

Rent.

Labourers' cottages, with garden, can be rented from 10s. to 20s. per month, according to the locality, and a town lodging for a mechanic's family from 30s. to 50s. per month; at Kimberley 3*l.* to 5*l.* per month. The cost of board and lodging for single persons in Capetown is 4*l.* per month, and at Kimberley 30s. to 35s. per week.

*Board and lodging.**Provisions.*

The retail price of provisions per lb. at Cape Town is roughly as follows, in country districts it is less, and in Kimberley the prices of some articles are rather higher.

Bacon -	- 8 <i>d.</i> to 1 <i>s.</i> 2 <i>d.</i>	Milk (per quart) -	4 <i>d.</i> to 6 <i>d.</i>
Beef -	- 4 <i>d.</i> to 5½ <i>d.</i>	Mutton -	- 5 <i>d.</i> to 6 <i>d.</i>
Bread -	- 3 <i>d.</i>	Pork -	- 4 <i>d.</i> to 6 <i>d.</i>
Butter -	- 9 <i>d.</i> to 1 <i>s.</i> 3 <i>d.</i>	Potatoes -	- 1 <i>d.</i>
Cheese -	- 1 <i>s.</i> to 1 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i>	Sugar -	- 3 <i>d.</i> to 4 <i>d.</i>
Coffee, raw -	- 1 <i>s.</i>	Tea -	2 <i>s.</i> to 3 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i>
Flour -	- 3½ <i>d.</i> to 4 <i>d.</i>	Tobacco (Colonial) -	9½ <i>d.</i>

Wages.

The rate of wages in Cape Colony is roughly as follows :—

I. Per day, without board and lodging.

Blacksmiths -	9 <i>s.</i> to 10 <i>s.</i>	Moulders -	10 <i>s.</i> to 12 <i>s.</i>
Bootmakers -	6 <i>s.</i> to 7 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i>	Painters -	6 <i>s.</i> to 7 <i>s.</i> , and 12 <i>s.</i> to 14 <i>s.</i> at Kimberley.
Bricklayers -	8 <i>s.</i> to 10 <i>s.</i> , and 15 <i>s.</i> at Kim- berley.	Plumbers -	9 <i>s.</i> to 10 <i>s.</i>
Carpenters -	9 <i>s.</i> to 10 <i>s.</i> a day, or 13 <i>l.</i> a month: at Kimberley 15 <i>s.</i> a day.	Saddlers and Harness- makers -	7 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> to 10 <i>s.</i>
Curriers -	7 <i>s.</i> to 8 <i>s.</i>	Tanners -	5 <i>s.</i> to 6 <i>s.</i>
Engineers -	10 <i>s.</i>	Tinsmiths -	7 <i>s.</i> to 9 <i>s.</i>
Gardeners -	2 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> to 3 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i>	Wharf labourers -	3 <i>s.</i> to 3 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i>
Masons -	9 <i>s.</i> to 10 <i>s.</i> a day, or 13 <i>l.</i> a month.	Wheelwrights -	10 <i>s.</i> to 12 <i>s.</i>

II. Per month with board and lodging.

Cooks -	- 2 <i>l.</i> to 3 <i>l.</i>	Housemaids -	1 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> to 2 <i>l.</i>
Nurses -	- 2 <i>l.</i>	Governesses -	3 <i>l.</i> to 7 <i>l.</i> (year).
General female servants -	2 <i>l.</i>		

At Kimberley the wages per month are : cooks, 2*l.* to 8*l.*; general female servants, 2*l.* to 5*l.*; housemaids 30*s.* to 3*l.*

In country.

Servants and herds on farms -	15 <i>s.</i> to 30 <i>s.</i>
Overseers and head shepherds -	35 <i>s.</i> to 60 <i>s.</i>

A high rate of wages does not necessarily imply a demand for labour. Workmen in the country are generally boarded and lodged. Wages to farm hands are also paid in kind.

It may be stated generally that waste and unappropriated Crown lands are leased or sold to *bona fide* residents in the Colony by public auction, and the purchaser can, if he pleases, pay by yearly instalments.

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