

APPENDIX B.

LABOUR REPORTS.

(Supplied by the Municipal Authorities in August and September, 1891.)

TOWN DISTRICTS.*

City, Town, or Borough, and distance from Melbourne.	Miles.	Description of labour in demand.	Is demand likely to be continuous?	Remarks.
Ararat ...	157	General female servants and nursemaids	Yes	Wages for female servants on the increase.
Ballarat ...	74	No demand		
Ballarat East ...	73½	No demand		
Bendigo ...	100¾	No demand		
Brighton ...	8	Fifty female servants	Yes	
Browns & Scarsdale	91	No demand		
Brunswick ...	3	No demand	...	Owing to strikes and other causes, matters affecting the interests of labour are very dull.
Carisbrook ...	107½	No demand		
Castlemaine ...	78	Fifty female servants	Yes	Wages for females 15 per cent. higher than formerly. In harvest time farmers find a difficulty in procuring hands.
Chewton ...	75	No demand		
Clunes ...	96	No demand		
Collingwood ...	2	Female domestic servants	Yes	
Creswick ...	85	No demand		
Daylesford ...	76	No demand ...	...	Wages to unskilled labourers lower than formerly by 1s. to 1s. 6d. per day. Mining very dull in the district. Miners receive £2 5s. to £2 10s. per week.
Dunolly ...	98¼	No demand		
Eaglehawk ...	105	No demand ...	...	Miners receive from £2 5s. to £2 10s. weekly.
Echuca ...	156	Female domestic servants	Yes	
Essendon ...	4	Fair demand in the building trades; large demand for domestic servants	Yes	

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TOWN DISTRICTS—*continued.*

City, Town, or Borough, and distance from Melbourne.		Description of labour in demand.	Is demand likely to be continuous?	Remarks.
Fitzroy...	Miles. ... 2	Good domestic servants	Yes	Servants' wages, 10s. to 15s. weekly. Slight diminution in wages in all classes of labour, caused by depression consequent on late strikes.
Footscray	... 3 $\frac{3}{4}$	Scarcely any demand		
Geelong	... 50	No demand		
Geelong West	... 45	No demand		
Hamilton	... 197	No demand		
Hawthorn	... 4	No demand		
Heathcote	... 55	No demand		
Horsham	... 203	Twelve female domestic servants	Yes	It is probable men will be required in about six months to construct works in connection with a proposed lake storage scheme.
Inglewood	... 150	Domestic servants	Yes	
Kew ...	... 5	Domestic servants	Yes	
Koroit ...	... 175	Twenty female servants	Yes	
Majorca	... 111	No demand		
Malmsbury	... 63	No demand		
Maryborough	... 112	No demand		
Melbourne	...	Female servants	Yes	Demand for female domestic servants much in excess of supply. Wages of this class high and still rising.
Newtown & Chilwell	45	No demand ...	...	Steady employment for present population, but no additional hands wanted.
Northcote	... 6	No demand		
North Melbourne	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	No demand		
Oakleigh	... 9	Twelve to twenty femaleservants used to country life	Yes	The Borough is in a progressive state, and the demand for labour will most likely increase, though not probably within six months.
Port Fairy	... 186			
Port Melbourne	... 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Always demand for labour	Yes	Wages unchanged. Some men have been thrown out of employment through strikes.
Portland	... 250	No demand		
Prahran	... 4	No demand		
Queenscliff	... 67	No demand		
Raywood	... 119	No demand at present	...	Will be a slight demand in harvest time.
Richmond	... 2	All descriptions of labour of a first-class order	Yes	Inferior labour at a discount.

