

LAND.—The lands at the disposal of the Crown are classified for the purpose of sale as town, suburban, and country. The lowest upset price for wild lands is £1 per acre, and may, to a certain extent, be purchased on credit. In that case, prepayment of four years' interest at five per cent. on the purchase money has to be made, one-half at the time of purchase and the other half at the end of three years. Pasture leases are granted at the rate of 10s. per square mile for terms of 14 years. Other waste lands leased for pastoral purposes are divided into three classes—first class at £1, second class at 8s. 6d. and third 2s. 6d. per square mile respectively.

Mining leases are granted for 14 years, in lots of 320 acres, at a rent of 10s. per acre, with right of renewal.

CLIMATE, SOIL, AND PRODUCTIONS.—Both the climate and soil are favourable for the production of all kinds of cereals. Wheat is one of the staple crops, and the grape vine thrives well also.

MINERALS.—Gold, silver, iron, copper, and lead exist in large quantities; but the scarcity of coal is felt.

EXPORTS.—The principal exports are wheat, flour, mutton, wines, and dairy produce.

AVERAGE RATE OF WAGES, COST OF LIVING, &c.—The rates of wages are as follows:—Bakers, 5s. 6d. per day, with board and lodging; blacksmiths, 8s. 6d. per day; boundary riders, married, with double rations, £52 per annum; bricklayers, 9s. to 10s. per day; brickmakers, per 1000, 12s.; bullock drivers, £52 per annum, with rations; bush carpenters, £52; butchers, 5s. per day, with board and lodging; cabinet makers, 9s. 6d. per day; carpenters and carriage builders, 9s. to 10s. per day; coopers, 9s.; farm servants (man and wife), £58 per annum, with rations; single men, £48; jewellers, 10s. per day; labourers, 6s. 6d. to 8s.; masons, 9s. 6d.; miners, 9s.; painters and glaziers, 9s. to 10s.; plasterers, 10s.; shoemakers, 7s. 6d.; tailors, per hour, 1s.; tanners, 8s. 6d. per day; upholsterers, 10s.; wheelwrights, 8s. 6d. to 9s.; barmaids, 15s. to £1 per week, with board and lodging; barmen, 15s. to 28s. per week; compositors, £2 15s. to £3 per week—on piece work, 1s. 1d. per 1000; cooks, female, 18s. per week, with board and lodgings—male, 20s. to 30s.; general servants, female, £26 per annum, with board and lodgings—male, £46; milkmen, 18s. 6d. per week, with board and lodgings; wool pressers, 33s. House rent is somewhat higher than in Great Britain, and costs from £2 to £10 per month. Provisions and clothing are reasonable.

South Australia is reached by the Orient Line of steamers. The fares to Adelaide are as follows:—1st class, 50 to 70 guineas; 2nd class, 35 to 40 guineas; 3rd class, 20 to 22 guineas; steerage, for men only, 16 guineas.

The Government of South Australia grant, what is known as the "assisted passage" system in operation, under which residents in the colony and persons just arrived, can obtain, on application at the Crown Lands and Immigration Office in Adelaide, assisted passages for their relations and friends, if eligible, by contributing a small proportion of the passage-money. The advantage of the system is that persons nominated have, on their arrival in the colony, someone to take an interest in them, and, consequently, they do not feel the strangeness and difficulty in finding employment that new-comers sometimes complain of. At the present time agricultural and pick-and-shovel labourers, artisans, navvies, and domestic servants are eligible for assisted passages at the following rates:—Males or females, under 12 years of age, £3; males or females, over 12 and under 40 years, £4; over 40 and under 50 years, £8; with infants under one year, land order system, free.

Land order warrants can be obtained from the Agent-General for South Australia, 8, Victoria Chambers, London, S.W.