

averages 21·85 bushels. Mean yearly temperature is 57°; only a mean of 16° difference between summer and winter. Rainfall is 58 inches. It offers considerable advantages to farmers with capital. The climate is pleasant in the Waimate Plains, by Opunake, the Waitara River, and in other parts the soil is most fertile; much excellent grazing country; flax and fruits grow well. Crown land costs from £1 an acre; excellent timber on the grand Mount Egmont (8,000 feet) and elsewhere.

- (5.) Marlborough. (Land Office at Blenheim.) 3,000,000 acres, of which 125,274 are cultivated mainly with sown grasses; wheat 20 bushels an acre; sheep number 760,694; cattle 1,000. Agricultural Crown land costs from £1 an acre, pastoral land from 10s.; chiefly pastoral, with small farms at Kaikoura, small gold fields at Wakamarina, and timber at Havelock. Average temperature is 53°, and rainfall 35 inches.
- (6.) Nelson. (Land Office at Nelson.) 7,000,000 acres; 192,300 under crops, chiefly sown grasses; wheat 24·61 bushels an acre; mean temperature 55°; difference between winter and summer only 17°; rainfall at Nelson 61 inches; much heavier on west coast, *i.e.* 90 to 95 inches; sheep number 694,391. Crown land costs 10s. to £2 an acre, or may be rented at 10 per cent. of sale value. Good fruits; extensive hop-gardens round Motueka; gold and coal mines at Collingwood, Westport, Lyell, Reefton, and Greymouth (coal only). The Amuri district is capital for small grazing or dairy farms.
- (7.) Westland. (Land Office at Hokitika.) Area 3,046,000 acres, almost entirely forest and barren mountain land, very difficult of access; mean temperature is 52°; only 15° difference between summer and winter; rainfall very large, as always on the west coast, *viz.*, 112·156 inches, as against 23 inches in London in 1885. Mount Cook is over 12,000 feet high. Abounds in timber and minerals; gold is the main industry, of which Kumara is the chief centre; 4,405 miners in Westland. Crown land costs £1 an acre.
- (8.) Canterbury. (Land Office at Christchurch.) Settled by the Canterbury Association in 1850; 8,693,000 acres,

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