

LAND.—The lowest price for Crown lands in Tasmania is £1 an acre, and for pastoral lands not less than 5s. per acre; but credit may be had if the purchase is beyond £15. Licenses are granted to dig for gold and to cut timber on Crown lands.

CLIMATE, SOIL, AND PRODUCTIONS.—The air is so pure and the temperature so genial, that the death-rate is very low, and will bear favourable comparison with that of any island in the known world. The surface of the country is undulating, and the soil is good. It is a rich agricultural country, and produces a great variety of crops. The native trees and shrubs are nearly all evergreen, and the smaller shrubs are mostly aromatic, and bear beautiful flowers.

AVERAGE RATE OF WAGES, COST OF LIVING, &c.—The rate of wages in Tasmania is as follows:—Carpenters, 8s. to 9s. per day; smiths, 8s. to 10s. per day; household servants, £20 to £30 per annum; plumbers, 6s. 6d. to 9s. per day; farm labourers, 10s. to 15s. per week, with a cottage, firing, and rations. The cost of living is about the same as in New South Wales.

Tasmania is reached by colonial steamers from Melbourne or Sydney. Passengers booked through from England by the Orient Line of steamers, pay the following additions to the fares from London to Melbourne, viz.:—To Launceston, 1st class, £2. 5s.; steerage, £1. 7s. 6d.; to Hobart Town, 1st class, £3. 15s. 0d.; steerage, £2.

Free or assisted passages are not granted to Tasmania, but persons paying their own passages are entitled, under certain conditions, to grants of land varying from ten to thirty acres, according to the age of the emigrant and the amount paid for his passage. Land-order warrants and general information about the colony, can be obtained on application to the Emigrant and Colonist Aid Corporation, 25, Queen Anne's-gate, Westminster, London, S.W., who are the Agents for the Tasmanian Government in this country.