

AUSTRALIA WORRIED

OVER IMMIGRATION

Difficulty of Getting Young Fellows for Farms Causes Trouble.

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The Montreal Star.

London, July 16.—Right Hon. Joseph Hume Cook, Premier of Australia, includes in his policy for the coming general election a grant of \$1,230,000 to state governments for immigration. The Government's enquiries led the Cabinet to the conclusion that British agriculturists are no longer procurable in any number. The best potential citizens for Australia are lads of British towns, who are eager to be trained for colonial farm life.

The Sydney Morning Herald says that in readjusting the immigration policy upon these lines the New South Wales Government, concurring in the wishes of British authorities, who regard with misgiving a policy like that of Canada, which aims at further denuding the British countryside. Immigration agents find themselves viewed with something approaching suspicion in many parts of the United Kingdom, especially by farmers, whose best workers they enticed away, while the consequent scarcity of labor enables the less efficient who remain to exact two and three shillings increased wages weekly. The result is the state governments of Australia, in developing rural Australia, practically confine their efforts to securing the rising generation of the United Kingdom surplusage of bright, eager, young boys and girls in most British towns, which should make co-operation between the British and dominions' federal and state governments and municipal authorities here and in the dominions prove of the greatest mutual advantage. WINDERMERE.