

THE ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

CHIEF PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINES

FOR THE

PERIOD ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1925

THE HON. MINISTER FOR THE NORTH-WEST:  
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I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition and welfare of the Aborigines in that portion of the State lying North of the 25th Parallel South Latitude, for the year ended 30th June, 1925.

I left for the North in May, in order to inspect all outstations and depots, being absent from Perth about two and a half months. My work included the arrangement of matters consequent upon decisions arising out of Dr.Cook's recommendations. I was accompanied most of the time occupied by the trip by Mr.Mitchell, Inspector of Aborigines, and we covered much ground together, visiting some forty centres and making detailed inspections. Nearly five weeks was spent in travelling in the Kimberleys alone.

- POPULATION -

The estimated number of natives in touch with civilisation throughout the area under my jurisdiction is estimated to be 10,422 indicating that there has been an increase of 365. Full-blooded aboriginals and half-castes deemed to be aboriginals have increased by 145 and 294 respectively and in the case of half-castes not deemed to be aborigines there is a decrease of 74. To the above estimate, however, it is reasonable to add 10,000 full blooded aborigines inhabiting the unsettled portions of the North, who, excepting those in touch with Missionary endeavour, have not come in close contact with civilisation.

- HEALTH -

Last year I referred to the arrangements which had been made between the Commonwealth and State Governments in respect to the appointment of Dr.Cecil Cook, a Specialist in tropical diseases, who was made available to conduct a medical inspection of the aborigines throughout the North. Dr.Cook returned south in September, 1924, having travelled extensively under the able guidance of Mr.F.W.Teesdale

M.L.A., who was asked by the Government to facilitate Dr.Cook's movements throughout. Dr.Cook reported verbally immediately after his return, and his written report was received about the end of October, 1923.

The main object of the survey was to discover to what extent Leprosy was prevalent amongst the people, and also to ascertain the incidence of Granuloma Venereum. In all 143 centres were visited and 2,430 natives examined. As a result of this inspection 11 cases of Leprosy are now under treatment, while 84 natives were found to be suffering more or less from Granuloma Venereum.

Dr.Cook's recommendations subsequently formed the subject of a conference held between the Hon. the Chief Secretary, the Honorary Minister controlling the Medical Department, the Principal Medical Officer, and myself. Dr.Cook had recommended (inter alia) that if possible the Commonwealth Government should be asked to co-operate by making arrangements for the treatment of all lepers at the Port Darwin lazarette.

The opportunity was taken to press this proposal when the Hon.Mr.Hickey and myself visited Melbourne shortly after, where together with Dr.Cook we interviewed the Federal Authorities concerned, but unfortunately without much success. The failure of this proposal made it necessary to carry out the alternative recommendation to establish a lazarette somewhere in the State, and preferably at Cossack, where lepers had been treated for a number of years past. Steps were at once taken by the North-West Department to erect the necessary buildings which were almost completed at the end of the year. They are situated on a reserve of 800 acres opposite the port of Cossack, which is an island at high water and in many respects very suitable for the purpose. It is at all events probably the most suitable site which could be found anywhere along the North-West coast.

The conference referred to in the foregoing also decided that the old general hospital at Derby should be devoted to the accommodation and treatment of native patients other than lepers as soon as the new hospital for whites was completed, and further that from the 1st July 1925 the institution should be under the control of the Aborigines Department instead of the Medical Department as formerly. It was further agreed that the control of the lazarette and the future care of all leper patients should devolve upon the Medical Department alone. As soon therefore as the old hospital at Derby was no longer required for white patients steps were taken by the Aborigines Department to arrange for alterations and additions to the buildings to render them suitable as a native hospital. All these changes naturally took time, but as Dr.Cook only completed his labours in September 1924 and at the time of writing practically everything decided upon has been carried out, it will be seen that there has been no undue delay, particularly as action had to be taken seriatim in order not to disturb existing facilities and cause unnecessary expense.

It is freely admitted that the accommodation and arrangements for the treatment of both Leprosy and Venereal Disease cases at Derby formerly left much to be desired, but it was thought to be unwise to expend public funds to any extent in making further provision, pending the result of Dr.Cock's examination.

It was satisfactory to learn from Dr.Cook's investigations that the physical condition of the native population in the North was not such as to give any cause for alarm as had been stated more than once. On the contrary the generally healthy condition of the people cannot but be a source of much gratification.

Generally speaking during the year under review the satisfactory condition of the natives throughout, from a health point of view, has been maintained. No serious

epidemics occurred, though there were eleven deaths as a result of Venereal Disease. At Port Hedland native hospital 24 aborigines were admitted during the year, making a total of 33 under treatment. Of these 8 were discharged cured, 2 absconded, and 7 died, leaving 16 under treatment at the 30th June last. Following is the report of the Medical Officer-in-Charge (Dr. Wilson).

"Those remaining in hospital are in good general health and the local disease is progressing favourably in the majority of cases. Antimony injections have been resumed again after a period of intermission which was due to the fact that the only satisfactory preparation of Antimony, Oscol Stibium ceased to be procurable and the substitute Colossal Antimony was badly tolerated by the patients, the only effect produced being local pain and swelling. In this connection it is important to remember that much care has to be exercised in the use of remedies of somewhat uncertain action for the reason that the obvious lesion the granuloma patch is really a clinically insignificant factor compared with other factors not always clinically evident but which must be always assumed to exist in some degree, and to ignore which might be attended with serious consequences.

"As bearing upon this Prof. McCollum's statement in his recent book "The Newer Knowledge of Nutrition" is of interest and a general truth of universal application is of the greatest possible value practically. He says "Any people having a relatively high incidence of any deficiency disease, are certainly to be regarded as a group all members of which so far as they subsist upon a similar type of diet are border-line cases of malnutrition whether or not they show any clinically recognisable signs of disease". The border line diseases in this district are principally Beri-beri and Scurvy and in illustration of the fact that they are the result of malnutrition we might take the case of two adjacent stations in this district. On one where the food-supply is liberal and varied the natives are physically fit and well nourished. On the other where the food conditions are indifferent (as I am told) Scurvy of a severe type is prevalent. It seems fair to assume that the great majority of natives diseases are primarily due to malnutrition, not necessarily a shortage in quantity but a deficiency in certain constituents. This of course is a matter of common knowledge with regard to most of the widely spread diseases such as Beri-beri and in connection with this it is interesting to note that the races of people most subject to this result of malnutrition are also most liable to granuloma.

"Most of the ailments of the native have been popularly attributed to syphilis introduced by the white man. This is unfair to the white man and has dried up a lot of sympathy and practical help for the native in the way of food supply that would have been readily forthcoming had people understood that 90% of his ailments were simply due to a peculiar form of starvation and which so far from being limited to the black man was common to the whole human race as testified by the occurrence of adenoids, dental caries, rickets etc. (to say nothing of many eye-diseases) all traceable to the peculiar form of starvation which has as one of its second products the supposed syphilitic disease, granuloma. As the method of using Antimony recently proposed by Prof. Castellani is simple and allows of a considerable dosage without fear of bad effects there is reason to be optimistic about its value considering the high authority responsible for it. I note in a recent article that Daniels and Newham (high authorities I presume) consider that successful treatment of all tropical infections amenable to Antimony entails keeping the disease under control for possibly two years. Failure in this regard might account for the almost invariable relapse which occurs in apparently cured cases."

