

Dunedin, 1st April, 1874.

How many emigrants may be expected to arrive during winter months? The extent to which we can employ them depends on this. Are pushing on erection of 100 four-roomed cottages all over Province. Carpenters exceedingly scarce; none to be had under 14s. to 16s. a day. Shall be glad to have plans portable cottages, so as to be availed of in case of need. No lack of land available for immigrants; there would have been all the more had the desired hundreds been proclaimed. The allegation that there is no land for settlement to be obtained is of long standing, and will continue to be made until we have free selection.

The Hon. J. Vogel, Wellington.

J. MACANDREW.

Buildings, 2nd April, 1874.

PRESENT advices are, "Asia," 450 souls; "Atrato," for Canterbury and Otago, 750; "Fleming" and another ship, name unintelligible, 720; and twenty-four vessels for Colony in March and April. Plans of portable cottages are being prepared by Colonial Architect; shall be sent as soon as ready. Do you advise any land being taken under Immigration and Public Works Act? I await your Honor's reply.

His Honor the Superintendent, Otago.

JULIUS VOGEL.

Dunedin, 9th April, 1874.

PROVINCIAL Government hope to have sufficient employment, in case of need, for all who are likely to require it, and who are able and willing to work. Unfortunately there are too many among recent arrivals who are unable, or unwilling, and both. Query: In case of land taken under Public Works Act, can it be dealt with outside of the existing regulations?—that is to say, can arrangements be made to locate a number of families contiguous to each other, should they so desire it, at the upset price, without their having to submit to competition or ballot, in the event of others desiring to acquire the same land?

The Hon. J. Vogel, Wellington.

JAMES MACANDREW.

Buildings, 11th April, 1874.

Re land taken under Public Works and Immigration Act, Attorney-General advises "what the Superintendent mentions can be carried out under regulations under the Act. The land would not be subject to ordinary waste land regulations, when special regulations are made for the occupation or disposal."

His Honor the Superintendent, Otago.

JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 156.

TELEGRAMS between His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Otago, and the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

CORPORATION of Invercargill, which has agreed to act as Committee to promote the location of immigrants, represents that there is urgent need for the depôt there being rendered suitable for comfort and convenience of immigrants. This will involve some little expenditure. I have forwarded a couple of heating stoves, but shall incur no further expense unless specially authorized. Town Council statement sent.

The Hon. J. Vogel.

J. MACANDREW.

Wellington, 1st May, 1874.

INVERCARGILL depôt. Will authorize your Honor to have such improvements made as you consider necessary. If you think it desirable to authorize Town Council of Invercargill to make such alterations, I approve of your doing so. I presume the proposed alterations are of a trifling nature.

His Honor the Superintendent, Otago.

JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 157.

TELEGRAMS between His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Otago, and the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

Dunedin, 2nd May, 1874.

ABSOLUTELY necessary with class of immigrants now arriving, if discipline is to be maintained at depôt, to erect high wall. Both men and women climb over present fence, and are a nuisance to neighbourhood. I presume there will be no objection to this.

The Hon. J. Vogel, Wellington.

J. MACANDREW.

Wellington, 4th May, 1874.

HAVE received copy of letter from Invercargill Municipality to your Honor. If you approve suggested alterations and additions to Invercargill depôt, I authorize the same. I also authorize, if you consider it necessary, erection of high wall at depôt.

His Honor the Superintendent, Otago.

J. VOGEL.