

The above table shows the importance of the immigration wave of the early "seventies" and apart from a slight rise in 1882-84 the steady falling off during the depression of the "eighties."

The next table shows the provincial distribution of immigrants during the two decades following 1871:—

Table No. 47.—Table showing the Distribution of Immigrants into the Provinces in the 1870's and 1880's

Year.	Auckland.		Taranaki.		Hawke's Bay.		Wellington.		Marlborough.	
	Inflow.	Total to Date.	Inflow.	Total to Date.	Inflow.	Total to Date.	Inflow.	Total to Date.	Inflow.	Total to Date.
1872-73	1,062	..	15	..	809	..	1,538	..	141	..
1873-74	1,731	2,273	27	42	1,063	1,870	2,889	4,407	57	198
1874-75	4,599	7,391	813	858	2,579	4,477	4,343	8,656	407	631
1875-76	2,536	9,927	859	1,717	924	5,401	2,479	11,135	259	890
1876-77	1,002	10,929	109	1,826	610	6,011	1,309	12,444	233	1,123
1877-78	498	11,427	99	1,925	405	6,416	560	13,004	93	1,216
1878-79	637	12,064	193	2,118	555	6,971	1,119	14,123	145	1,361
1879-80	793	12,857	105	2,223	333	7,304	1,309	15,432	69	1,430
1880-81	171	13,028	25	2,248	21	7,325	103	15,535	21	1,451
1881-82	43	13,071	5	2,253	1	7,326	..	15,535	..	1,451
1882-83	556	13,627	14	2,267	160	7,486	223	15,768	8	1,459
1883-84	1,388	15,015	92	2,359	337	7,823	1,132	16,900	130	1,589
1884-85	365	15,380	43	2,402	84	7,907	190	17,090	14	1,603
1885-86	161	15,541	27	2,429	23	7,930	137	17,227	1	1,604
1886-87	206	15,747	39	2,468	109	8,039	264	17,491	22	1,626
1887-88	107	15,854	13	2,481	69	8,108	240	17,731	6	1,632
1888-89	37	15,891	8	2,489	14	8,122	65	17,796	3	1,635
1889-90	1	15,892	1	2,490	11	8,133	21	17,817	..	1,635
1890-91	19	15,911	12	2,502	16	8,149	55	17,872	1	1,636
1891-92	..	..	..	..	2	8,151	1	17,873	3	1,639

Year.	Nelson.		Westland.		Otago.		Canterbury.	
	Inflow.	Total to Date.	Inflow.	Total to Date.	Inflow.	Total to Date.	Inflow.	Total to Date.
1872-73	..	..	9	..	18	..	2,090	1,903
1873-74	..	..	35	44	72	90	5,457	3,771
1874-75	..	..	936	998	290	415	8,403	9,415
1875-76	..	..	436	1,434	529	944	4,977	3,613
1876-77	..	..	178	1,612	411	1,355	1,613	2,008
1877-78	..	..	126	1,738	145	1,500	1,668	2,034
1878-79	..	..	70	1,808	134	1,634	2,906	2,988
1879-80	..	..	329	2,137	95	1,729	2,429	1,951
1880-81	..	..	3	2,140	14	1,743	233	2,672
1881-82	..	..	..	2,140	..	1,743	41	29,713
1882-83	..	..	19	2,159	27	1,770	1,114	30,827
1883-84	..	..	98	2,257	69	1,839	1,727	32,554
1884-85	..	..	28	2,285	29	1,868	285	32,839
1885-86	..	..	10	2,295	19	1,887	83	32,922
1886-87	..	..	27	2,322	14	1,901	208	33,130
1887-88	..	..	34	2,356	31	1,932	181	33,311
1888-89	..	..	9	2,365	26	1,958	45	33,356
1889-90	..	..	1	2,366	12	1,970	28	33,384
1890-91	..	..	2	2,368	3	1,973	48	33,432
1891-92	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	33,435

It is interesting to note that more than 56 per cent. of all immigrants in this period went to Otago and Canterbury. The provinces in the North Island received only 39 per cent. of the total immigrants as compared with 56 per cent. for Otago and Canterbury alone.