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# REPORT

FROM THE

SELECT COMMITTEE

UPON THE

LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY;

TOGETHER WITH THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE, MINUTES OF EVIDENCE, AND  
APPENDICES.

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WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER, 1899.

11. LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY.—Mr. Salmon moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working and results of the Leongatha Labour Colony, and any means for its further extension and improvement, such Committee to consist of Mr. Anderson, Mr. Graham, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Methven, Mr. McColl, Sir John McIntyre, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. B. Tucker, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, to move from place to place, to have leave to report the minutes of evidence from time to time, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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# REPORT.

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THE SELECT COMMITTEE appointed to inquire into and report upon the working and results of the Leongatha Labour Colony, and any means for its further extension and improvement, have the honour to report to your Honorable House as follows :—

1. Your Committee have held 29 meetings, examined 26 witnesses, and have paid two visits of inspection to the Labour Colony.
2. The objects for which the Colony was established were—
  - (a) “To supply temporary work at subsistence wages to the able-bodied unemployed.
  - (b) “To raise and preserve the self-respect of men who are out of work and destitute, and to restore to them a spirit of self-dependence.
  - (c) “By means of a Labour Bureau to seek and obtain remunerative employment for men carefully selected after testing their abilities.”
3. In regard to the foregoing, your Committee are of opinion that—
  - (a) Temporary work of a useful and valuable character was found for the unemployed in clearing the land so that it could be laid down in grass.
  - (b) As to the movements of the men after they had left the Labour Colony, with the exception of those who had returned from time to time, little appears to be known. (See Appendix A.)  
In this connexion, it may be stated that the total number of men who have gone upon the Colony up to the 30th June, 1899, is 3,451, and their average stay has been about three months.
  - (c) No method of a systematic and sustained character has been followed to provide suitable and remunerative employment for the labour colonists.
4. Your Committee consider that the site selected for the Labour Colony was well chosen and has proved to be admirably adapted for the purpose.
5. Whilst clearing the forest land, the colonists were, in the opinion of your Committee, engaged in work which all could perform with successful results. For the production of experimental crops, to which considerable attention has of late years been devoted, they have been unfitted; although useful information has been imparted to them which must be of value in after life.
6. Your Committee find that, in order to carry out the farming and experimental operations, it has been necessary to employ skilled labour, without which the results to be seen could not have been attained.
7. The farming and experimental operations now being carried on upon the Colony cannot, in the opinion of your Committee, produce satisfactory results to the State; but, on the evidence adduced, the dairying industry, as well as the growing of food products for the colonists and stock, can be successfully pursued in connexion with such Labour Colonies.

8. The balance-sheet to 30th June, 1899 (Appendix B), shows that the total cost of the Colony to the State has been £20,750, which includes public subscriptions, £614 10s. 1d., and amount due to creditors on date named, £1,203 17s. 11d. The balance-sheet also shows that the assets amount to £20,750, which includes £2,893 2s. 3d., balance of profit and loss. It would appear from the evidence that the assets have been over-valued.

9. Your Committee are fully satisfied that the Honorary Superintendent, Lieut.-Col. J. R. Y. Goldstein, has, from the establishment of the Colony up to the present time, displayed considerable enthusiasm and energy in his task of management. He exercised supreme control over the Colony and all expenditure in connexion therewith until October, 1898. About that time trustees were appointed in accordance with the provisions of Act No. 1311, but they do not appear to have exercised any control over the policy to be pursued in the work of the Colony, except in a few isolated cases, such as where they refused authority to purchase stock.

10. With regard to the future of the Colony, your Committee recommend—

1. That the farming and experimental operations should be discontinued, but dairying and the growth of food products for the colonists and stock should be continued whilst the Colony is in existence.
2. That as the land is admirably adapted for dairying purposes, when no further employment can be found for colonists thereon it will be the duty of the Government to determine whether the land should be subdivided and leased or otherwise disposed of.

11. The objects for which the Leongatha Labour Colony was established can, in the opinion of your Committee, be best attained by the setting apart from time to time of areas of forest lands, in the clearing of which the unemployed could be profitably engaged.

12. Your Committee consider that it would not be advisable in the establishment of future Colonies to do more than clear the forest land of scrub and ring-bark the trees, so as to fit the land for grazing purposes. It would be more economical to wholly clear the land when the trees had decayed.

