

No. 47.

The Hon. H. A. ATKINSON to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 330.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 16th November, 1874.

I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of the following documents relative to the ship "Invercargill," which arrived at Port Chalmers upon the 15th October ultimo:—

1. Immigration Commissioners' report.
2. Certified list of births and deaths upon the voyage.

I have, &c.,

H. A. ATKINSON.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

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IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Invercargill."

SIR,—

Port Chalmers, 15th October, 1874.

We have the honor to report for your information that the ship "Invercargill," 1250 tons, Captain Tilly, arrived in port this morning from Glasgow, having on board 456 souls, passengers; of these, 396 souls, equal to 332½ statute adults, were assisted by the Government. Four births and six deaths took place on the voyage. Having inspected the several compartments of the vessel, we found them fitted in the usual manner of those arriving from Glasgow, the berths being close to the side of the ship, and not in blocks as in those from London. The single women were berthed in front of the saloon cabin and lower passenger deck, which was well fitted, lighted, and ventilated. The married people were in the main part of the vessel, and their compartment was also well fitted and ventilated, but, from the large number of children, appeared rather crowded. The weather being very wet between decks, it was very unfavourable for judging as to cleanliness, but from what we saw we have every reason to believe that this important duty had been attended to. The galley was commodious, and had done its duty well. The condensing apparatus (Chaplin's) was in good order, and reported to have condensed from eight to nine hundred gallons per day. The passengers in each compartment, on being questioned, stated that their provisions and water were served out according to the dietary scale, and that they were of good quality; the only complaint being that at one time the water was rather muddy, and that the deck had been leaky, which was speedily remedied. Measles had appeared in the early part of the voyage, and one case of typhoid fever a few days since, being the only one on board, all the rest being well. We consider the state of the vessel, treatment of the passengers, and provisions, to have been very satisfactory.

We have, &c.,

COLIN ALLAN.

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Immigration Office, Wellington, 16th November, 1874.

I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of the following documents relative to the ship "Jessie Readman," which arrived at Port Chalmers upon the 26th October ultimo:—

1. Immigration Commissioners' report.
2. Certified list of births and deaths upon the voyage.

I have, &c.,

H. A. ATKINSON.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

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IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Jessie Readman."

SIR,—

Port Chalmers, 28th October, 1874.

We have the honor to report that the ship "Jessie Readman" arrived in port from London on the 26th instant, having made a passage of eighty-seven days from Gravesend. She landed 319 souls, equal to 267½ statute adults. Three births and eight deaths occurred on the passage, the latter being all children, who died from diseases incident to childhood. The usual inspection having been made, we found the single-women's compartment occupied by thirty-nine females, under the charge of Miss Wagstaff, matron. The apartment appeared very clean, well fitted, and ventilated through the deck by two ventilators and hatchway. The females expressed themselves as well satisfied, and had no complaints to make. The married-people's compartment was occupied by fifty-eight married couples and their families. This compartment was fitted on the block system, and appeared clean and well ventilated. The immigrants had no complaints to make. The single-men's compartment was occupied by seventy-one single men. We found it in good order, and well kept and ventilated. There were no complaints. The galley was sufficient for its requirements, and the condenser (Chaplin's) provided 600 gallons of water per day. We feel satisfied that the provisions of the Passengers Act were fully complied with, and that Dr. Gilmore, surgeon-superintendent, Captain Mitchell, and his officers, performed their respective duties faithfully and efficiently.

We have, &c.,

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