

Reports have also been received from Inspectors of Factories at Akaroa, Alexandra South, Amberley, Arrowtown, Ashburton, Ashhurst, Awanui (Port), Bluff, Brunnerton, Cambridge, Carterton, Clinton, Clive, Collingwood, Coromandel, Cromwell, Culverden, Dannevirke, Dargaville, Eketahuna, Eltham, Fairlie, Featherston, Feilding, Foxton, Geraldine, Gisborne, Green Island, Greymouth, Greytown, Hamilton, Hampden, Hastings, Havelock, Hawera, Hawkesbury, Helensville, Herbertville, Hikurangi, Hokianga, Hokitika, Hunterville, Huntly, Inglewood, Kaikoura, Kaitangata, Karangahake, Kihikihi, Kumara, Kurow, Lawrence, Levin, Lincoln, Little River, Lumsden, Lyell, Maketu, Malvern, Manaia, Mangaweka, Mongonui, Marton, Masterton, Mātāura, Mercer, Methven, Middlemarch, Milton, Moawhanga, Mosgiel, Naseby, New Plymouth, Ngapara, Ngaruawahia, Ohingaiti, Opunake, Orepuki, Ormond, Ormondville, Otahuhu, Otaki, Otorohanga, Outram, Oxford, Paeroa, Pahi, Palmerston North, Papakura, Patea, Pembroke, Picton, Pleasant Point, Raglan, Rakaia, Rangiora, Reefton, Riverton, Ross, Rotorua, Roxburgh, Russell, Southbridge, St. Bathans, Takaka, Tapanui, Tauranga, Te Awamutu, Tenui, Thames, Tolaga Bay, Upper Hutt, Waihi, Waimate, Waipawa, Waitahuna, Waitara, Waitotara, Waverley, Westport, Whangarei, Whangaroa, Winton, Woodville, and Wyndham.

These reports from country districts, &c., and small towns are almost unanimous in stating that trade is flourishing, labour well employed, and the factories and other labour laws are generally observed and appreciated.

The Pembroke agent quotes wages in his district as follows: Shepherds, £60 per year and found; station-hands, 15s. to £1 per week and found; carpenters, 10s. per day; miners, 8s. to 10s. per day; bakers, £2 10s. per week; labourers, 7s. per day; farm-labourers, 15s. to £1 per week and found; sawmill-hands, £1 to £1 10s. per week and found.

The Pembroke agent says that harvest-hands this last season received 1s. 3d. per hour and found; threshing-mill hands, 1s. per hour and found.