TOWN DISTRICTS—*continued.*

City, Town, or Borough, and distance from Melbourne.		Description of labour in demand.	Is demand likely to be continuous?	Remarks.
Rutherglen	Miles. ... 168	No demand ...	...	The mining industry is flourishing, and it is probable there will be a demand for labour shortly.
Sale	... 128	25 female servants	Yes	
Sebastopol	... 76	No demand ...	...	It is anticipated that miners will shortly be wanted.
Smythesdale	... 88	No demand		
South Melbourne	2	One hundred female servants	Yes	Wages unchanged.
St. Arnaud	... 158	No demand		
St. Kilda	... 3	Two to three hundred domestic servants	Yes	In consequence of the industrial strikes of last year many artisans have been, and still are, out of work. Servants' wages higher than ever.
Stawell...	... 149	No demand		
Talbot ...	... 107	No demand		
Tarnagulla	... 136	No demand ...	...	District very dull at present.
Wangaratta	... 145	No demand		
Warrnambool	... 166	No demand at present	...	There will probably be a demand for extra men on construction of waterworks in the course of 3 months, viz.: labourers, masons, and plumbers.
Williamstown	... 4	No demand		
Wood's Point	... 110	No demand	...	About 50 or 60 good miners wanted in about 6 months. Wages of miners, 50s. weekly.

COUNTRY DISTRICTS.*

Name of Shire, and distance (in miles) of Chief Towns from Melbourne.		Description of Labour in demand.	Is demand likely to be continuous?	Remarks.
Alberton	Miles. ... 180	No demand		
Alexandra	... 100	No demand at present	...	Shortly shearers and harvesters will be temporarily required.
Arapiles (chief town, Natimuk)	244	No demand		
Ararat ...	... 158	No demand ...	...	Labourers are scarce, but there is no particular demand for their services.
Avon (chief town, Stratford)	137	Farm labourers and domestic servants	Yes	Always a small demand for the two classes of labour named.

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COUNTRY DISTRICTS—*continued.*

Name of Shire, and distance (in miles) of Chief Towns from Melbourne.	Description of Labour in demand.	Is demand likely to be continuous?	Remarks.
Avoca ... Miles. 127	No demand		
Bacchus Marsh ... 31	Female domestic servants	Yes	
Bairnsdale ... 170	No demand		
Ballan ... 45	Fifteen agricultural labourers	Yes	Always a fair demand for a limited number of farm labourers.
Ballarat ... 115	Fifty farm labourers and fifty domestic servants	Yes	District in a settled state, and changes occurring but slowly; the classes named, however, would have little trouble in finding constant employment.
Bannockburn ... 55	No demand ...	...	Supply of resident labour is constant, and equal to requirements.
Barrabool ... 15	No demand		
Beechworth ... 172	No demand ...	...	Wages of carters reduced from 13s. to 12s. per day.
Belfast (chief town, Crossley) 180	No demand		
Bellarine (chief town, Drysdale) 57½	A few farm labourers		
Benalla ...			
Berwick ... 28	Female servants	Yes	
Bet Bet ... 125	No demand		
Boroondara (chief town, Camberwell) 6	No demand		
Borong (chief town, Warracknabeal) 243	Two hundred men, one hundred females		
Braybrook (chief town, Maidstone) 5	No demand		
Bright ... 199	No demand ...	...	Some mining claims recently taken up, which, if successful, may cause a demand for labour.
Broadford ... 50	No demand		
Bulla ... 15	No demand ...	...	Extra hands will be wanted at ploughing and harvest times.
Broadmeadows ... 14	Farm labourers	Yes	
Bulleen (chief town, Templestowe) 11	No demand		
Buln Buln (chief town, Drouin) 56	No demand		
Bungaree ... 110	No demand		
Buninyong ... 96	No demand		
Caulfield ... 6	Female domestic servants		

