

FURTHER PAPERS RELATING TO IMMIGRATION.

No. 1.

Mr. J. E. MARCH to the Hon. W. REEVES.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Christchurch, Canterbury, 3rd February, 1872.

I had the honor to inform you yesterday, by telegram, of the arrival of the ship "Charlotte Gladstone," with immigrants.

At the request of Captain Gibson, Dr. Donald inspected the ship, and I beg to forward his report, which I received from His Honor the Superintendent, and a copy of which I have retained.

I landed the immigrants at 3 p.m. yesterday, and they were conveyed, with their baggage, to Addington by special train.

Three of the young women I was obliged to send to the Hospital; one appears consumptive, the other two have frequent hysteric fits. I will report more fully on these cases as soon as they have been a little time under the treatment of the medical officer here.

The matron of the ship, two single women, and five single men were engaged in England by Mr. Cracroft Wilson, and have left for their situations.

I have selected a fair proportion for the Timaru District, and they will leave on Tuesday next.

The immigrants are now busy washing their clothes, &c., and to-morrow divine service will be held at the Barracks, and on Monday the engagements take place.

I will forward my usual report on this shipment as soon as the immigrants are placed in situations.

I have, &c.,

J. EDWIN MARCH,
Immigration Officer.

The Hon. the Resident Minister, Dunedin.

Enclosure in No. 1.

Dr. DONALD to the Hon. W. REEVES.

SIR,—

Lyttelton, 2nd February, 1872.

I have the honor to report that, at Captain Gibson's request, I this day visited the ship "Charlotte Gladstone," from London, ninety days out.

The immigrant compartments were very clean and comfortable, and the people of all classes cheerful and contented. They expressed themselves in the warmest terms of gratitude to the master, Captain Fox, for his unvarying kindness, and their satisfaction at all the arrangements of the vessel, the quantity and quality of the supplies.

Two births occurred during the voyage; no severe illness had occurred during the passage. The immigrants generally appear to have been well selected, and likely to be appreciated in the colonies. The single women were cleanly and neat in appearance, and were reported to have cheerfully attended to the suggestions of the matron.

I recommended all the officers for full gratuities.

The condenser had worked satisfactorily,—equal to 400 gallons in sixteen hours.

W. DONALD,
Pro Commissioner.

The Hon. the Resident Minister, Middle Island.

No. 2.

IMMIGRATION OFFICER'S REPORT on Immigrants per ship "Charlotte Gladstone."

Immigration Office, Christchurch, 16th February, 1872.

Date of Arrival.—2nd February, 1872.

Number Landed.—22 families, representing 53 statute adults; 45½ single men; 45 single women.

Number Engaged.—All the single men and single women who were for engagement, found suitable situations the first day the Barracks were open. All the married couples who could undertake farm work were also engaged the first day; the others have since found employment.

Character of the Immigrants.—Very good.

What Wages were given.—Married couples, £60 per annum and found; single men, £35 to £45; single women, cooks, £30; general servants, £20 to £30; nurses, £25; housemaids, £20; nurse girls, £13 to £15.

Present Demand of the Labour Market.—The demand for good domestic servants is still very much greater than the supply: more than double the number would have found suitable situations. There is a steady demand for single men and married couples thoroughly accustomed to farm work.

General Remarks.—The character of the immigrants by the ship was as a whole very good, and suited to the requirements of the Province. I would venture, however, to point out the necessity of some better medical inspection of the immigrants before sailing. Three of the single women, namely,