

3. The road suggested by the Porewa Valley from the settled district of Rangitikei will undoubtedly form a part of the shortest and best route to the interior plains. The point we reached is very nearly half-way to the open country under Ruapehu, and not only is there no difficulty in making a road so far, but peculiar facilities exist. The line is very direct; the land level; there is no stream of any consequence to deal with, and all up the Porewa Valley there is abundance of gravel. From the point reached we could see plainly that the road could be extended without any difficulty for four or five miles more among the low broken hills; and this would bring us within a very short distance of the rolling fern country which both Mr. Hogg and Mr Hales speak of as easy when they traversed it on their way down to the Turakina River from the plains. The Maoris of the district also assert the feasibility of such a line; and the lay of the country, as seen from where we were, confirms this view.

Though I have no doubt now upon this point myself, I much regret that want of time and the approach of bad weather prevented my going through to the plains; but I hope to be able in the early summer to place beyond a doubt this matter, which is of so great importance to the interests of the West Coast Districts, and the satisfactory solution of which will be the means of opening as extensive and fine a field for successful immigration as is to be found in this Island.

I have, &c.,

A. FOLLETT HALCOMBE,

Immigration Officer.

The Hon. Minister for Public Works.

APPENDIX B.						
INDEBTEDNESS of IMMIGRANTS <i>ex</i> "England," located near Masterton.						
Names.	No. of Statute Adults.	Promissory Notes for Passage.	Cost of Location.	Advance for Tools, &c.	Total.	
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Wellington, John	2	...	3 0 0	1 17 2	4 17 2	
Larsen, Peter	3	24 0 0	4 10 0	1 17 2	30 7 2	
Mai, Petersen	3	24 0 0	4 10 0	1 17 2	30 7 2	
Neilsen, Peter	3	24 0 0	4 10 0	1 27 2	30 7 2	
Larsen, Neills	3	Cancelled.		Dead.	...	
Petersen, Jens. P.	13½	28 0 0	5 5 0	1 17 2	35 2 2	
Halberz, Magnus	23½	28 0 0	5 5 0	1 17 2	35 2 2	
Larsen, Rasmus	2	16 0 0	3 0 0	1 17 2	20 17 2	
Amundsen, Ole	3½	28 0 0	5 5 0	1 17 2	35 2 2	
Christensen, Gunder	2½	20 0 0	3 15 0	1 17 2	25 12 2	
Olsen, Ole... ..	32¼	19 15 6	3 0 0	1 17 2	24 12 8	
Ericksen, Christopher	42	13 2 4	1 10 0	1 17 2	16 9 6	
Neilsen, Neills	32¾	19 11 3	3 15 0	1 17 2	25 3 5	
Jespersen, Johann	3	24 0 0	4 10 0	53 14 4	32 4 4	
Bosen, Ole	33¼	26 0 0	4 10 0	1 17 2	32 7 2	
Larsen, Hans	33½	26 0 0	4 10 0	1 17 2	32 7 2	
Andersen, Neills	2	8 0 0	3 0 0	63 7 2	14 7 2	
Larsen, Thorsten	2	8 7 7	3 0 0	1 17 2	13 4 9	
Jorgensen, Jens	1	8 0 0	1 10 0	1 17 2	11 7 2	
Neilsen, Jorgen A.	1	8 0 0	1 10 0	1 17 2	11 7 2	
Neilsen, Didrick	1	8 0 0	1 10 0	1 17 2	11 7 2	
Cullen, William	2	} Ship's Crew	3 0 0	1 17 2	4 17 2	
Aulin, Henry	2		3 0 0	63 7 2	6 7 2	
Byers, Robert	1		1 10 0	1 17 2	3 7 2	
Brand, John	1		1 10 0	1 17 2	3 7 2	
Swenson, John	1		1 10 0	1 17 2	3 7 2	
		365 16 8	81 15 0	51 6 4	498 18 0	

¹ £4 remitted.

² £4 remitted.

³ £2 remitted; child died on voyage.

⁴ £4 remitted; wife died on voyage.

⁵ Tools for son.

⁶ Marriage certificate.