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Cottage and garden for mechanics varies from 20s. to 70s. per Rent. month; the average is 41s.

The retail price of provisions per lb. is roughly as follows:— Provisions.

Bacon -	- 4d. to 6d.	Flour, per 100	
Beef -	- 4d. to 6d.	lbs. -	- 18s.
Bread -	- 2d. to 3d.	Milk, per quart -	3d. to 4½d.
Butter -	- 10d. to 3s.	Mutton -	6d. to 7d.
Cheese (im-		Potatoes, per cwt.	5s. to 10s.
ported) -	1s. 6d.	Sugar -	2d. to 3d.
Coffee -	1s. to 1s. 6d.	Tea -	2s. 6d.
Eggs, per doz. -	1s. to 1s. 6d.	Tobacco	
		(Native) -	10d. to 1s. 4d.

Clothing is somewhat dearer than in England, but less is Clothing. wanted, owing to the warmer climate.

The rate of wages for European mechanics in the towns of Wages. the Colony is, for blacksmiths, bricklayers, carpenters, engineers, masons, plasterers, plumbers, and wheelwrights, from 11s. to 15s. a day; for painters, 6s. to 11s. a day; for bakers, bootmakers, butchers, saddlers, tailors, and tinsmiths, 8s. to 10s. a day; for wagon-drivers, 2l. 10s. to 5l. a month; for miners, 6l. to 10l. a month; for printers and binders, 50s. a week for 48 hours' work, and apprentices (15 years old) 30s. a month for the first year up to 100s. the fifth year. Telegraph boys get 50s. a month, and work 7 hours a day. For women the rates per month, including board and lodging are, cooks, 40s. to 60s.; nurses, 20s. to 25s.; general servants, 30s. to 50s.; nursemaids, 20s. to 40s.; dress-makers, 2s. 6d. to 3s. a day and food; governesses, 36l. to 60l. a year. The usual wages for specially experienced English farm hands, when employed, are 50l. a year with board and lodging.

NOTE.—A high rate of wages does not necessarily imply a demand for labour.

By the new Regulations of October 1889, Crown lands in the How to get Colony suitable for cultivation, and exclusive of township and land. pastoral lands, are sold by public auction in lots varying from 10 (1) Purchase to 2,000 acres, certain public rights being reserved, but it is by instalments. stated that there is no large quantity of such land available at the present time.

The conditions of purchase are—

1. That the purchaser pays the cost of survey.
2. That he occupies the land either in person or by an agent, during six months in the first year, and nine months in each succeeding year for a period of 10 years from the date of sale.