As to Leprosy, on the 30th June, 1924 there were 7 leper patients under treatment, 5 at Derby and 2 at Cossack. 2 additional cases were admitted at Derby during the year, making a total of 9 for the 12 months. Of these 1 died at Derby and 1 at Cossack, leaving 7 under treatment at 30th June, 1925, arrangements for whose transfer to the new lazarette were in progress.

As disclosed in the statement hereunder there were 95 deaths, being 37 more than during the previous 12 months.

Accident	8
Beri-beri	1
Bronchitis	3
Cancer	3
Haemorrhage of the Lungs	1
Heart failure	3
Influenza	10
Leprosy	2
Murder	1
Murder (Tribal)	2
Natural Causes	16
Pneumonia	4
Poisoning	1
Pleurisy	1
Scurvy	4
Senile decay	19
Suicide	1
Tribal fighting	1
Tuberculosis	3
Venereal	11
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Food, clothing, medicines and medical attendance were regularly supplied at 27 rationing stations scattered throughout the North, including three Departmental Settlements and five Missions. The sum paid for food supplies including tobacco amounted to £3,050. 3. 3 being £384.19. 5 more than for the previous year. The total number of natives rationed monthly was 437 as against 412 for the preceding year. This increase is due to dry weather conditions. During period of drought the natural foods upon which nomadic natives usually largely subsist are exceedingly scarce, causing increasing numbers of the people to seek for maintenance from the supplies distributed by the Department. Blankets numbering 716 were distributed through these relief stations as well as at all police stations throughout, also clothing totalling 1,734 garments. The return at page 23 gives particulars of the cost of rations distributed at the various relief stations.

- EMPLOYMENT -

The table at page 22 gives the number of natives employed under permit, also place of issue and nature of permit issued. A comparison with the figures for the previous year shows that there has been a decrease of 359 in the total number of natives employed due to dry weather conditions when less employment is available. The total number of permits issued was 506 as against 583 for the previous year.

- CRIMES -

The number of convictions reported to the Department was 150 being an increase of 32 as compared with the preceding 12 months.

Convictions for Cattle Killing and offences connected therewith again show a decrease, having declined from 18 to 7.

Five convictions were recorded for sheep killing a practice not hitherto resorted to by the natives. Convictions for drunkenness (27) and receiving liquor (67) indicate marked increases, the former 14 and the latter 46. Eighteen of the convictions for drunkenness and 44 of those for receiving liquor were recorded in Broome. The Police are to be commended for their endeavour to cope with this class of misdemeanour but wherever Asiatics are prevalent in the North an increase in crime amongst the aboriginal people coming in contact with them is apparent. The illicit supply of drink to aborigines is unfortunately usually designed to induce them to lend their women for immoral purposes, leading to many unfortunate results.

The following comparative table indicates the number and nature of crimes reported:-

<u>Crimes</u>	<u>1923-24</u>	<u>1924-25</u>
Assault	3	6
Assisting prisoner to escape from custody	-	1
Cattle killing and offences connected therewith	18	7
Deserting Service	2	3
Disorderly conduct	7	6
Drunkenness	13	27
Escaping Legal Custody	1	2
Hindering Police	2	3
Neglect to maintain wife and children	-	1
Obscene language	2	1
On Prohibited Area	25	9
Receiving liquor	21	67
Resisting Arrest	2	2
Rogue and vagabond	-	1
Sheep killing	2	5
Stealing	7	2
Stealing and receiving	1	3
Threatening language	-	2
Tribal Murder	4	-
Unlawfull possession	8	-
Unlawfully on premises	-	1
Unlawful use of a gun	2	-
Unsound mind	-	1
	<u>118</u>	<u>150</u>



- OFFENCES AGAINST ABORIGINES -

Twentytwo persons other than aborigines were convicted of breaches of the Aborigines Act, 1905, as against seventeen last year. There were eighteen convictions for supplying liquor, fourteen of which were recorded in Broome, two in Carnarvon, and one each at Port Hedland and Whim Creek. One offender was let off with a caution, fifteen were fined amounts ranging from £20 to £60, whilst in the remaining two cases terms of four and six months imprisonment were imposed. Three convictions were recorded for harbouring natives - one offender being cautioned and the other two fined £5 each. One person was also charged with supplying firearms to a native and fined £2.

- CERTIFICATES OF EXEMPTION -

Six aborigines applied for exemption in accordance with the provisions of Section 63 of "The Aborigines Act, 1905" whilst at the beginning of the year there were four applications under consideration, making a total of 10 to be dealt with. Of these, three were granted, one refused and six are receiving further consideration.

- RECOGNISANCES -

Permission was granted under Section 9 of "The Aborigines Act, 1905" to five persons to remove seven natives from one part of the State to another. Three of the natives concerned have been returned to their districts whilst in the remaining cases the periods of the recognisances have not expired.

- INSPECTOR OF ABORIGINES -

For some years past I have advocated the appointment of an Inspector of Aborigines to patrol the North, and am very glad to say my representations have at last received favourable consideration, culminating in the appointment of Mr.E.C.Mitchell as from the 1st April 1925. Mr.Mitchell was formerly with the Department for four and a half years, possesses the

necessary qualifications, and has spent a great part of his life in studying the natives and native question generally.

Very shortly after his appointment Mr. Mitchell accompanied me through the North, and I was thus able to make him acquainted with his duties, and personally introduce him to the managers of various outstations, Government officials, and others, with whom he would be likely to come into contact in the course of his duties.

- MOOLA BULLA ABORIGINES CATTLE STATION -

Financially Moola Bulla Station has this year received a severe set back as was forecasted in my last report. In common with other stations in the North it suffered through the dry conditions prevailing during the two previous seasons. Usually Moola Bulla enjoys a rainfall of about 21 inches during the summer months, but in the 1923-24 season 16.47 inches fell, and during 1924-25 season there were only 12.37 inches. It is estimated that we have lost about 25% of the herd, and the stock book has been written down accordingly. We were more fortunate than some of our neighbours, whose percentage of mortality was said to be very much greater.

Up to this year Moola Bulla Station has managed to pay its way, and on 30th June, 1924 the accumulated profits stood at £3,439.18.5. This profit is now unfortunately turned to a loss of £6,132.14.4.

The receipts from the station which were paid over to Consolidated Revenue amounted to £1,574.4.7 as against £3,865.17.11 for the previous 12 months, or a decrease of £2,291.13.4 of which sales of cattle accounted for £1,955.11.2. The reason for this decrease lies in the fact that the usual consignment of cattle was not sent to the Wyndham Meatworks during the period under review.

