

Bay, 407; Marlborough, 24; Nelson, 144; Otago, 401; Southland, 181; Taranaki, 171; Wellington, 1,339; Westland, 113: total, 5,064.

The following summary shows the number in each class that came to the Dominion during the year:—

Class.	Applied in London.	Nominated from New Zealand.	Total.
Domestics	1,006	132	1,138
Farmers and farm labourers	720	223	943
Wives of farmers and farm labourers	170	...	...
Children of farmers and farm labourers	413	...	583
Separated relatives—			
(a.) Men	...	154	...
(b.) Women	...	772	...
(c.) Children	...	1,474	2,400
Totals	2,309	2,755	5,064

The distribution of the domestics and of farm labourers throughout the Dominion, according to bookings, is as follows:—

Province.	Domestics.	Farm Labourers.
Auckland	281	188
Canterbury	161	261
Hawke's Bay	128	70
Marlborough	5	14
Nelson	18	7
Otago	96	79
Southland	31	42
Taranaki	20	39
Wellington	387	232
Westland	11	11
Totals	1,138	943

Assisted immigration has been in existence since the year 1905, and the following table shows the results from that year until 1914. In 1913 the Government directed that any person residing in the Dominion should have the right to nominate any near relatives by blood or marriage who are resident in the United Kingdom. Residents in the Dominion may still nominate, irrespective of relationship, any specified domestic worker or farm labourer residing in the United Kingdom. Nominated immigrants of either class are only granted assisted passages after passing the medical examination prescribed, and after satisfying in other respects the requirements of the High Commissioner's Department in London. The Government has directed that nominated relations by blood or marriage must be provided with employment by the relatives nominating them in this Dominion, and this requirement has been strictly adhered to. The precautions taken by the High Commissioner in London to prohibit the coming into the Dominion of immigrants who, by health or character, might prove undesirable colonists are stringent, but there is considerable difficulty in preventing evasion.

TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER OF ASSISTED IMMIGRANTS INTRODUCED INTO THE DOMINION DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS.

Year.	Applied in London.	Nominated from New Zealand.	Total.
1905	...	...	1,751
1906	...	...	2,469
1907	...	...	3,712
1908	...	...	3,104
1909	2,822	2,131	4,953
1910	1,118	1,554	2,672
1911	1,327	1,297	2,624
1912	1,728	1,572	3,300
1913	1,797	2,131	3,928
1914	2,309	2,755	5,064

It will be seen from the above table that a steady increase in the nominated passages is taking place, a fact which clearly shows that the prospects for newcomers are becoming more appreciated by our own people as well as by the new arrivals. Under this scheme the nominators have to