

There is the more necessity for some such regulations being laid down, because there are circumstances connected with foreign immigrants which render them acceptable to holders of large properties. If located in villages in the vicinity of large properties they give a great value to them, because, being strangers in a foreign country, of the language, laws, and customs of which they know but little, they naturally cling together and do not roam in search of employment; nor do they readily, with the hope of bettering themselves, quit the spot of their first location. Indeed, the very circumstances which render such immigrants of little value for the first few years to the country at large which they have come into, render them peculiarly acceptable to the holders of large properties. But here in New Zealand we want citizens—that is to say, men who can at once add to the wealth of their adopted country, who can take a part in its public affairs, who can intelligently watch the introduction of laws and assist in the administration of them; who, in fact, are interested in the immediate progress and in the future of the country of their adoption—who feel that they are part of a youthful nation. An unwise cry is often raised regarding the wealth and material prosperity of a country. To secure enormous wealth to a few individuals, and to leave the overwhelming majority of the people sunk in penury, is not the true end which should be aimed at by those who desire to see their country raised to real prosperity and greatness.

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