

and those conditions are the best which most strengthen and harden us up for combat."

During Mr. Godley's reign as Agent for the Canterbury Association (which was a London Association not formed for commercial purposes, but with the highest ideals of colonial colonisation) 22 ships arrived bringing 3,500 passengers.

Lyttelton in the early days was an unknown name. It was Port Cooper - known everywhere. All Australian ships and old settlers only knew it by that name and it gave its name to the cheese exported. Port Cooper cheese was the best known article in Sydney. Only a few years ago - not more than twelve - I saw outside a store in Sydney cheese labelled "Port Cooper Cheese". There must have been something in the name after all.

Peacock & Co's. ships - "Mountain Maid"; "Heather Bell" and "Tor-rington" were very well known and used to run to Akaroa and supply some of the old French settlers; they also ran to some of the other ports in New Zealand.

Gold played a very important part in the settlement of Canterbury, and in fact of New Zealand. The immigrants had no sooner arrived here than they heard of the wonderful discoveries in Victoria, Ballarat and Bendigo, and the attractions were irresistible, as they were to the whole world. Everyone who could get away was quickly on the move,