

4. *Labour in the District.*—The prospects of labour for the ensuing season are good compared with past times; there is at present a great outcry for labour in the agricultural districts. It must however be borne in mind that this demand is fluctuating, and only at certain periods, but a steady stream of suitable immigrants well selected will be absorbed by this district for many years to come. Many respectable people who emigrate are unsuitable for the colony, in many cases from their want of physical strength, in others from their calling; and to the difficulty which these parties have in finding and keeping employment is greatly owing the cry of want of work.

In conclusion, I may state that I have no doubt we shall be able to absorb the proportion of immigrants allotted to the district this season by the Government.

I have, &c.,

H. VERNON LILLICROP,

Immigration Officer.

The Under Secretary for Immigration, Wellington.

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