

portion of their flour. Mattresses, bolsters, blankets, and counterpanes, canvas-bags to contain clothing, &c., knives and forks, spoons, plates, drinking-mugs, teapots, sugar-boxes, and wash-bowls are provided by the Agent-General.

The Agent-General desires it to be understood that he cannot undertake to provide assisted passages to families consisting of a large number of young children.

On reaching the Colony, the emigrants are at perfect liberty to choose their own employment, and to make their own bargains for wages. Ladies and other employers, of known respectability only, are permitted by the authorities to attend at the depôt for the purpose of engaging female servants.

When once a passage has been provided, the amount paid by the emigrant cannot be returned in the event of a refusal to proceed.

The Agent-General finds it necessary to caution emigrants arriving at the railway stations, or shipping wharves at Plymouth or Glasgow, against accepting information or guidance from strangers, or persons not connected with the depôt.

Unassisted steerage fares, same as to Victoria. Apply as directed under that Colony.

Wages and food about the same as in Queensland. Good plasterers, 11s. a day; wharf labourers, 1s. an hour; carpenters, bricklayers, and painters, 9s. to 11s.; miners, 8s. to 10s. a day. Cottages, with three or four rooms and kitchen, per week (1) in Sydney, 10s. to 16s.; (2) in suburbs, 14s. to 18s. Board and lodging for single men, 18s. to 21s. a week.

For the service of 55 single girls, who arrived disengaged in October, 1885, 'there were 174 applicants' (*Sydney Morning Herald*, October 29, 1885). Wages per week given to 104 girls, per Parthia, in January, 1886, were: '70 general servants, 8s. to 15s., 9 housemaids, 10s. to 12s., 1 at 7s., and 1 at 14s.; 10 nurses, 8s. to 11s. and 1 at 6s.; 3 house and parlour-maids, 10s. to 12s.; 1 cook at 10s., 1 at 12s., and 3 at 14s.; and 3 cooks and laundresses, 15s. to 16s.'—*Id.*, Jan. 21, 1886.

'Agricultural hands were in the greatest demand, at £36 to £45 a year, with board; gardeners, £40 to £52; stockmen, £40 to £75; road-makers, 6s. to 8s. a day.'—*Id.*

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