13. The management and control of Labour Colonies established by the State should, in the opinion of your Committee, be vested in trustees, directly responsible to the Minister.

14. Your Committee consider that the work performed on Labour Colonies should be supervised by a resident manager, taking direction in all matters of policy from the trustees.

Committee-room,

13th February, 1900.

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## MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

TUESDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 1899.

*Members present:*

Mr. Kennedy,		Mr. Salmon,
Mr. McColl,		Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Methven,		Mr. J. B. Tucker.

The Assistant Clerk of Committees read the extract from the Votes and Proceedings of the 18th October, referring to the appointment of the Committee.

Mr. Trenwith moved, That Mr. Salmon be the Chairman of the Committee.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

*Resolved*—That, in consequence of the death of Mr. E. L. Zox, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, the Committee do not proceed with further business.

Committee adjourned until Thursday next, at two o'clock.

THURSDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 1899.

*Members present:*

MR. SALMON, in the Chair ;

Mr. Anderson,		Mr. Methven,
Mr. McColl,		Mr. Trenwith,
Sir John McIntyre,		Mr. J. B. Tucker.

Committee deliberated.

Ordered—That all the papers connected with the Leongatha Labour Colony be obtained from the Lands Department.

*Resolved*—That the honorary superintendent of the colony, Lieut.-Col. J. R. Y. Goldstein, be summoned to give evidence at twelve o'clock noon on Tuesday next.

Committee adjourned until Monday next, at twelve o'clock noon.

MONDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 1899.

*Members present:*

MR. SALMON, in the Chair ;

Mr. Anderson,		Mr. Methven,
Sir John McIntyre,		Mr. J. B. Tucker.

Committee deliberated.

Committee adjourned until the following day, at twelve o'clock noon.

TUESDAY, 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER, 1899.

*Members present:*

MR. SALMON, in the Chair ;

Mr. Anderson,		Mr. Methven,
Mr. Graham,		Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. McColl,		Mr. J. B. Tucker.
Sir John McIntyre,		

Jacob R. Y. Goldstein, honorary superintendent of the Leongatha Labour Colony, called and examined.

Committee adjourned until Thursday next, at twelve o'clock noon.

THURSDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER, 1899.

*Members present:*

MR. SALMON, in the Chair ;

Mr. Anderson,		Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Graham,		Mr. Methven,
Mr. Kennedy,		Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. McColl,		Mr. J. B. Tucker.

Jacob R. Y. Goldstein, recalled and further examined.

Committee adjourned until the following day, at eleven o'clock a.m.

FRIDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER, 1899.

*Members present :*

MR. SALMON, in the Chair ;

Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Methven,Mr. Trenwith,  
Mr. J. B. Tucker.

Jacob R. Y. Goldstein, recalled and further examined.  
 Ordered—That arrangements be made for the Committee to inspect the labour colony on Wednesday next, leaving Melbourne by the 6.50 a.m. train from Prince's Bridge.  
 Committee adjourned.

(At Leongatha.)

THURSDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

*Members present :*

MR. SALMON, in the Chair ;

Mr. Graham,  
Mr. Kennedy,

Mr. J. B. Tucker.

Michael James Tehan, acting manager of the Leongatha Labour Colony, called and examined.  
 Henry Applin, gardener on the colony, called and examined.  
 Robert McCullough, overseer of the colony, called and examined.  
 John Smith, farmer, called and examined.  
 Daniel Spencer, farmer, called and examined.  
 John Smith, recalled and further examined.  
 Peter Johnson, farmer, called and examined.  
 Arthur Simmons, grazier, called and examined.  
 Committee adjourned.

TUESDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

*Members present :*

MR. SALMON, in the Chair ;

Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Graham,  
Mr. Kennedy,  
Mr. McColl,Sir John McIntyre,  
Mr. Methven,  
Mr. Trenwith,  
Mr. J. B. Tucker.

The Chairman informed the Committee that the statement read by Colonel Goldstein, on the 3rd November, had been printed.  
 Copies of the printed statement were laid upon the table.  
 Committee deliberated.  
 Mr. Trenwith moved, That the statement be not included with the evidence.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Debate adjourned.  
 Jacob R. Y. Goldstein, recalled and further examined.  
 Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Methven here entered the room and took their seats.  
 Examination of witness continued.  
 Mr. Anderson here entered the room and took his seat.  
 Examination of witness continued.  
 Committee adjourned until the following day, at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

*Members present :*

MR. SALMON, in the Chair ;

Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Kennedy,  
Mr. McColl,Mr. Methven,  
Mr. J. B. Tucker.