On the other hand total payments amounted to £6,074.1.10 for the year, whilst disbursements for the previous period totalled £7,643.8.0 or a decrease of £1,569.6.2 due to savings effected.

Only about half the usual number of calves were branded for the year, which of course added to the loss. It was not possible to completely work the run owing to the weak condition of the cattle. I visited the station in June last and found that the condition of affairs had again become normal, and have no doubt that the situation will right itself given two or three good seasons. After a careful inspection of the property, stock, books etc. I was pleased to be able to report that the Manager and his staff were carrying out their duties in a satisfactory manner and had the interests of the Department at heart.

Additional outside waters are badly required, though with the exception of Carrington Weir the existing supplies are all in good order. Carrington Weir was, at the time of my visit, unfortunately leaking, and an endeavour has since been made to ascertain the cause.

I found the natives contented and happy, and the indigents well cared for. The station is undoubtedly fulfilling the purpose for which it was established. It was never intended to be a money making concern, but it has been our endeavour to make it pay its way, which up to this year it has succeeded in doing, and has thus obviated the expenditure of the many thousands of pounds annually which were formerly required to defray the cost of the prevention of cattle killing by natives.

Additional accommodation for the station staff is about to be erected, and the policy of improving and rebuilding the yards embarked on last year is being continued. The old steam pumping engine which is worn out is to be scrapped and a new one supplied.

The Manager (Mr.A.T.Woodland) reports as follows:-

"Season. The season has been the worst on record for the Kimberleys the rainfall from 1st March 1924 to December 1924 was 83 points a period of 10 months and the first rain to do any good started on 6th January. In January we had 480 points. All outside waters were dry with the exception of Warloo, Bull Springs, Carrington and Rocky River. We were digging for water at Dawson Downs until 10th January and all stock about the station were depending on Carrington and the Wells.

Stud Cattle. On the 1st July 1924 the stud herd numbered 19 Bulls and 30 Cows. 5 Cows having died for the year. 4 Heifers and 6 Bulls were branded. 18 Bulls were transferred to the Herd leaving a balance of 29 Cows and 9 Bulls. Owing to the dry season we had to feed 21 Stud Cows and 3 Bulls from 27th October to 17th January and the calves were lost owing to the cows being too weak to rear them.

Half Breeds. These are calves from bush cows by stud bulls. 22 Bulls and 23 Heifers were branded and transferred to Herd.

Donkeys. On the 1st July, 1924 the Donkeys numbered 158 and 4 Jacks. 22 were branded, 6 having died, leaving a balance of 174 Donkeys and 4 Jacks.

Goats. On the 1st July, 1924 these numbered 279. Increase 20, deaths 3, killed 42, leaving a balance of 254.

Herd Cattle. On the 1st July, 1924 the herd numbered 17581 the branding for the year was 2128. The following sales were made:- 8 to Local Butcher, 97 stragglers to Works, 122 Station Rations, 154 to Natives, 155 to Violet Valley, 16 transferred from Stud Herd, and 4968 written off as annual mortality leaving a balance of 14,229, being a decrease for the year of 3,352. Owing to the bad season branding was stopped after the end of June and cattle were shifted to Warloo, Bull Springs, Carrington and Rocky River. Brandings were again started on the 1st March, 1925. Owing to such a long dry spell I consider we have lost over 25% of the Herd.

Transport. Stores were again carted from Wyndham by Mr.F.Castles with the stations teams, under contract. At present we are unable to cart the whole of the station supplies with the Station Donkeys and Mr. Castles is working his own team in conjunction with that of the Station.

Employees. Eight permanent hands were employed during the year and an average of 50 natives were occupied doing station work. Other natives were engaged upon road work between the Station and Panten River a distance of 30 miles in order to enable Teams to travel the short road to the Station, and without any white man to supervise the natives did the work well.

Yards and Improvements. A new yard 40x40 yards has been erected at Shepherds Well and one is in course of erection at Bull Spring. A contract has been let to erect a branding yard and dip at Gnewingwell. A new supply tank has been erected at the Home Station and a Mill and tank in the Garden. Doughals Well has been re-timbered. New Mill Head put on old stand and the 10" Hot Air Engine set on concrete foundation.

REPORT ON CONDITION AND TREATMENT OF NATIVES IN THE MOOLA BULLA  
AND VIOLET VALLEY AREAS.

An average of 150 men, women and children have been in the main camp at Moola Bulla during the year and 154 head of cattle were killed for their use.

Of the 3 natives found by Dr. Cock to be suffering from Granuloma 2 have been cured as per Dr. Cock's prescription, and the third is showing improvement. Twenty two children and 10 blind and crippled natives have been constantly fed at kitchen.

An average of 100 natives has been in the main camp at Violet Valley during the year and 155 head of cattle have been sent there for their use. Parts of the year there are a great number of natives at both places, especially in the wet season when all other stations have finished work. The natives come to both places to spell. The health of the natives has been good, only 1 case of Granuloma. This woman is being sent to Derby."

- VIOLET VALLEY NATIVE STATION -

Mr. Hector Burness Officer-in-Charge.

In company with Mr. A. T. Woodland, Manager of Moola Bulla Station, I visited this depot in June last, and after conferring with the Manager, we came to the conclusion that it was desirable to increase the area of the reserve by taking in the vacant land lying to the North-West, if this were possible, the existing reserve not being large enough to meet requirements. The area required, while not good cattle country, is much frequented by natives. Since my return, the Lands Department has granted the application for the additional area and the reserve has been increased from 74,500 acres to 251,460 acres. It is thus hoped that Violet Valley will be able to do more than has been possible in the past towards becoming self-supporting, and thus relieve Moola Bulla of the necessity of annually supplying large numbers of cattle upon which to feed the natives frequenting the place. Violet Valley natives are fortunate in enjoying the use of the products of a really excellent garden, which the Manager has been at great pains in establishing. Much credit is due to this Officer for his efforts in this direction and the interest he has taken in cultural experiments generally, and the Government property in his charge.

During the year 139 calves were branded and 216 head of cattle were killed for station use, while 155 were received from Moela Bulla. There were 668 head on the run at June 30th, 1925.

Eight mules and eleven horses were branded and at the end of the year all stock was in good condition.

The usual two hands have been employed throughout the year as well as eleven natives engaged on stock and domestic work.

- LA GRANGE BAY FEEDING DEPOT -

Officer in Charge, Mr. John Spurling.

An average of 59 natives has been provided with rations, clothing and medicines during the year at a cost of £705.10.11.

I inspected this Depot in July last and noted that the Officer in Charge displays a keen interest in the welfare of the old people under his charge and it is due to his care and attention that the health of the inmates has been very satisfactory.

Many improvements to the buildings and surroundings have been effected and a garden for the supply of vegetables to the inmates re-established. Neat grass huts for the aged inmates and a hospital of similar construction are a feature of this Depot.

