

RELATING TO IMMIGRATION.

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No. 7.

REPORT on Engagements of Immigrants by ship "William Davie."

SIR,— Immigration Office, Christchurch, Canterbury, 10th August, 1872.
I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of the Immigration Officer's report on engagements of immigrants per ship "William Davie," with rates of wages given.
I have, &c.,
J. EDWIN MARCH,
Chief Immigration Officer.

The Hon. the Resident Minister.

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Mr. C. ALLAN to Mr. MARCH.

SIR,— Immigration Office, Dunedin, 7th August, 1872.
I have the honor to report that the immigrants per ship "William Davie" were engaged on the day appointed, namely, 12th July, and the two succeeding days, with the exception of one family, consisting of man, wife, and two children, the husband being unable to take service on account of a disabled foot.
The demand for good ploughmen and female servants was brisk ; even a larger number could have been engaged.
I enclose a copy of the report of the Labour Exchange, where the wages are quoted.
The immigrants were, on the whole, suitable for the requirements of the Province.
I have, &c.,
COLIN ALLAN,
Immigration Officer.

The Chief Immigration Officer, Christchurch.

DUNEDIN LABOUR EXCHANGE.

The following Return shows the transactions at this Institution during the months of June and July, 1872.

Occupations.	Applications by Employers.	Applications by Servants.	No. engaged.	Rate of Wages.
Blacksmiths	1	...	...	...
Coppersmiths	1	1	1	10s. per day.
Dairy Maids	2	1	1	£36 per annum and found.
Farm Servants	18	15	15	£45 per annum and found.
Female Cooks	2	2	2	£40 per annum and found.
Female Servants... ..	38	30	30	£25 to £35 per annum and found.
Labourers	1	1	1	6s. per day.
Married Couples	6	4	4	£60 to £65 per annum and found.
Male Cooks	2	2	2	20s. to 24s. per week and found.
Milkers	2	1	1	10s. to 15s. per week and found.
Nursery Maids	2	2	2	6s. to 8s. per week.
Shepherds	2	1	1	£50 to £52 per annum.
Shoemakers	1	...	...	...
Stewards	1	2	1	£5 per month.
Storemen	1	3	1	25s. per week and found.
Wheelwrights	1	...	...	...
Totals	81	65	62	...

Though June and July are reckoned the slackest months in the year for labouring men, yet the demand for certain classes has this season been better than usual. Farm servants, particularly good ploughmen and married couples for farms and stations, are in great request at present, and command good wages. Female servants of every description are still in great demand.
The ship "William Davie," from Glasgow, arrived in port on the 8th of July, having upwards of ninety immigrants, a fair proportion being female servants, for whom applications had been received before the arrival of the ship. The whole of the females and the farm servants were engaged, on the day appointed for that purpose, at the wages quoted above.
COLIN ALLAN, Agent.

No. 8.

REPORT on Ship "Halcione," by Mr. J. KNOWLES.

SIR,— Public Works Office, Wellington, 29th July, 1872.
I have the honor, in the absence of Mr. Halcombe on service at Palmerston, to report the safe arrival of the emigrant ship "Halcione," at this port, on Saturday evening, after a pleasant voyage of ninety-two days.