John Macgibbon, an officer of the Lands Department, called and examined.  
 Mr. Methven and Mr. McColl here entered the room and took their seats.  
 Examination of witness continued.  
 Mr. Anderson here entered the room and took his seat.  
 Examination of witness continued.  
 James W. Skene, acting chief clerk, Lands Department, called and examined.  
 Committee deliberated.  
 Committee adjourned.

THURSDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

*Members present:*

MR. SALMON, in the Chair;

Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Graham,  
Mr. Kennedy,  
Mr. McColl,

Sir John McIntyre,  
Mr. Methven,  
Mr. J. B. Tucker.

James Thomas, an officer of the Lands Department, called and examined.  
The honorary superintendent was instructed to produce all the letter-books.  
Alfred N. Pearson, chemist for the Departments of Lands, Agriculture, and Water Supply, called and examined.

Mr. Graham and Mr. McColl here entered the room and took their seats.

Examination of witness continued.

Edgar Wilkins, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, called and examined.

*Resolved*—That George James Turner, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, and H. R. Potts, dairy instructor, Department of Agriculture, be called to give evidence at ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow.  
Committee adjourned.

FRIDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

*Members present:*

MR. SALMON, in the Chair;

Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Methven,

Mr. Trenwith,  
Mr. J. B. Tucker.

George James Turner, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, called and examined.  
Mr. Anderson here entered the room and took his seat.

Examination of witness continued.

Thomas F. Morkham, Secretary for Lands, called and examined.

George James Turner, recalled and further examined.

Mr. Trenwith here entered the room and took his seat.

Examination of witness continued.

Committee adjourned until Tuesday next, at half-past two o'clock.

TUESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 1899.

*Members present:*

MR. SALMON, in the Chair;

Mr. Graham,  
Mr. Kennedy,  
Mr. McColl,

Sir John McIntyre  
Mr. Methven,  
Mr. J. B. Tucker.

George Rigby Swift, agriculturist, Broadmeadows, called and examined.  
Committee adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven o'clock a.m.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1899.

*Members present:*

MR. SALMON, in the Chair;

Mr. Graham,  
Mr. Kennedy,  
Mr. McColl,

Sir John McIntyre,  
Mr. Methven,  
Mr. J. B. Tucker.

William Squire, ex-manager of the Leongatha Labour Colony, called and examined.

Mr. Methven here entered the room and took his seat.

Examination of witness continued.

Francis Jenkyns Sincock, solicitor, called and examined.

Committee adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven o'clock a.m.

THURSDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1899.

*Members present :*

MR. SALMON, in the Chair ;

Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Kennedy,

Mr. J. B. Tucker.

The Chairman stated that since the last meeting of the Committee, the death of Mr. John Hancock, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, had occurred.

*Resolved*—That, as a mark of respect to the deceased Member, the Committee do now adjourn. Committee adjourned until Tuesday next, at half-past ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

*Members present :*

MR. SALMON, in the Chair ;

Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Kennedy,  
Sir John McIntyre,

Mr. Methven,  
Mr. J. B. Tucker.

Henry R. Potts, dairy instructor, Department of Agriculture, called and examined.

Mr. Methven here entered the room and took his seat.

Examination of witness continued.

William Squire, recalled and further examined.

Mr. Anderson here entered the room and took his seat.

Examination of witness continued.

Sir John McIntyre here entered the room and took his seat.

Examination of witness continued.

Committee deliberated.

Committee adjourned until Thursday next, at eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

*Members present :*

MR. SALMON, in the Chair ;

Mr. McColl,  
Sir John McIntyre,

Mr. Methven,  
Mr. J. B. Tucker.

Committee deliberated.

Committee adjourned until Tuesday next, at eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 1899.

*Members present :*

MR. SALMON, in the Chair ;

Sir John McIntyre,  
Mr. Methven,

Mr. J. B. Tucker.

The Chairman announced that since the last meeting of the Committee, the Hon. G. Graham and the Hon. J. H. McColl had become Ministers of the Crown, and had, consequently, vacated their seats on the Committee ; also, that he (Mr. Salmon) desired to retire from the position of Chairman, and asked the Committee to take steps to relieve him.

Committee deliberated.

Committee adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH JANUARY, 1900.