Most of the inmates are aged natives, too old to hunt game for themselves, consequently they have keenly felt the absence of meat to which they have been accustomed. Hitherto meat has been difficult to obtain but I have arranged for regular supplies in future. Well baked bread has also taken the place of damper made by the natives.

To provide the old people with some further protection from the weather it has been arranged to send up materials for the erection of a shelter shed. A windmill and pump for the garden is also to be provided. A horse and cart have been supplied.

- MISSIONS -

At page 25 will be found a statement setting out in detail the operations of the various Missions.

The Manager of BEAGLE BAY MISSION (Father Dreste) conducted by the Pious Society of Missions, reported that in addition to the 50 natives subsidised by the State, 170 had been provided for by the Mission whilst there were 239 outside natives within the influence of the Mission. The livestock figures unfortunately show that the number of cattle on the reserve has decreased by 700. General improvements consisting of the erection of a new stock yard and the sinking of another bore have been carried out.

The average attendance at school has been 38 as compared with 45 for the previous year. Four births, three deaths, and one marriage are recorded.

The Mission has been free from any serious epidemic, although a case of Leprosy was discovered during the visit of Dr.Cecil Cook. Thanks to the close attention given to Hygienic measures Hookworm disease has apparently been stamped out.

I visited this Mission in July last and found that good progress had been made since my previous visit in 1917. The condition of the people with few exceptions left little to be desired, and all seemed happy and contented. This happy state of affairs is due in no small measure to the work of the devoted band of sisters who assist in the care of the children.

The Manager of DRYSDALE RIVER MISSION (Rev. Father D.R. Silinas) conducted by the Benedictine Community of New Norcia reports that in addition to 16 natives subsidised by the State 32 have been provided for by the Mission whilst there were 290 within the influence of the Mission.

The general health of the natives has been satisfactory.

The cattle have increased to 600 head.

The Superintendent of the FORREST RIVER MISSION (Rev. E.R.B. Gribble) conducted by the Australian Board of Missions (Anglican) reported that there were 864 natives within the influence of the Mission, 37 of whom were supported by the State and the balance either wholly or partially by the Mission.

The average attendance at school has been 47 an increase of 4 on the previous year. The scholars consisted of 27 full-blood aboriginals, 20 half-caste children.

Five half-caste children were admitted during the year.

The Mission has again been free from any serious epidemic, only minor complaints being reported. There were six births, one death, and one marriage.

This Mission was inspected by Inspector Mitchell in June, who was much impressed with the physical condition and cheerful demeanour of the inmates.

Improvements carried out during the year consist of the excavation of a dam. The live stock is increasing, cattle now numbering 1100 and sheep 175.

Further efforts to make the institution self-supporting consist of the cultivation of cotton, peanuts and millet from which meal is made for use of the inmates, the manufacture of soap for Mission use and the cultivation of vegetables for sale in Wyndham after Mission requirements have been met.



The general health of the inmates has been satisfactory. Accidents and pneumonia only are reported.

The Manager SUNDAY ISLAND MISSION (Mr. James Jago) conducted by the Australian Aborigines Mission (Undenominational) reports that there are 103 natives within the influence of the Mission, 38 of whom are subsidised by the State and the balance either wholly or partially supported by the Mission.

The average attendance at school has been 29 an increase of 6 on the previous year.

One birth, one death and one marriage were recorded.

Generally speaking the health of the inmates has been satisfactory.

To assist in the maintenance of the institution the Mission lugger continues to engage in transport of freight for adjacent stations, whilst the white staff assisted by inmates gather trocas and turtle shell for sale.

PORT GEORGE IV MISSION (HANOVER BAY) (Joint Managers N.A. Paull and G. Beard) conducted by the Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church of Australia. It is reported that there are approximately 140 natives within the influence of the Mission, 31 of whom are supported by the State and the balance either wholly or partially by the Mission.

Improvements effected during the year consist of alterations to buildings, construction of roads, sinking well and clearing of further land for cultivation.

There is now an area of 50 acres under crop or in process of clearing. Twenty acres have been devoted to cotton growing whilst the balance has been cultivated for the purpose of raising produce for the use of the Mission and for sale in Broome where a market has been opened up for rice chaff. Further efforts to make the institution self-supporting consist of the carriage of freight.

The average attendance of children at school during the year has been 12, the same as last year.

The health of the inmates has been satisfactory only minor complaints being recorded. There were three births, one marriage and six deaths.

- ABORIGINES ACT AND REGULATIONS -

The proposed amendments to the Aborigines Act have had to be postponed once more. The present act is a good one as far as it goes, but time has shown that there are many directions in which it might be improved and provision made to deal with factors which have arisen in recent years, not contemplated by its original framers.

The existing system governing the employment of natives, the regulation of the payment of wages, the disposal of the property of deceased natives, the examination and segregation of diseased natives, the protection of native women and half-castes, monetary transactions between aborigines and others, are some of the directions in which the Department seeks wider powers.

The Department is often blamed for failing to take action along certain lines when really it has no legal power to do so under the present law.

- FINANCIAL -

A statement of receipts and payments on all accounts, including Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Account of Moola Bulla Station is attached hereto.

Receipts credited to the Trust Account amounted to £762.11.5 as compared with £823.12.7 during the previous year, or a decrease of £53.1.2.

In addition receipts from Moola Bulla Native Station which were paid over to Consolidated Revenue amounted to £1,574. 4. 7 as against £3,865.17.11 for the previous 12 months.

Total payments amounted to £13,815. 9. 7 for the year, whilst disbursements for the previous period totalled £15,384.15. 2 or a decrease of £1,569. 5. 7.

In conclusion I desire again to extend thanks to all Protectors, Police Officers and others throughout who have assisted in the care of the aborigines during the past year.

(sgd) A.O.Neville

31st October, 1925.  
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CHIEF PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINES.

ABORIGINES DEPARTMENT

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS

To Grant under Section 5 of Aborigines Act 5     £4,000. -.  
King Edward VII No.14

Department of the North-West  
Receipts paid to Treasury \*     782.11.

Amount provided on Estimates for  
1924/25     9,032.18.

\* Exclusive of £1574.4.7 derived  
from Moola Bulla Station paid direct  
to Treasury and therefore not  
available.

£13,815. 9.

