

No. 33.

The Hon. J. VOGEL to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 51.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 13th March, 1874.

Herewith I have the honor to transmit copy of report, from the Immigration Commissioners at Napier, upon the ship "Queen of the North."

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL.

Enclosure in No. 33.

SIR,—

Immigration Commissioners' Office, Napier, 6th February, 1874.

I have the honor to inform you that the "Queen of the North," Captain Diel, arrived in the Ahuriri roadstead on Monday, the 2nd February, with immigrants from London, 102 days out.

In pursuance with your instructions the Commissioners proceeded on board, having been obliged to engage the services of the steam lighter "Bella," owing to the gale of wind blowing at the time.

The Commissioners, after a strict investigation, have much pleasure in reporting the vessel, provisions, &c., as being in a most satisfactory condition. The immigrants, without exception, were perfectly satisfied with the treatment they had received.

They expressed confidence in the captain, and have since their arrival presented the doctor and chief mate with letters thanking them for their kindness and attention. The Commissioners desire to record these facts as illustrative of the good understanding existing between the immigrants and the officers of the ship.

The Commissioners, however, would beg to suggest that the Agent-General for New Zealand be directed to make provision for the erection of a water-closet for the married women below deck in any future vessel coming to Hawke's Bay. This the Commissioners think desirable both from a moral point of view as well as a necessity in time of bad weather.

I have, &c.,

G. F. FANNIN, Commissioner,
(for Commissioners).

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

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The Hon. J. VOGEL to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 61.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 14th March, 1874.

I forward herewith the following documents connected with the s.s. "Mongol," which arrived at Port Chalmers upon the 13th ultimo, and was placed in quarantine in consequence of the presence of infectious disease amongst the passengers:—

1. Copy of Report of the Immigration Commissioners at Dunedin.
2. Copy of Memorandum by Dr. Webster, a Member of the Provincial Executive of Otago, forwarded under cover of a letter from His Honor the Superintendent.
3. Copy of Report upon the voyage of the s.s. "Mongol," by the Surgeon-Superintendent, and Dr. Webster's remarks thereupon.
4. Copy of Royal Commission of Inquiry into the circumstances of outbreak of disease on board.
5. Copy of Memorandum by the Under Secretary, covering Interim Report of Royal Commission.
6. Copy of Memorandum by the Immigration Officer, Wellington, covering newspaper reports of the proceedings in the Resident Magistrate's Court, Wellington, instituted against the Captain in consequence of the said Interim Report.

Considering that the very important questions affecting this ship are still *sub judice*, pending the report of the Royal Commission, I defer any remarks upon the subject for the present.

I feel it necessary, however, to call your attention to the fact that although the "Mongol" arrived more than a month ago, neither the ship's book nor any other information respecting her emigrants, or the conditions of contract, beyond what is contained in your letter No. 861, of 24th December, 1874, has yet reached this Department.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL.

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COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on s.s. "Mongol."

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Dunedin, 23rd February, 1874.

We have the honor to report that the s.s. "Mongol" arrived in port on the 13th instant, from Plymouth, having made a passage of fifty-one days.

On receiving the report of the surgeon-superintendent alongside, we found that sixty-seven cases of measles and twenty-one of scarlet fever, with other non-infectious diseases, prevailed amongst the emigrants on the passage, and that sixteen deaths had taken place, four from the former and five from the latter. We thereupon decided to place the ship in quarantine, and await the decision of the Board of Health, which was called to meet on the same day.