

north-east. At Brisbane it is 52 inches, or twice as much as in London: 104 inches at Cooktown in 1880. The Colony suffered from drought last year.

*Pastoral employment* is the most important industry. The best districts are the Darling Downs (1,000 to 2,500 feet), Clermont by the Peak Downs, Charleville, &c., where the air is cooler and there is more chance of rain. Sheep and cattle were, owing to the drought, reduced from 11,607,475 and 4,246,141 in 1883, to 8,994,000 and 4,162,000 respectively in 1885. 42,472,071 lbs. of wool were exported in 1885, valued at £2,181,918.

Fertile and illimitable grass lands cost  $\frac{3}{4}$ d. an acre and expense of fencing. A settler has good wages, cheap meat, open-air life, good prospects. Bush life may seem wild and hard at first, but a strong and sober man will soon grow to like it. Droughts are the only real difficulty. A settler with capital should learn his work for a year or two *before* he takes up land. Read Finch-Hatton's 'Advance Australia.'

*Agriculture*.—Maize is the staple crop, then wheat, which is liable to rust. Sugar grows well in the north round Mackay, Townsville, &c., but few white men like the hot climate. Some of the land is scrub, which is very difficult to clear. Rent of land is from 3d. or, to buy, from 20s. an acre and expense of fencing. Homesteads (160 acres) may be bought at 2s. 6d. an acre *after* five years' residence on it, and expenditure of 10s. an acre. The rent previously paid goes towards the 2s. 6d. There is excellent land in the south and centre, on the Darling and other Downs, and on the coast, where cereals, fruits, and vegetables all grow well. There is also much valuable timber. Vast quantities have been ruthlessly destroyed by 'ring-barking,' &c., to make room for grass and corn.

*Mines*.—Gold is found in many parts, as at Gympie (population 10,000), Mount Morgan, Rockhampton; and Charters Towers\* (8,000), Townsville, and Mount Palmer (hot) in the

\* A resident writes to the Editor, March 25, 1886:—Small sugar selectors—many are Scandinavian working men—are prospering greatly, but not settlers without capital. In spite of the high wages (labourers 10s. a day), many are out of work. Board and lodging cost 25s. a week; female servants in great demand at 15s. to 20s. a week. Some fever lately.

north. W  
to 1884 w  
Downs and

*Manufac*  
which 161  
making w

Assisted  
being Bri  
any of the  
satisfaction  
permanent

*Fares fr*  
p. 18):—

Single ad

"  
Married c  
£1 for h  
Married c  
£1 for h  
Children  
"

\* Domest  
domestic ser  
free.

The rat  
employers  
children, &

Queensl  
passages u

Males or fe  
Males, 12 y  
Females, 12  
Males or fe

\* These r  
even thoug  
'assisted' a  
There is a li