

Salvation Army Boys' Home, Riverview.

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This training farm for boys has been conducted for more than sixty (60) years.

Prior to 1912, when the present State Act came into force the farm was registered under the Industrial Schools Act, administered by the Home Department. Delinquent boys under seventeen (17) years of age committed by Children's Courts were placed there.

In 1912, the Farm was licensed under the State Children Act, and its supervision was transferred from the Home Department to this Department.

The Farm comprises about 400 acres and is used for dairy farming, pig raising and agriculture, and has accommodation for fifty (50) boys.

Until recent years, only boys between the ages of fourteen and seventeen years were sent there by the Courts or by the Department.

The Salvation Army authorities also admitted boys privately for farm training.

Owing to limited accommodation in other Church homes, a number of State wards of school age have been placed in Riverview. They attend the local State School.

At present there are twenty-one (21) State boys there, only five (5) being over fourteen years of age.

The Commonwealth Government and the United Kingdom authorities have approved of Riverview as a training farm for ~~present~~ youths from Britain and eight lads between fourteen and eighteen years are now on their way here.

Improvements and additions to the building have been carried out, including a new dormitory, with twenty beds, a recreation room and a new lavatory block and bathrooms.

A septic system has been installed.

It is intended to instal a hot water system.

The State Government has provided 75% of the cost.

Riverview is well run by the Salvation Army authorities and the State boys there are cared for in a proper manner.