COUNTRY DISTRICTS—*continued.*

Name of Shire, and distance (in miles) of Chief Towns from Melbourne.	Miles.	Description of Labour in demand.	Is demand likely to be continuous?	Remarks.
Chiltern	168	Experienced miners and engine-drivers	Yes	This demand is likely to be continuous and increasing.
Coburg	5	No demand		
Colac	96	Female servants	Yes	
Corio (chief town, Lara)	35	No unusual demand	...	Lime trade has been slack, but is reviving
Cranbourne	27½	No demand	...	Grazing and dairying district. Not much labour required.
Creswick (chief town, Kingston)	94	Fifty stone-breakers and general labourers and fifty domestic servants	Yes	
Darebin (chief town, Epping)	13	No demand		
Dandenong	19½	No demand		
Dimboola	251	Twelve to twenty domestic servants	Yes	Farm labourers would find employment at harvest time at 6s. per day. The wages of domestic servants range from 10s. to 12s. per week.
Doncaster	8	Thirty farm labourers and twelve female servants	Yes	Good orchard hands wanted; wages 15s. to 25s. per week and found.
Dundas (chief town, Hamilton)	220	No demand		
Dunmunkle (chief town, Rupanyup)	211	A few farm labourers		
East Loddon (chief town, Serpentine)	130	Skilled farm labourers and female servants	Yes	Slight increase of wages of the classes named.
Echuca (chief town, Rochester)	139	No demand		
Eltham	14	No demand		
Euroa	...	Female servants	Yes	Wages for females about 10s. per week.
Fern Tree Gully	21	No demand		
Flinders and Kangerong (chief town, Shoreham)	57	Twelve to twenty good agricultural labourers and a few good steady lads	Yes	Agricultural labourers receive on the average 20s. per week. Good men on contracts receive 7s. per day.

COUNTRY DISTRICTS—*continued.*

Name of Shire, and distance (in miles) of Chief Towns from Melbourne.	Description of Labour in demand.	Is demand likely to be continuous?	Remarks.
Gisborne ... Miles. 41	Limited demand for domestic servants; also for road labourers and stonebreakers	No	Harvest hands will be wanted within six months. Farm labourers receive 20s. per week and found; road labourers receive 7s. per day; stonebreakers 2s. to 3s. per cubic yard; domestic servants 10s. to 15s. weekly.
Glenelg (chief town, Casterton) 271	No demand	...	Agricultural and pastoral district. Harvesting and shearing chiefly done by local labour.
Glenlyon ... 70	No demand		
Gordon ... 165	Female servants	No	Harvest hands will be wanted in about two months' time.
Goulburn (chief town, Nagambie) 78	Female servants	Yes	Many farmers have ceased to cultivate, and turn their attention solely to grazing.
Grenville (chief town, Linton) 123	No demand		
Hampden (chief town, Camperdown) 123½	Female domestic servants	Yes	
Healesville ... 37	No demand ...	...	Many persons have left owing to cessation of Public works.
Heidelberg ... 8	No demand ...	...	Demand for labour steady, but fully supplied.
Howqua (chief town, Jamieson) 170	Goldminers, quartz	Yes	Government Geologist has reported the district to be the most hopeful for future gold discoveries in Victoria.
Huntly... ... 17	No demand ...	...	Vineyards receive much attention in the district, but are worked with few hands, in some cases members of the family.
Kara Kara (chief town, St. Arnaud) 157	No demand		
Keilor ... 10	No demand ...	...	A few extra hands for stonebreaking are sometimes required.
Kilmore ... 42	No demand ...	...	Public works in February and March, 1892, may cause some demand for hands.
Korong (chief town, Wedderburn)	No demand		
Kowree (chieftown, Edenhope) 280	A few female servants	...	Shearers would find employment at the proper season.
Kyneton ... 58	Female servants	Yes	
Lancefield ... 46	Twenty female servants	Yes	District depressed. Farmers and others reducing expenses.

