

toria, hope was buoyed up by their presence, and supplying the wants of their numerous crews sustained a great number of its tradesmen.

COST OF LIVING—at Hotels, 30s to 50s. a week; self-found and occupying a room or a shanty, 12s. a-week.

PROVISIONS—cheaper on the average than in England. Such dinners as are given in Paris for 5 francs may be had in Victoria for 4s. 2d.; the ordinary eating houses give soup, fish, a cut from the joint, vegetables, bread, and pudding or pie, for 2s.

Wholesale prices in February, 1862—Flour, £2 for 200 lbs; Brown Sugar, 5d. to 9d.; Coffee, 1s. 2d; Bacon, 8d.; Beans, 4d.; Potatoes, 1d. to 1½d.; Onions, 2½d. per lb.

Horses—Native Scrubs, small and hardy, £10 to £30—Superior American, £30 to £100.

Oxen, £20 to £30 a yoke. *Cows*, £6 to £8. *Sheep*, 16s. to 20s. *Hogs* on foot, 2½d. to 4d. per lb.

WAGES—Mechanics, 12s. to 20s. a-day; Labourers, £10 per month; Female Domestics (much wanted) £4 to £6 per month and found.

Advertisements for 1800 men to work on new roads, are in the Victoria papers of April 1862.

RENT—from £1 to £10 per month, for shanties of two rooms to cottages of 6 or 8 rooms, with detached kitchens and gardens.

RENT OF SHOPS—from £3 to £30 a month, according to quality, size and location.

GOVERNMENT PRICE OF LAND is 4s. 2d. per acre payable in three yearly instalments. If not surveyed it can be pre-empted and paid for on its survey—244 pre-emptions recorded up to March 1862.

VEGETABLE MARKET—good—not sufficient produced at present to supply it, much imported.

Agriculture is in a very backward condition from want of settlers; the floating population is large, but it is composed of foreigners who return with their earnings to their own countries. Cattle, sheep, butter, flour, barley, oats, hay, eggs, fruit, poultry, and almost everything eaten, drank, worn or used is imported.

CHURCHES—Church-of-England, Wesleyan Methodist, Catholic, Congregational, Presbyterian, Hebrew—all self-supporting.

SCHOOLS—excellent, numerous—charges very moderate, some all but free; from elementary to highest branches taught.

In Victoria there are Gas Works, an Iron Foundry, Machine shops,