PAYMENTS

<u>By Salaries - Departmental</u>			
Chief Protector of Aborigines and Staff	1124. -- -		
Travelling Inspector (Inc. Allowance)	<u>116.12. 5</u>	1,240.12. 5	
<u>Relief to Natives (General)</u>			
Provisions and Transport	1291.14. 3		
Blankets and Clothing	387. 1. 9		
Medical Supplies	<u>58. 4. 9</u>	1,737. -- 9	
<u>Leprosy</u>		90. -- 7	
<u>Depot for Diseased Natives</u>			
Salaries Medical Officer Orderly in Charge) and Matron )	150. -- - 227. 5. -		
Provisions	434.18. 5		
Medical Supplies	63. 4. -		
Freight, Travelling and miscellaneous	<u>133.14. 6</u>	1,009. 1.11	
<u>Grants to Missions</u>			
Beagle Bay	247.10. -		
Brocke Convent School	125. -- -		
Sunday Island	186. 5. -		
Port George IV.	164. 6. 1		
Drysdale River	60. -- -		
Forrest River	<u>184.11. 7</u>	967.12. 8	
<u>La Grange Bay Relief Station</u>			
Salaries	115.16. 2		
Rations etc.	<u>705.10.11</u>	821. 7. 1	
<u>Violet Valley Relief Station</u>			
Salaries	464.14. 9		
Rations etc.	<u>269. 2.11</u>	733.17. 8	
<u>Beagle Bay Police Station</u>			
Half cost		233. 7. 6	
<u>Moola Bulla Native Station</u>			
Salaries and Wages	2527. 2. 7		
Improvements and Upkeep	<u>3546.19. 3</u>	6,074. 1.10	
<u>General</u>			
Travelling	82.14. 4		
Freight and Cartage	15. 8. 7		
Transport of Natives	192.11. 7		
Postages, Telegrams and Telephones	42. 7.10		
Printing and Stationery	27.19. 9		
Burials	167.10. -		
Miscellaneous	83.14. 7		
Dr. Cook's Inspection of Natives	<u>306. -- 6</u>	918. 7. 2	
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		£13,815. 9. 7	
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MOOLA BULLA ABORIGINES CATTLE STATION

Balance sheet as at 30th June, 1925

Colonial Treasurer

General Loan Fund

Consolidated Revenue Fund

Cash Order Account

Sundry Creditors

225,040. 6. 2

30,760. 1. 3

579. 8. -

24.16. 6

Cattle on Station as per Returns  
Horses, Mules and Donkeys "

24,419.10. -  
5,957.11. 2

Station Account

Buildings 231. 1. 7  
Fencing 2,461. 2. 5  
Stock Yards 1,673. 7. 3  
Water Supply Extension 4,269. 7. 1  
Tannery 3,209. 1. 5  
Motor Car 197. 2. 6  
Carts and Buggies 376. - -  
Saddlery & Harness 544. 9. -  
Tools, Brands, Camp 525. 1.10  
Equipment & Sundries 224.15. 5  
Household Furniture and Effects 20.18. -  
Office Furniture and Fittings 13,742. 6. 6

Stores on Hand 1,975.16. 2  
Stores in Transit 1,436.11. -

Stock on Consignment 67. 8. -  
Stores & Hides on hand in Tannery 269. 8.11  
Stock on hand at Head Office 7.10. -  
Sundry Debtors 395.15.10  
Gross Loss for Year 9,572.12. 9  
Less Profit from 1923/24 3,429.18. 5

254,404.11.11

254,404.11.11

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT  
MOOLA BULLA ABORIGINES CATTLE STATION

	<u>1925</u>	<u>1924.</u>	
June 20			July 1 By Balance from Year 30.6.24
To Cattle Account	23,101.10.5		
" Horses Account	167.17.10		
" Tanning Account	24.0.5		
" Salaries	686.12.5		
" Wages	1,019.11.6		June 20 " Mail Service 37.5.10
" Driving Expenses	24.12.1		
" Station Provisions	1,453.16.10		" Stores Account 925.14.11
" Clothing Station Natives	224.12.1		
" Travelling Expenses	52.15.8		" Net Loss for year 9,572.12.9
" Bad Debts	2.16.6		<u>20.6.25</u>
" Shoeing	22.18.6		
" Upkeep of Motor Car	95.18.-		
" Repairs and Renewals	572.11.5		Less Profits accrued for year 30.6.24 3,439.18.4
" Postages and Telegrams	22.6.2		
" Printing and Stationery	12.4.4		
" General Expenses	356.17.4		
" Interest	967.2.-		
" Depertmental Charges	467.5.-		
" Depreciation	1,160.3.-		
	<u>£10,425.13.6</u>		<u>£10,435.13.6</u>

1925

June 20

NATURE OF PERMIT ISSUED AND NUMBER OF NATIVES AUTHORIZED TO BE EMPLOYED THEREUNDER

1923-24

1924-25

Place of Issue	1923-24				1924-25				TOTAL	
	General	Natives	Single	Natives	Permits	Natives	Single	Natives	Permits	Natives
Beagle Bay	8	118	6	124	14	124	2	2	12	126
Brooke	21	361	107	492	128	256	84	109	100	365
Carnarvon	9	57	20	77	29	91	13	15	28	104
Derby	47	1170	39	1269	66	1057	34	41	75	1098
Hall's Creek	16	261	8	269	24	276	10	10	28	286
Junction	11	268	7	275	18	227	2	2	14	229
La Grange Bay	4	63	2	65	6	82	3	3	8	85
Marble Bar	16	122	8	130	24	215	18	18	34	235
Mcoola Bulla	13	135	--	135	13	123	4	4	13	127
Nullegine	21	180	8	188	29	178	4	4	24	182
Peak Hill	-	-	-	-	-	30	1	1	4	31
Onslow	20	199	4	203	24	118	3	3	15	121
Perth (for a Northern District)	1	6	1	7	2	-	-	-	-	-
Port Hedland	13	219	11	230	24	203	5	5	18	208
Roeburne	15	143	7	150	22	146	7	7	22	153
Shark Bay	1	3	36	39	37	-	23	23	23	23
Tableland	8	185	-	185	80	-	-	-	-	-
Violet Valley	22	213	3	216	25	278	8	8	33	286
Wyndham	11	106	59	165	70	98	45	45	55	143
	257	3809	350	4159	583	3502	266	298	506	3800





<u>Place</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>By whom supplied</u>	<u>Supervised by</u>
<u>DEPARTMENTAL SETTLEMENTS</u>			
Moola Bulla Native Station	Bulk Supplies	Aborigines Dept.	Manager
Violet Valley Native Station	do.	do.	do.
La Grange Feeding Depot	do.	do.	Officer in Charge
Winning Pool	6d. per day	J.Powell	<u>PER</u>
<u>BY CONTRACT UNDER POLICE</u>			
Bamboo Creek	As per con- tract	Contractor	Police
Bullara	Bulk Supplies	Aborigines Dept.	F.Taylor Bullara St
Carnarvon	As per con- tract	Contractor	Police
Derby	do.	do.	do.
Fitzroy Cross- ing	Bulk Supplies	Aborigines Dept.	do.
Giralia	do.	do.	Dawe W.H. Giralia St
Junction	do.	do.	Police
Jigalong	do.	do.	Rabbit Dep
Marble Bar	As per con- tract	do.	Police
Nullagine	Bulk Supplies	Aborigines Dept.	do.
Onslow	As per con- tract	Contractor	do.
Roebourne (Leper's)	Bulk Supplies	Aborigines Dept.	do.
Roebourne (Indigents)	do.	do.	do.
Shark Bay	As per con- tract	Contractor	do.
Tableland	Bulk Supplies	Aborigines Dept.	do.
Wallal	do.	do.	
Whin Creek	As per con- tract	Contractor	do.
Wodgina	Bulk Supplies	Aborigines Dept.	do.