COUNTRY DISTRICTS—*continued.*

Name of Shire, and distance (in miles) of Chief Towns from Melbourne.	Miles.	Description of Labour in demand.	Is demand likely to be continuous?	Remarks.
Lawloit...	287	No demand ...	...	For six weeks during harvest time hands will be wanted.
Leigh (chief town, Teesdale)	65	Female ser- vants	Yes	Shearers will be wanted at the proper season.
Lexton...	120	Female ser- vants	Yes	Farm labourers receive 20s. to 25s. per week and found. Navvies 6s. 6d. to 7s. 6d. per day. No demand for hands until harvest.
Lilydale ...	23 $\frac{3}{4}$	No demand		
Lowra (chief town, Nhill)	274	Female ser- vants and a few labourers	Yes	Genuine labourers always find employment, especially at harvest time.
Maffra ...	131	No demand		
Malvern ...	5	No demand		
Mansfield ...	136	No demand ...	...	If farm labour was cheaper it would meet with more demand from the farmers, who could then produce grain at less cost and in larger quantities, making produce cheaper, reducing the cost of living, and adding to the wealth of the colony.
Marong (chief town, Kangaroo Flat)	96	Female ser- vants	Yes	Farm labourers will be wanted in the coming harvest.
Melton...	23	A few female servants		
Meredith ...	74 $\frac{1}{2}$	Dairymaids, and house- hold servants	...	Resident labourers settling down would find constant employment. No one will employ itinerant swagmen.
Merriang (chief town, Wallan Wallan)	29	No demand ...	...	Farm servants receive 20s., milkmen 15s. per week and found.
Metcalfe (chief town, Taradale)	67	No demand		
Mildura ...		Farm labourers and domestic servants chiefly	Yes	Those seeking employment obtain it without difficulty, chiefly in clearing, fencing, ploughing and planting land; building trades will probably be active in the summer months. The Mildura colony has made rapid progress, and there are indications of still more rapid development next year.
Minhamite (chief town, Macarthur)	200	Good female servants	Yes	Business depressed.
Moorabbin (chief town, South Brighton)	10	No demand ...	...	No unemployed persons in the district.

COUNTRY DISTRICTS—*continued.*

Name of Shire, and distance (in miles) of Chief Towns from Melbourne.		Description of Labour in demand.	Is demand likely to be continuous?	Remarks.
Mornington ...	Miles. 40	No demand		
Mortlake ...	151	Forty domestic servants and fifteen dairy- maids	Yes	Slight increase in wages.
Mount Alexander (chief town, Fryerstown)	86	No demand		
Mount Franklin (chief town, Hepburn)	84½	No demand		
Mount Rouse (chief town, Penshurst)	160	Female ser- vants	Yes	During the shearing and har- vest, there will be a demand for men.
McIvor (chief town, Heathcote)	55	Female ser- vants	Yes	Work has been scarce during the winter. It is expected times will improve during the summer, after shearing commences.
Narracan (chief town, Moe)	80	No demand ...	...	Shire labour reduced from 8s. to 7s. per day. Most work done by contract.
Newham (chief town, Woodend)	49	A few female servants	Yes	
Newstead ...	92	Ploughmen and female farm servants and milkmaids	Yes	
North Ovens (chief town, North Wangaratta)	147	No demand ...	...	Hands will be wanted at har- vest time.
North Yarrawonga (chief town, Yarra- wonga)	161	Fifty farm la- bourers and fifty domes- tic servants	Yes	Wages for farm labourers 20s. per week in winter, and 30s. per week in summer, board and lodging found.
Numurkah ...	133	No demand ...	...	Will be a demand at harvest time.
Nunawading (chief town, Box Hill)	9¼	No demand		
Oakleigh ...	10	No demand		
Omeo ...	245	Female ser- vants and a few agricul- tural la- bourers	Yes	It is expected that tin mines will be opened up, which will cause a demand for labour.
Oxley ...	153	One hundred and fifty general farm labourers, same number of females for domestic and dairy work	Yes	If wages were lower, there would be employment for a number of men all the year round.

