

The country. I think the first importations of these were brought in by a Mr. J. Gregg of Long Beach. The Agricultural Show at Christchurch (which was always held at that time on November 9<sup>th</sup> (The then Prince of Wales Birthday - later King Edward VII)) was the big high day throughout the country, when the competitors from the various local shows throughout the country met, to show their <sup>of their stock</sup> qualities against each other.

Many a hope had vanished after the show (bald) what feeding & grooming and washing before & on that day, but when all was over & the cattle home again, turned out with the rest to look after themselves.

After that period previously mentioned when there was such an influx of immigrants from the old country and the fall in prices generally,

the full effects were very clearly manifested when an exodus from New Zealand set in, and ship loads of people went to the neighbouring colony of Victoria. As near as I can remember something like ten or twelve thousand people left our Dominion.

(Altho. it was not named Dominion at that time). There was not at that time any ~~thought~~ thought of levying an unemployment tax. Every one had "to paddle his own canoe", and do the best for themselves. So I have recollections of as many as sixty people, with their swags on their back, calling at our place in one ~~week~~ <sup>season</sup> for a drink of milk or a bite of "tucker". Amongst that class were some who had come from aristocratic families in England, and I knew of two that had been educated at Oxford University. But it was no uncommon thing (so I have been told) that many of these <sup>class</sup> had lived riotously & had been sent here ~~to~~ that they might have an opportunity to "straighten themselves up a bit". This class would receive remittances from home, but it is strange to think that with the best environments & education, it requires something more than these to develop the best in human nature.

In those early days the public house was a great institution, and as the population