## OF RATIONS ISSUED

Average No. of natives fed per month		TOTAL COST		Remarks
1923-24	1924-25	1923-24	1924-25	
<u>STATIONS AND FEEDING DEPOTS</u>				
		(a)		
146	161	394.10.0	459.10.0	
		(a)		
115	100	917.18.1	733.18.8	
49	59	701.4.5	705.10.11	
<u>PER CAPITA</u>				
1	1	10.--	9.--	
<u>FOR DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISION</u>				
	4		69.--10	
6	4	52.6.6		Transferred to Giralia
	4		48.13.10	
5	6	52.6.7	66.13.7	
22	20	120.15.6	179.18.6	
				Relief trans. from Bullara Stn.
5	6	62.18.6	55.9.3	
9	13	21.11.3	76.10.--	
2	3	19.12.4	2.7.8	
14	16	58.10.1	162.19.6	
4	4	33.14.11	66.7.8	
2	2	47.4.11	48.1.9	
2	2	13.8.2	16.14.1	
4	4	24.19.3	49.5.4	
15	14	57.17.7	64.4.9	
			79.2.7	Station reopened
3	8	33.--	104.15.10	Bulk supplies from 28/2/25.
8	6	43.5.9	51.18.6	
412	437	2665.3.10	3050.3.3	

les value of cattle killed for rations

STATEMENT SHOWING POPULATION ACCORDING TO DISTRICTS AND OTHER PARTICULARS.

District	ESTIMATED POPULATION									Total	Increase or decrease noted for year	Condition and Health	Epidemics	Venereal	Conduct	Employment.
	Full Blood			Half-castes deemed to be Aborigines			Half-castes not deemed Aborigines									
	M	F	C	M	F	C	M	F	C							
Beagle Bay	201	212	98	33	53	55	3	3	6	664	Increasing	Good	Nil	Few cases	Good	Plentiful
Brooke	220	200	30	25	20	33	-	-	-	528	Decreasing	Very fair	nil	Isolated cases	Very fair	do.
Carnarvon	165	60	30	4	3	-	-	-	11	273	Increasing	Fairly good	Influenza	nil	Good	do.
Derby	450	350	100	20	20	20	2	-	-	962	Stationary	Good	do.	Few cases	Good	do.
Pitzroy Crossing	900	800	-	2	2	18	2	-	-	1724	Slight increase	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.
Hall's Creek	500	300	175	5	1	7	4	-	1	993	Decreasing	do.	do.	Very little	do.	Plentiful Some natives will not accept employment
Junction	200	170	35	12	10	14	-	-	3	444	Increasing	do.	nil	nil	do.	Plentiful
Marble Bar	300	250	24	10	10	3	1	-	-	598	do.	do.	nil	Few cases	do.	Fairly plentiful
Mullagine	200	150	20	10	12	6	8	-	-	406	Slight decrease	do.	nil	do.	do.	Very scarce
Onslow	140	112	37	4	4	7	3	2	4	313	do.	do.	nil	Very little	do.	Plentiful
Pt. Hedland	151	168	25	11	12	28	-	-	-	395	Slight increase	do.	nil	Several cases	do.	do.
Rosebourne	148	131	66	16	13	20	1	2	3	402	Increasing	do.	nil	nil	do.	do.
Shark Bay	9	6	4	12	8	20	-	-	-	59	Decreasing	Very good	nil	nil	do.	do.
Turkey Creek	400	400	60	3	-	-	-	-	11	874	Slight decrease	Very fair	Colds & fever	Few cases	Very fair	Plentiful but natives not always willing to accept.
Whin Creek	49	45	23	3	5	3	3	2	6	144	do.	Good	nil	Very little	Good	Plentiful
Wyndham	670	670	150	75	75	3	-	-	-	1643	Increasing	do.	nil	Several cases	do.	Plentiful but natives not always willing to accept.
	4703	4024	877	249	238	237	27	9	58	10422						

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SUMMARY

	1923-24	1924-25
Full Bloods	9,452	9,604
Half-castes (Column 2)	168	94
Half-castes (Column 3)	168	94
Aborigines outside the influence of civilization	10,000	10,000
Estimate only	20,057	20,422



BEAGLE BAY

DRYSDALE RIVER

FORREST RIVER

Name of Governing Body	Pious Society of Missions (Roman Catholic)	Benedictine Community of New Norcia (Roman Catholic)	Australian Board of Missions (Anglican)
Brief description of land held and nature of tenure	10,000 acres freehold, 80,000 acres leasehold, 40 acres Town lot, use of Aborigines Reserve 700,000 acres.	50,000 acres freehold 50,000 acres leasehold	1,000 acres freehold 100,000 acres reserved for Mission purposes within Aborigines Reserve of 4,000,000 acres.
Livestock owned by Mission at 30th June, 1925			
Cattle	3000	600	1100
Horses	12	5	20
Sheep	-	-	175
Donkeys	35	10	40
Mules	34	-	-
Goats	280	-	700
Pigs	33	-	1
Area under crop or in process of cultivation, clearing etc.	30 acres	9 acres	60 acres
General improvements effected during year ended 30.6.25	New stockyard erected and bore sunk		Dam excavated
Special efforts to make the Mission self-supporting during the year under review.	Sale of cattle, vegs. sandalwood & Broom Millet		Cotton & Peanut cultivation. Production of vegetables for Mission use and sale in Wyndham. Manufacture of Soap and Millet meal. Meat and milk requirements are also provided from Mission herds.
Average number of natives within Mission influence.	M. F. C. Total	M. F. C. Total	M. F. C. Total
	72 85 80 239	150 130 10 290	450 350 64 864
No. of inmates supported at cost of the Mission	50 60 60 170	15 15 2 32	175
No. of inmates supported by the State (exclusive of above)	12 18 20 50	2 7 7 16	27 8 2 37
Average No. of children under 16 years attending school daily.	20 abos. 18 h.castes		27 abos. 20 h.castes
No. of children received at the institution since 1st July giving age, sex, whether full-blood or half-caste, also district from whence received.	1 full blood male 8 years, from Broome District.	1 boy, one year old, full blood. 1 girl, 3 months old, full blood. Both from bush.	5 h.caste females ranging from 5-13 years from East Kimberley District.
No. of children discharged and placed in situations or otherwise disposed of - give brief particulars, including age, name, sex, if full-blood or half-caste, wages to be paid or other consideration for services.	4 half-caste girls placed in service - 2 in Broome with wages at rate of 10/- ea. per week & 2 at Presentation Convent, Carnarvon		
Particulars of births, deaths or marriages.	Births. 4 f.b. - 3 m. and 1 female Deaths. 3 f.b.-2m. and 1 female. Marriage. 1 full-b.	Birth. 1 full-blood Death. 1 f.b. child Marriage. 1 f.b.	Births. 6 (all f.bs.) Death. 1 Marriage. 1 full blood
<b>Health</b>			
(a) No. of inmates ill from any cause during the year.			
(b) Enumerate diseases from which inmates have suffered.	Minor complaints including Leprosy, colds & sore eyes.		Health excellent - only minor complaints
(c) No. of visits from Medical Officer.	Mission visited by Dr. Cecil Cook		

LOMBADINA

SUNDAY IS.

