

I would point out, as I have previously done, that, to the practical farmer, with large or small capital, never did the colony present a more extensively available field for settlement than it does at the present moment. The extension of branch railways into the interior of the Middle Island, the breaking up of several immense estates into farms of large and small dimensions, together with the certainty which now exists as to the vast Native territory in the North Island being shortly opened up for settlement by railway communication, all combine in bearing out what I have just stated, and cannot fail to attract a large population to our shores in the ordinary course.

As regards the proposed Agricultural School at Canterbury, I am not aware as to how far it has yet assumed a practical existence. I believe, however, that it might most advantageously meet the case of young men such as those to whom you refer, and I shall take care that your suggestion is communicated to the promoters of the proposed school.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,
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