*Members present :*

Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Kennedy,  
Sir John McIntyre,

Mr. Methven,  
Mr. J. B. Tucker.

Mr. Kennedy was called to the Chair.

Mr. J. B. Tucker moved, That a Progress Report be prepared, stating—(1) That the Committee have held several meetings and are now approaching the termination of their inquiry ; (2) that the Honorables George Graham, James Hiers McColl, and Charles Carty Salmon, having become Ministers of the Crown, have ceased to be members of the Committee ; and (3) that the present members are prepared to complete the inquiry if the House does not deem it expedient to fill the vacancies which have occurred on the Committee ; also that this Progress Report be presented this afternoon to the House by the Chairman.

Committee deliberated.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Committee adjourned.



TUESDAY, 16TH JANUARY, 1900.

*Members present :*

Mr. Kennedy,  
Sir John McIntyre,

Mr. Methven,  
Mr. J. B. Tucker.

Mr. J. B. Tucker moved, That Mr. Kennedy be the Chairman of the Committee.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Committee deliberated.  
Committee adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH JANUARY, 1900.

*Members present :*

MR. KENNEDY, in the Chair ;

Mr. Anderson,  
Sir John McIntyre,

Mr. Methven,  
Mr. J. B. Tucker.

Jacob R. Y. Goldstein, recalled and further examined.  
Mr. Methven here entered the room and took his seat.  
Examination of witness continued.  
Mr. Anderson here entered the room and took his seat.  
Examination of witness continued.  
Committee deliberated.  
Committee adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, 18TH JANUARY, 1900.

*Members present :*

MR. KENNEDY, in the Chair ;

Mr. Anderson,  
Sir John McIntyre,

Mr. Methven,  
Mr. J. B. Tucker.

Samuel S. Cameron, veterinary surgeon, called and examined.  
Joseph Knight, expert of the Department of Agriculture, called and examined.  
Mr. Methven here entered the room and took his seat.  
Examination of witness continued.  
Mr. Anderson here entered the room and took his seat.  
Examination of witness continued.  
*Resolved*—That the Committee proceed to Leongatha by the five o'clock train this evening with the object of inspecting the colony and of taking evidence, and that arrangements be made accordingly.  
Committee adjourned.

(*At Leongatha.*)

FRIDAY, 19TH JANUARY, 1900.

*Members present :*

MR. KENNEDY, in the Chair ;

Mr. Anderson,  
Sir John McIntyre,

Mr. Methven,  
Mr. J. B. Tucker.

The Committee inspected the colony.  
Charles Standidge, labour colonist, called and examined.  
William Wallace, labour colonist, called and examined.  
George Fox, labour colonist, called and examined.  
John Ruxton, labour colonist, called and examined.  
William Pengally, labour colonist, called and examined.  
Hugh McCartin, valuer and estate agent, Leongatha, called and examined.  
Committee adjourned.

TUESDAY, 23RD JANUARY, 1900.

*Members present :*

MR. KENNEDY, in the Chair ;

Sir John McIntyre,  
Mr. Methven,

Mr. J. B. Tucker.

Committee deliberated.  
Committee adjourned until Tuesday next, at half-past two o'clock.

TUESDAY, 30TH JANUARY, 1900.

*Members present:*

MR. KENNEDY, in the Chair ;

Sir John McIntyre,  
Mr. Methven,

Mr. J. B. Tucker.

The Chairman presented a Draft Report.

Committee deliberated.

Committee adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST JANUARY, 1900.

*Members present:*

MR. KENNEDY, in the Chair ;

Mr. Anderson,  
Sir John McIntyre,

Mr. J. B. Tucker.

Committee considered the Draft Report.

Committee adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve o'clock noon.

THURSDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY, 1900.

*Members present:*

MR. KENNEDY, in the Chair ;

Mr. Anderson,  
Sir John McIntyre,  
Mr. Methven,

Mr. Trenwith,  
Mr. J. B. Tucker.

Committee further considered the Draft Report.

Paragraph 1, read and agreed to.

Paragraph 2, sub-clause (a), read and agreed to.

Paragraph 2, sub-clause (b), read and agreed to.

Paragraph 2, sub-clause (c), read and agreed to.

Paragraph 3, sub-clause (a), read and agreed to.

Paragraph 3, sub-clause (b), read, amended, and agreed to.

Paragraph 3, sub-clause (c), consideration postponed.

