha Scott ...	"
December 28	Harry Herbert	M.	William Johnson ... Maggie Johnson ...	"
1907.				
May 16...	Joseph John ...	M.	David Mullett ... Maud Mullett ...	Half-caste
June 16	Mabel	F.	John McDougall ... Isabella McDougall ...	"

There have been no deaths on the station. We have been singularly free from acute illnesses. In one or two cases of chronic illness we have consulted a doctor. Other cases have been treated on the station.

3. Religious services are held daily. The children have received religious instruction from Miss E. Bulmer. The day school is under the care of Miss Fitzsymon, who is making fair progress with the children.

4. The reserve consists of 4,000 acres of land, part of which is fenced. We cultivate about twelve acres, four of which is under fruit trees. Five acres were sown with oats for hay. There is a large enclosure of about three acres, which is partly used as a vegetable garden. We had a good crop of hay, which has kept the horses in food during the dry season. We had also a good crop of potatoes, which were issued to the aborigines as long as they lasted.

5. The stock on the station consists of seven head of cattle. The rest of the stock was sold and 100 sheep were bought with the proceeds. There are 209 sheep, nine of which are wethers, one ram, and two horses.

6. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM 1ST JULY, 1906, TO 30TH JUNE, 1907.

RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.			
Dr.				Cr.			
To Balance brought forward	...	£4	18 5	By Wages...	...	£19	5 3
" Sale of Bark	...	48	2 3	" Stores ...	...	76	9 0
" " Wool	...	55	12 5	" Timber...	...	86	14 3
" " Hides and Skins	...	28	1 9	" Stock ...	...	54	10 6
" " Stock	...	44	5 6	" Bark ..	...	20	7 2
" " Sleepers	...	112	12 6	" Meat ...	...	37	12 0
" Balance	...	10	1 8	" Furniture	...	5	10 6
				" Medical Attendance	...	3	5 10
		£303	14 6			£303	14 6

7. The number of cottages for the aborigines is 15. Three new houses have been added since last report, one of which is a four-roomed structure. All the houses are occupied.

8. The employment of the men has consisted of various kinds. Building houses, ringing trees, clearing, wattle bark stripping, gardening, and general work. I may mention the names of Billy Hayes and David Mullett, who have done most of the work in connexion with the building of the houses.

9. The aborigines do not hunt native game. Each year they rely more and more on the resources of the station.

10. The drink evil has diminished somewhat. It is only when they leave the station that they get drunk. Personally I have not seen a drunken aboriginal on the station during the year. Drink is not brought on to the station.

11. The annual supply of clothing was duly distributed as soon as it arrived. I may say that the quality of the supplies was good. I would particularly mention the goods from Pentridge.

12. On behalf of the aborigines, I would thank the Board for all supplies sent. All were of good quality and suitable for them. On behalf of the five old men who received overcoats I must particularly thank the Board. They were very much appreciated by them.

I have the honour to be,

Your most obedient servant,

JOHN BULMER.

APPENDIX V.

Woodford,
16th July, 1907.

SIR,

In accordance with your instructions, I beg to furnish the following report of the state and condition of the blacks at Framlingham Station for the year ended 30th June, 1907.

The number of blacks who attended the station each month during the past year was as follows :—
July, 19; August, 19; September, 18; October, 18; November, 16; December, 17; January, 16; February, 16; March, 11; April, 11; May, 17; June, 17.

DEATHS.

Date.	Name.	Sex.	Colour.	Age.
18th December, 1906	Mary Ann Dawson	F.	Black	70 years.
30th October, 1906...	Dicky Patterson	M.	Black	80 years.

Religious services are held on the station each Sunday for the blacks, and are well attended.

Secular education is obtained at the State school, Purnim, 2 miles distant.

The Station Reserve contains 500 acres of poor land, and is utilized by the blacks for grazing stock, for which they collect small fees. No cultivation is carried on, as the land is wet and unsuitable.

There are four head of cattle, the property of the Board, now grazing on the reserve.

There are five cottages on the station, all of which are inhabited. One cottage, in which an old aboriginal named Dawson resided, was accidentally destroyed by fire during the year.

The rations and clothes supplied to the blacks have been good, and have given satisfaction.

The sum of £1 9s. for agistment of stock was forwarded to the Board on 4th April, 1907.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E. G. SHOEBRIDGE,

Local Guardian Aborigines.

The Acting Secretary,
Board for Protection of Aborigines,
Melbourne.

APPENDIX VI.

STATEMENT showing the Amounts expended on the various Stations and Depôts from 1st July, 1906, to 30th June, 1907.

Station.	Salaries.	Medical Attendance and Medicines.	Stores, Provisions, Clothing, Transport, and Incidentals.	Repairs and Improvements to Stations.	Labour, Purchase of Stock, Seeds, and Expenses of Cultivation.	Management of Stations and Depôts and Insurance.	Travelling Expenses of Members of Board, Officers, and Aborigines.	Stationery and Office Expenses.	Postage and Telegrams.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Coranderrk ...	334 9 5	38 15 0	425 10 6	50 11 6	314 8 9	20 5 5	3 8 3	1 14 6	...	1,159 3 4
Framlingham ...	...	20 0 0	231 7 10	2 10 6	...	19 10 0	...	...	...	273 8 4
Lake Condah ...	...	9 8 9	375 15 7	9 18 0	54 3 3	152 3 1	...	1 19 0	...	603 7 8
Lake Wellington ...	...	17 6 6	195 19 10	...	42 0 0	132 10 0	2 7 0	1 19 0	...	392 2 4
Lake Tyers ...	...	14 2 11	468 4 1	103 1 8	45 8 6	308 12 0	23 10 1	1 19 0	...	964 18 3
Melbourne and Depôts...	294 10 0	10 7 6	262 8 2	6 8 8	...	17 0 0	41 4 3	21 1 2	2 5 0	655 4 9
Amount Expended	628 19 5	110 0 8	1,959 6 0	172 10 4	456 0 6	650 0 6	70 9 7	28 12 8	2 5 0	4,078 4 8
Amount Unexpended	3 0 7	0 19 4	0 14 0	0 9 8	0 19 6	0 19 6	0 10 5	0 7 4	0 15 0	8 15 4
Amount Voted	632 0 0	111 0 0	1,960 0 0	173 0 0	457 0 0	651 0 0	71 0 0	29 0 0	3 0 0	4,087 0 0

H. P. KEOGH, Vice-Chairman.

WM. J. DITCHBURN, Acting Secretary.

Melbourne, 15th October, 1907.