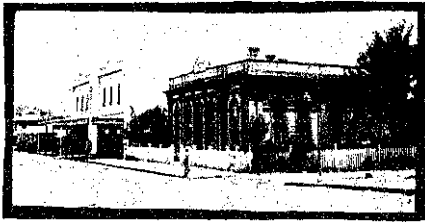


slavery, and being able to make a living in other ways, that industry fails to



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boom. There is no law to prevent a man from getting up in the middle of the night to milk his cows, but the Northern farmer knows a very much easier way of making a living than that. It was here that the problem of "close settlement" was demonstrated as being most beneficial to the people and country as well. No



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legislative enactments were used in this case. The district was settled by people taking up small areas—from 100 to 600 acres—and though there are no very wealthy settlers in this part of the colony, there are no poor, and all are, generally speaking, comfortably off. The census returns furnish evidence of the district's very marked progress, and persons in search of land for homes should visit this district, whose varied resources assure its prosperity—not for a day, but for all time.

Whangarei possesses all the elements of a great future. The climate is unequalled, never too hot, nor too cold, free from floods and droughts and destructive winds; and from the great number of old people living in the district, the climate is evidently

conducive to longevity; the farmer has no winter food to grow for his stock, and his cattle winter well. Whangarei has also one of the finest harbours in the colony, only six hours' steam from Auckland. The run is a smooth water one, and the freights and passage money are the lowest in New Zealand. The district has great natural resources, large coalfields, immense forests of timber, extensive gumfields, some very fine stretches of agricultural and grazing lands, and numerous minor industries, such as fruitgrowing, winemaking, manganese mines, hydraulic lime works, etc.; while

many other resources remain undeveloped, such as the fisheries, extensive iron deposits, fire-clay and kaolin (china clay). The district is well opened up with roads, and the railway runs inland some thirty miles, tapping the coalfields of Hikurangi and

the forest lands of Puhipuhi and Hukerenui. The railway itself is the best paying one in



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the North Island, and it is now being extended down to deep water, which will