PORT GEORGE IV. HANOVER BAY

Pious Society of Missions (R.C.)

Australian Aborigines Mission Board of Missions (Presbyterian Church of Australia) Incorporated.

About 8,000 acres held for Mission purposes

58,000 acres held for Mission purposes.

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One acre - House Garden

50 acres

Further land cleared fenced and cultivated. Work continued on roads and wells. Improvements to buildings.

Fishing for Trocas Shell and Turtles  
Carriage of freight

Cotton cultivation - 20 acres under crop. Raising produce for use of Mission and sale in Broome. Market opened up with Broome for sale of rice chaff. Carriage of freight.

M.	F.	C.	Total
28	27	38	103
			66
6	17	15	38

M.	F.	C.	Total
33	22	17	72
16	14	11	41
17	8	6	31

25 abcs. 4 half-caste

12 Aboriginal 2 half-caste

2 full blood females aged 7 & 9 years

Birth. 1 half-caste  
Death. 1 full blood  
Marriage 1 full bloods

3 births, 6 deaths, 1 marriage

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Pneumonia, Venereal & Leprosy

Influenza, Colds, sore eyes and other minor complaints.





THE

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ANNUAL

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REPORT

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OF

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THE DEPUTY CHIEF PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINES.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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30TH JUNE, 1925.

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THE HON. CHIEF SECRETARY

I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report for the year 1924-25 in regard to Aboriginal Natives south of Parallel 25° South.

Reports show that the health of the natives has been generally very good, with the exception of influenza outbreaks in several centres.

During the year the conduct of the natives has been satisfactory, and employment for them plentiful.

The population is estimated at 4,560, compared with 4,162 last year. There are 3,575 adults and 985 children. It is also estimated that there are 202 half-castes not deemed to be aboriginals within the meaning of the Aborigines Act. Although the estimated population in the various centres submitted by the Police Officers indicates an increase over last year, it cannot be said that there is an actual increase in the native population. No doubt, the increase in numbers is accounted for by natives coming into populated centres in quest of food, owing to drought conditions which prevailed some little time ago, and thereby giving the Police Officers a better chance of estimating the number of natives in their districts.

Applications for the services of half-caste girls as domestics are still greatly in excess of the number of girls available for employment.

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RELIEF

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Food, clothing and medicines (also medical attention, where necessary) are distributed at the various centres.

During the year the total cost of food supplied amounted to £5,303, as compared with £4,843 for the previous year. Medicines and medical fees totalled £180, while blankets and clothing cost £1,119/4

BLANKETS AND CLOTHING.

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The blankets issued this year were similar to those distributed the previous year, being of Australian manufacture, and colored red, grey and blue.

The whole of the clothing issued this year was manufactured (as in the past two years) at the Moore River Settlement by the native inmates.

The supplies distributed were as under:-

Blankets	. . . . .	889
Dresses	. . . . .	858
Undershirts	. . . . .	890
Trousers	. . . . .	797
Shirts	. . . . .	752
Other garments	. . . . .	406

LABOR CONDITIONS.

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Permits to the number of 262 were issued during the year for the employment of 709 natives.

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One recognisance was issued for the removal of a native to another district.

Particulars of permits granted in various centres are given in the following statement:-

Place of Issue	Nature of Permit issued & No. of Natives authorised to be employed thereunder.				Totals.	
	General	No. of Natives	Single	No. of Natives	Permits	Natives
Albany	-	-	4	4	4	4
Beverley	-	-	3	3	3	3
Bunbury	-	-	3	3	3	3
Cue	3	23	8	8	11	31
Esperance	-	-	7	7	7	7
Eucla	-	-	1	1	1	1
Geraldton	1	12	6	6	7	18
Kojonup	-	-	1	1	1	1
Kalgoorlie	-	-	5	5	5	5
Katanning	-	-	4	4	4	4
Laverton	1	7	14	14	15	21
Leonora	2	24	2	2	4	26
Lawlers	3	18	2	2	5	20
Meekatharra	20	228	20	20	40	208
Merredin	-	-	4	4	4	4
Menzies	-	-	10	10	10	10
Moore River Native Settlement	-	-	4	4	4	4
Morgans	1	11	10	10	11	21
Norseman	3	29	2	2	5	31
Narrogin	1	8	1	1	2	9
Northam	1	4	-	-	1	4
Perth	1	4	79	64	80	68
Pinjarra	-	-	2	2	2	2
Ravensthorpe	-	-	5	5	5	5
Sandstone	1	4	4	4	5	8
Toodyay	1	15	1	1	2	16
Wiluna	2	15	-	-	2	15
Yalgoo	15	116	4	4	19	120
	56	518	206	191	262	709

During the past year eight (8) native

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children were placed in the care of guardians.

Twenty natives were removed to the Moore River Native Settlement under the authority of Section 12 of the Aborigines Act.

DEATHS.  
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Seventy-seven deaths were reported during the year, as compared with sixty-eight in the previous twelve months. The various causes of deaths are as follows:-

Heart failure . . . . .	3
Dropsy . . . . .	3
Burns . . . . .	2
Kidney Disease. . . . .	3
Bronchitis . . . . .	7
Chest trouble . . . . .	5 <sup>Tb.</sup>
Pleurisy. . . . .	2
Marasmus. . . . .	3
Gastritis . . . . .	1
Congestion of Lungs . . . . .	2 <sup>Tb</sup>
Influenza . . . . .	8
Tumour on liver . . . . .	1
Still-born. . . . .	2
Natural causes. . . . .	11
Pthisis . . . . .	1
Pneumonia . . . . .	5
Convulsions . . . . .	3
Hemorrhage. . . . .	3
Senile decay. . . . .	7
Tuberculosis. . . . .	4
Cancer . . . . .	1
<u>Total</u>	<u>77</u>

CRIMES.  
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Fifty-eight convictions were reported

(5)

for crimes committed by natives, showing a decrease of ten (10) in comparison with last year's figures. As in previous years, drunkenness was the main offence.

Particulars of convictions recorded are shown hereunder:-

Attempted Murder . . . . .	2
Threatening language . . . . .	1
Assault . . . . .	3
Carrying a gun without a license . . . . .	4
Drunkenness. . . . .	26
Disorderly conduct . . . . .	4
Escaping from custody. . . . .	3
Unsound Mind . . . . .	1
Receiving liquor . . . . .	6
Cruelty to animals . . . . .	1
Stealing . . . . .	6
Section 15 - Assisting to remove from legal custody . . . . .	1
<u>Total:</u>	<u>58</u>

OFFENCES AGAINST ABORIGINALS.