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Name of Shire, and distance (in miles) of Chief Towns from Melbourne.	Miles.	Description of Labour in demand.	Is demand likely to be continuous?	Remarks.
Phillip Island (chief town, San Remo)	227	No demand ...	...	Grazing district. Not much labour required.
Poowong and Jetho (chief town, Nyora)	55	Farm labourers and domestic servants		
Portland	227			
Preston	5½	No demand ...	...	Brickmakers working half time.
Pyalong	50	No demand ...	...	Wages too high for farmers to employ men.
Ripon (chief town, Beaufort)	128	Twenty female servants	Yes	
Rodney (chief town, Tatura)	110	Farm labourers	Yes	More farm labourers will be wanted at harvest time. Wages, 15s. to 30s. per week and found. General labourers, 7s. per day.
Romsey	37	Twenty female servants	Yes	Country girls preferred to those trained in cities.
Rosedale	111	Good domestic servants		
Rutherglen	176	Fifty farm labourers; fifty to one hundred vineyard labourers; thirty to fifty female servants	Yes	Owing to the large areas recently planted with vines and fruit trees, there is certain to be a good demand for really capable farm labourers, and this, together with other causes, will necessitate the employment of an increased number of female domestics.
Seymour	61	No demand		
Shepparton	112	Vineyard hands and female servants	...	Area under fruit cultivation rapidly extending.
South Barwon (chief town, Belmont)	52	One hundred farmlabourers and same number of domestic servants	Yes	Good hands find no difficulty in obtaining employment.
Springfield	30	Thirty or forty domestic servants and a few useful farm hands	Yes	Employers complain of wages being too high. Lower wages and better accommodation to employés are desirable.
St. Arnaud (chief town, Donald)	182	Farm labourers and fifty female servants	Yes	Wages somewhat higher than formerly.

COUNTRY DISTRICTS—continued.

Name of Shire, and distance (in miles) of Chief Towns from Melbourne.	Description of Labour in demand.	Is demand likely to be continuous?	Remarks.
Stawell... Miles. ... 178	Twenty-five female servants	Yes	
Strathfieldsaye ... 105	A few farm labourers	Yes	Wages too high, and prices too low to enable the farmers to give much employment.
Swan Hill ... 179 $\frac{1}{4}$	Farm labourers	Yes	
Talbot ... 133	No demand		
Tambo (chief town, Bruthen) 201	No demand ...	...	District depressed through floods.
Towong (chief town, Tallangatta) 213	Female servants	Yes	There being now railway communication with Melbourne, it is expected there will be an increase of cultivation and a consequent demand for farming hands.
Traralgon ... 97	No demand		
Tullaroop (chief town, Maryborough) 98	General female servants	Yes	
Upper Yarra (chief town, Warburton) 35			
Walhalla ... 107	No demand ...	...	It is probable that more miners may find employment shortly.
Wannon (chief town, Coleraine) 250	Female servants	Yes	
Waranga (chief town, Rushworth) 120 $\frac{1}{2}$	No demand		
Warragul ... 61	Female servants	Yes	Skilled agriculturists with a little capital would do well in this district.
Warrnambool ... 160	Female servants	Yes	
Whittlesea ... 24	No demand		
Wimmera (chief town, Horsham) 230	No demand ...	...	A good number of farm labourers and shearers would find employment during the harvest and wool seasons.
Winchelsea ... 71	Fifty female servants	Yes	
Wodonga ... 187	No demand		
Woorayl (chief town, Mirboo North) 108 $\frac{3}{4}$	No demand		
Wyndham (chief town, Werribee) 20	No demand		
Yackandandah ... 200	No demand ...	...	Young people leaving the district for other parts.
Yarrowonga (chief town, Tungamah) 156	Farm labourers and domestic servants	Yes	Any class of men who are skilled in farm work can find employment.
Yea ... 79 $\frac{3}{4}$	No demand ...	...	Were the gold reefs properly opened, there would be employment for hundreds of men.