

A depôt has already been authorized at Foxton, at a cost of £560, but I consider that this would be of too expensive a character—a rough slab shed, as long as it is weather-tight, being all that would be required.

I shall be obliged by your giving instructions for the erection of depôts of the description indicated at the places I have named; and I believe that Mr. Munro, of the Public Works Department, or Mr. Halcombe, if asked to do so, could furnish practical details of the description of building required.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM FITZHERBERT,

Superintendent.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 55.

The Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Wellington.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 29th June, 1874.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 2nd instant, and, in reply, to inform you Honor that I concur with you as to the desirability of immigrants' depôts being erected at the places mentioned therein, and also in the application for these purposes of the £560 already authorized for a large depôt at Foxton.

Plans of the depôts which have been erected at Opaki and Feilding have been forwarded to the Immigration Officer for his guidance, and I shall be happy to favourably consider any arrangements your Honor may make to carry out the spirit of your request.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL.

His Honor the Superintendent, Wellington.

N.B.—The delay in answering the Superintendent's letter arose from the necessity of communicating with Messrs. Halcombe and Munro.

No. 56.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Wellington, to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Wellington, 16th June, 1874.

I have the honor to forward to you herewith copy of a letter addressed to me by Mr. Charles Reed, The Crescent, Oxford, England, proposing that Mr. Taylor, the Secretary of the "National Agricultural Labourers' Union," should be invited to visit New Zealand, with a view to his writing a pamphlet for the information of intending emigrants.

I entirely concur in Mr. Reid's proposal, and urge upon the General Government the desirability of making some arrangement with that gentleman through the Agent-General.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM FITZHERBERT,

Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 56.

Mr. CHARLES REED to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Wellington.

SIR,—

11, The Crescent, Oxford, England, 6th March, 1874.

I have the honor to inform you that I have by this mail posted to you a pamphlet of "Arch's Mission to Canada," as well as to the other Superintendents of New Zealand.

I think a work from him or the Secretary of the National Agricultural Labourers' Union on New Zealand would have an immense influence among the labourers of the midland and southern counties of England, as they would have the utmost confidence in anything that came from the pen of one so intimately known to them, and would be the means of an immense influx of emigrants to New Zealand, if arrangements were only made for the Secretary to visit the colony.

If New Zealand does not do something in the matter, I feel confident the other Australian Colonies will; and the Canadian Government have offered Arch £500 per annum to act as their emigration agent, which he has declined.

Mr. Taylor, the Secretary of the National Agricultural Labourers' Union, has informed me that he has no objection to visit New Zealand with the intention of writing a pamphlet on the country, and would circulate it amongst any class of labourers that might be required for the colony, and amongst whom he is well known, respected, and holds very considerable influence. It appears to me that the provinces are equally interested in this matter as the General Government; and any arrangement might be left with the Agent-General here, to make terms with the Secretary of the National Agricultural Labourers' Union for the purpose of visiting New Zealand during next summer.

In conclusion, I beg to state that, in suggesting this for your consideration, I have nothing whatever to do with the Union, except to benefit New Zealand, having spent twenty-one years there, and still hold a run and fine estate in the Ashburton, in the Canterbury Province.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES REED.

His Honor the Superintendent, Wellington.

No. 57.

The Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Wellington.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 23rd June, 1874.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 16th instant, in which you forward copy of a letter addressed to you by Mr. Charles Reed, recommending that Mr. Taylor, the