

their expectations. Since my return to England I have had the opportunity of perusing letters from settlers who went out a few years ago and who are full of bitterness. It is the natural tendency of all emigration officials to paint the advantages of the country they are advertising in the brightest of colours. There are people who accept their statements to the full, and, being of a buoyant and optimistic disposition, imagine that they have only to go from England, where the struggle is severe, to Australia, and there the plums of life will drop into their mouths without effort on their part. These people are disappointed. They write home and tell their friends of their hardships. Their statements get into the newspapers, and investigators like myself receive numerous communications from intending emigrants asking if I can say whether these dolorous complaints are justified or not?

Precisely the same thing happens in regard to the United States, Canada, South Africa and South America. The thing to be borne in mind is not individual failure, but whether, viewing the country as a whole, the ordinary man, with capabilities suitable for the work to which he applies himself, is likely to succeed. By my elbow lies a letter which reached me from a man who has settled not a thousand miles from Sydney. Let me give an extract:

"I beg to say that I arrived in this country last October with my family, consisting of four sons and two daughters, from Sutton, Surrey, with the