

which relates to the stowage of the emigrants' luggage, which appears in this case to have been so arranged as to have caused great delay in landing the same, and thus been productive of serious inconvenience to the immigrants.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

Enclosure in No. 2.

IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Rooparell."

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Auckland, 5th June, 1874.

We have the honor to report the arrival on the 30th ultimo of the ship "Rooparell," with 296 statute adult immigrants. We proceeded immediately on board to conduct the customary inspection, and have much pleasure in stating that we found the ship and passengers generally in a satisfactory condition. The vessel's accommodation is above the average. The immigrants' apartments were cleanly and wholesome, and every necessary convenience appears to have been provided for the passengers' health and comfort throughout the voyage. Owing perhaps in part to the ship's construction, the light below, and especially in the single-women's apartment, was remarkably defective. This arrangement should be avoided where possible, as it is both unfavourable to the preservation of cleanliness as a rule, and has a depressing tendency upon the health and spirits of the passengers.

There were no complaints of any kind made to the Commissioners.

A single case of scarlatina upon the 9th April was the only instance of infectious disease reported by the surgeon-superintendent. This was in a mild form, and the patient, a child of three years old, became convalescent in a short time. One case of chronic phthisis, producing paralysis, and terminating fatally on the 4th of April, occurred during the voyage. A portion of the children belonging to the immigrants ex "Rooparell," at the time of her arrival, looked to be in a delicate state of health, and several of the male and female adults did not present a very robust appearance. Two single men, named S—, were especially noticeable for having constitutionally weak eyes, and their physical appearance generally would scarcely qualify them to be considered among the class of persons eligible to be brought out to the colony free of cost. The immigrants by this vessel generally, however, appear to be of a satisfactory description, and their conduct while on board is very favourably spoken of by the surgeon and ship's officers.

The provisions of all kinds were of excellent quality and in sufficient quantity, and the supply of fresh water also was abundant.

In conclusion, we have to recommend that the gratuities be paid to the master, the ship's officers, and the surgeon-superintendent.

We have, &c.,
T. M. PHILSON, M.D.
H. ELLIS.
I. J. BURGESS.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington, N.Z.

No. 3.

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

(No. 175.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 23rd June, 1874.

Herewith I have the honor to transmit reports by the Immigration Commissioners and the Immigration Officer at Napier, upon the ship "Schiehallion;" also the report on the voyage by the surgeon-superintendent.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

Enclosure in No. 3.

IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Schiehallion."

SIR,—

Immigration Commissioners' Office, Napier, 28th May, 1874.

I have the honor to inform you that the "Schiehallion," Captain Levack, cast anchor outside the Bluff on the evening of Monday, the 25th May, and was boarded on the morning of the 26th, all well. There were two births and three deaths—infants.

In pursuance with your instructions, the Commissioners examined and found the condition of the vessel satisfactory, save the single-women's department, which was objectionably situated, there being no means of preventing communication between the single men, married men, and single girls—the departments being all situated on the same deck. The department of the single girls was also very badly lighted and ventilated.

The provisions were of good quality, and no complaints were made by the immigrants.

The captain laid a complaint against the constables for dereliction of duty; but on this subject you have been communicated with separately.

I have, &c.,
GEO. THOS. FANNIN,
(for Commissioners).

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.