Only nine (9) convictions for offences against aboriginals have been reported, as against twelve (12) for the previous year. Six (6) of the convictions were for supplying liquor to natives, one (1) for employing aborigines without a permit, and two (2) for being unlawfully on Aborigines Reserve. Fines aggregated £142.

CERTIFICATES OF EXEMPTION.

Under Section 63 of the Aborigines Act, three (3) applications for exemption were made,

and, in each case, a certificate was issued.

MOORE RIVER NATIVE SETTLEMENT.  
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Work at the settlement has progressed satisfactorily during the year. Apart from the maintenance of buildings, etc., the main work carried out during that period was the completion of a gravel track between Mogumber Railway Line and the settlement and we are now able to cart all our own material and stores by a motor lorry, which has been provided for the purpose.

The number of births for the year was 12 (5 male and 7 female), marriages 9, and deaths 24.

In several instances the newly married couples left the settlement in order to start life elsewhere.

The general health of the inmates has been exceedingly good during the year.

As in the preceding year, Dr. Hennessy of New Norcia has visited the settlement from time to time, as required, and the excellent service he has always rendered there is fully appreciated by both staff and inmates. The dental requirements of the inmates of the settlement have also received attention from a qualified practitioner.

The natives and half-castes on the reserve at the end of the year numbered 295, many of whom were old, infirm or blind. One hundred and ten (110) children were enrolled at the school.

The clothing distributed to the natives throughout the State, as in preceding years, was manufactured at the settlement. The employment of inmates on this work, although resulting in no pecuniary benefit to the Government, is the means of a substantial saving

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in expenditure. The number of garments made up during the year totalled 6,304.

The total value of the produce grown and consumed on the settlement during the twelve months under review was £884, comprising the following commodities:-

Hay . . . . .	90 tons
Milk . . . . .	1,025 galls.
Green vegetables, including onions . . . . .	13,360 lbs.
Potatoes. . . . .	13 tons
Eggs . . . . .	372 doz.

Kangaroo and brush flesh (caught by the natives ) totalling 10,959 lbs. was also consumed thereby saving a similar quantity of mutton at the settlement.

FINANCIAL.  
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A statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1925, is attached.

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In conclusion, I desire to express appreciation of the valuable and extensive assistance rendered by the Commissioner of Police and his officers.

The thanks of the Department are also due to the various hospitals throughout the area within my control - especially to the Perth Hospital and the Children's Hospital - for their kind attention to and treatment of our natives.

17.12.25

DEPUTY CHIEF PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINES.



ABORIGINES DEPARTMENT

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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1924-25.

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RECEIPTS.

<p>Grant under Section 5 of Aborigines Act, 5 King Edward VII No. 14.    £6000. - . - Amount provided on Estimates 1924-25        3939.10. -    £9939.10. - Receipts paid to Treasury                            888.19. 9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>By Salaries:</u></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Secretary</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;">192. - . -</td> <td style="width: 20%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerks, etc.</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>229.18. 6</u></td> <td style="text-align: right;">421.18. 6</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"><u>Moore River</u> - Superintendent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Matron</td> <td style="text-align: right;">218.13. 4</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>School Teacher )</td> <td style="text-align: right;">109.11. 5</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Attendants (</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nurses (</td> <td style="text-align: right;">475. 5. 9</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Seamstress )</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wages</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>493.10. 2</u></td> <td style="text-align: right;">1297. - . 8</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"><u>Relief to Natives - General:</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Blankets &amp; 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				1923-24	1924-25	1923-24	1924-25	
			DEPARTMENTAL	SETTLEMENT.				
Moore River Native Settlement	Bulk supplies	Aborigines Department	Superintendent	274	291	2635. 9. 7	2436. 6. 4	Including white employees.
BY CONTRACT UNDER POLICE OR DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISION.								
Que	As per contract	Contractor	Police	3	3	2.13. 7	11. 9.10	
Coolgardie	do.	do.	do.	2	9	6.16. 7	87. -. 8	
Esperance	do.	do.	do.	-	2	-	8.10. 8	
Eucla	Bulk supplies	Aborigines Department	Manager, Telegraph Station	12	13	60. -. 5	82. 5.11	
Wyre	do.	do.	do.	4	3	11.13. -	10.12. -	
Heraldton	As per contract	Contractor	Police	1	1	2.17.11	9. 4. 4	
Childford	do.	do.	do.	3	-	9.11	-. -. -	
Sum Creek	See Wiluna							
Israelite Bay	Bulk supplies	Aborigines Department	Postmaster	10	8	51.19. 3	53. 1. 6	
Winden	As per contract	Contractor	Police	18	28	166.13. 7	226. 1.11	
Manowna	do.	do.	do.	6	6	43.13. 1	10. 9. -	
Lake Parlot	do.	do.	do.	5	5	60. 7. 6	100.12. 6	
Rockynie	do.	do.	do.	5	6	53.10. 9	61. 4. 6	
Lawlers	do.	do.	do.	19	36	150. 9. -	295. 4. 7	
Leverton	do.	do.	do.	20	22	180.15. 9	212. -. 7	
Leonora	do.	do.	do.	15	7	92.10.11	12.17. 3	
Meekatharra	do.	do.	do.	10	13	104. 5. -	99. -. 6	
Morgans	do.	do.	do.	48	54	361.13. 6	482.17. 1	
Murgoo Station	-	Station Manager	Station Manager	-	5	-	34. 6. 1	
Wingenew	As per contract	Contractor	Police	4	4	26. 3.10	31.12. 9	
Moora	do.	do.	do.	-	4	-	10. 5	
St. Magnet	do.	do.	do.	4	3	29. 8.1	15.17. 7	
Mundrabilla	Bulk supplies	Aborigines Department	Station Manager	5	7	32.12.10	15.11. 8	
Worseman	As per contract	Contractor	Police	6	9	52. 9. 6	66. -. 8	
Merth	-	Aborigines Department	Aborigines Department			54. 4. 3	47. 5. -	
Peak Hill	As per contract	Contractor	Police	13	36	149.10. 4	321. 6. 6	
Minjarra	do.	do.	do.	1	10	12. 9. 1	24. 5. 8	
Wavensthorpe	do.	do.	do.	1	-	7.10	-. -. -	
Sandstone	do.	do.	do.	4	8	40. 3. 3	57. 5. 9	
Muckanarra	do.	do.	Storekeeper	11	10	115.10. -	90.12. 3	
Wiluna - Sum Creek	do.	do.	Police	24	25	234. 9.10	204.13.10	
Wallsce	do.	do.	do.	9	9	58. 9. 8	76. 9. 7	
Warri	do.	do.	do.	7	13	50.18. 9	112. 1. 6	
Loweragabbie		Station Manager	do.	-	1	-	5. 4. -	
<b>TOTAL :</b>				544	651	4842.16. 7	5302. 2. 5	