Paragraph 4, read and agreed to.

Committee adjourned until Tuesday next, at half-past eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

*Members present:*

MR. KENNEDY, in the Chair ;

Mr. Anderson,  
Sir John McIntyre,  
Mr. Methven,

Mr. Trenwith,  
Mr. J. B. Tucker.

Committee further considered the Draft Report.

Paragraph 5, read, amended, and agreed to.

Paragraph 6, read and agreed to.

Paragraph 7, read, amended, and agreed to.

Committee adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

*Members present:*

MR. KENNEDY, in the Chair ;

Mr. Anderson,  
Sir John McIntyre,

Mr. Methven,  
Mr. J. B. Tucker.

Committee further considered the Draft Report.

Paragraph 8, read and agreed to.

Paragraph 9, read, amended, and agreed to.

Paragraph 10, sub-clause 1, read and agreed to.

Paragraph 10, sub-clause 2, read and agreed to.

Paragraph 11, read and agreed to.

Paragraph 12, read and agreed to.

Paragraph 13, read, amended, and agreed to.

Paragraph 3, sub-clause (c)—  
 Sir John McIntyre moved, That this sub-clause be omitted with the view to insert in place thereof the following new sub-clause:—

In the early years of the colony efforts were made by advertisements (inserted free of charge) in the public press, by posters, and otherwise, to obtain employment for residents of the colony. Your Committee think it would have been wise had these efforts been continued.

Question—That sub-clause (c) of paragraph 3, proposed to be omitted, stand part of the Report.  
 Committee divided.

Ayes, 3.

Mr. Anderson,  
 Mr. Methven,  
 Mr. J. B. Tucker.

Noes, 1.

Sir John McIntyre.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Committee adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve o'clock noon.

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TUESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

*Members present:*

MR. KENNEDY, in the Chair;

Mr. Anderson,  
 Mr. Methven,

Mr. J. B. Tucker.

Committee deliberated.

Mr. J. B. Tucker moved, That the following new clause be added to the Report:—

Your Committee consider that the work performed on Labour Colonies should be supervised by a resident manager, taking direction in all matters of policy from the trustees.

Committee deliberated.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

*Resolved*—That the Draft Report, as amended, be adopted, and that the Chairman present it to the House.

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## APPENDICES.

## APPENDIX A.

## LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY.

Cost of Cutting, Carting, and Loading on trucks at Leongatha Railway Station, 25 trucks Firewood cut in 1-ft. Lengths.

Date.	Particulars.	Cutting.		Carting and Loading.	Total.
		Wages.	Rations and Supervision.		
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1 July	Cutting— 4 men	0	8 10	1	0 2
8 July	23 men	1	16 0	4	6 8
15 July	16 men	1	14 10	3	9 3
23 July	34 men	3	13 8	8	17 5
24 July	35 men	4	7 3	9	2 5
	Cartage— Dorrenberg, 4 trucks @ 12s. 6d.	...	...	2	10 0
	Frazer, 9 trucks @ 11s.	...	...	4	19 0
	Symons, 3 trucks @ 11s.	...	...	1	13 0
	Labour Colony, 6½ trucks @ 11s.	...	...	3	11 6
	„ 2½ trucks @ 12s. 6d.	...	...	1	11 3
		12	0 7	26	15 11
				14	4 9
				53	1 3

25 trucks contained approximately 200 tons.

A FEW Returns showing where Men have been sent to Work by the Leongatha Labour Colony.

No. on Register.	Colonist's Name.	Class of Work.	Rate of Wage.	Employer's Name and Address.
1315	Games, Geo. ...	Gardening ...	7s. per week and found	Mr. Wilkinson, Yarrawonga
1420	Moran, Mich. ...	Grass cutting ...	20s. „ „	Mr. Denham, Allambee
1680	Leonard, Joe ...	Milking ...	7s. 6d. „ „	Mr. McKidd, Poowong
2315	Leslie, Thos. ...	Cooking ...	15s. „ „	Mr. Ellis, Toora
2479	Dorian, Danl. ...	Grass cutting ...	20s. „ „	Mr. Anderson, Mirboo-road
2580	O'Keeffe, Patk.	Useful ...	10s. „ „	Mr. Brown, Geachville
2942	McLeod, Norman	Grass cutting ...	20s. „ „	Mr. Dickenson, Geachville
2956	Emmerson, Chas.	Fern cutting ...	15s. „ „	Mr. Gibson, Wild Dog-road
2974	Phillips, Jas. ...	Useful ...	10s. „ „	Mr. Tullock
2979	Grusche, Carl...	Milking ...	10s. „ „	Mr. Rothwell, Koorimire
2984	Miller, Alf. ...	... ..	10s. „ „	Mr. Gostelow
3498	Walker, H. ...	... ..	20s. „ „	Mr. Kneal

STATEMENT showing the Weekly average Number of Colonists for each individual Year.

1893-4.	1894-5.	1895-6.	1896-7.	1897-8.	1898-9.
228	132	104	92	109	151

STATEMENT showing the Number of Colonists in each Year who remained over Ninety Days.

1893-4.	1894-5.	1895-6.	1896-7.	1897-8.	1898-9.
395	149	160	98	147	137

STATEMENT showing the Maximum and Minimum Number of Days Men remained on the Colony.

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Maximum number of days ...	...	...	...	...	1,125
Minimum number of days ...	...	...	...	...	1

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STATEMENT showing the Number of Colonists who returned in each Year, and how many times they returned.

Year.	Once.	Twice.	Three Times.	Four Times.	Total.	Total Arrivals for Year.
1893-4 ...	123	5	...	...	128	1,013
1894-5 ...	107	26	8	...	141	348
1895-6 ...	115	41	16	2	174	471
1896-7 ...	113	33	14	6	166	467
1897-8 ...	147	57	9	2	215	611
1898-9 ...	156	51	17	3	227	541
						3,451

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STATEMENT showing the Average Number of Days Men remained on Colony.

Eighty-six (86) days.

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APPENDIX B.  
LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY.

BALANCE-SHEET FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1899.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Advanced by Government, 1893-4	...	£4,213	15	2	...	...	...	220 acres cleared complete, at £20 per acre	...	4,400	0	0
Public subscriptions	...	614	10	1	...	...	...	586 acres under grass, at £10 acre	...	5,860	0	0
Advanced by Government, 1894-5	...	...	...	...	4,828	5	3	22 acres clearing in progress, at £3 per acre	...	66	0	0
"	1895-6	...	...	...	3,203	8	0	Improvements—	...	326	5	0
"	1896-7	...	...	...	2,473	13	1	Roads, drainage, and dams	...	764	3	0
"	1897-8	...	...	...	2,219	14	4	Fencing, gates, &c.	...	1,768	14	11
"	1898-9	...	...	...	2,729	13	2	Buildings	...	170	10	4
"		...	...	...	4,091	8	11	Irrigation plant and reservoirs	...	...	...	...
Sundry Creditors—					19,546	2	9	Stock in Hand—	...	498	6	3
Trade	...	...	...	...	959	16	6	Impliments and machinery	...	64	10	3
Ex-colonists	...	...	...	...	17	11	5	Dairy tools and utensils	...	312	11	0
Colonists	...	...	...	...	163	18	11	Stores, &c.	...	32	4	6
Salaries (staff)	...	...	...	...	63	11	1	Harness	...	43	18	10
					1,203	17	11	Furniture and utensils	...	24	8	9
								Slaughter-house utensils	...	45	15	4
								Bricks, cement, and timber	...	19	15	6
								Crops—Growing	...	287	13	6
								Garnered	...	43	17	6
								Oats, bran, &c., on hand	...	100	0	0
								Farm-yard manure (200 tons)	...	389	6	11
								Tools, utensils, &c.	...	1,196	15	6
								Seeds, plants, and garden crops (including fruit and forest trees)	...	12	3	6
								Poultry-yard utensils	...	...	...	...
								Live Stock—	...	3,071	7	4
								Dairy herd	...	323	0	0
								Stud cattle	...	171	0	0
								Workers, heifers, and commercial cattle	...	286	15	0
								Horses	...	219	0	0
								Figs	...	203	17	6
								Poultry and bees	...	12	9	6
								Sundry Debtors—	...	1,216	2	0
								Trade	...	...	...	...
								Ex-colonists	...	£39	13	5
								Colonists	...	35	0	11
								Bank balance—	...	7	8	5
								Melbourne	...	£63	10	6
								Leongatha	...	65	15	11
								Petty cash in hand	...	...	...	...
								Balance Profit and Loss	...	2,893	2	3
					20,750	0	8			20,750	0	8

