

Enclosure 1 in No. 15.

The ITALIAN CONSULAR AGENT to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Wellington, 21st October, 1876.

I have the honor to request that you will furnish me with information respecting the Italians located at Jackson's Bay—i.e., as to their employment, how they are progressing, their probable prospects, and any other particulars that might be useful to the Italian Government.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration,
Wellington.

I have, &c.,

C. JOHNSTON,
Consular Agent.

Enclosure 2 in No. 15.

The Hon. H. A. ATKINSON to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Westland.

SIR,—

Wellington, 25th October, 1876.

I have the honor to transmit copy of a letter from the Italian Consular Agent in this city, requesting information respecting the Italian immigrants who have been forwarded to Jackson's Bay, and I shall feel obliged by your Honor causing me to be furnished with the required particulars.

His Honor the Superintendent of Westland, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

H. A. ATKINSON.

Enclosure 3 in No. 15.

The IMMIGRATION OFFICER, Wellington, to the ACTING UNDER SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 30th October, 1876.

I have the honor to forward the result of careful inquiries amongst the Italians of Wellington. I have been assisted by M— F—, who speaks English very well, in making up the attached list. I add the following, which I have heard from the Italians during my present inquiries:—1. One of the Italians, a grainer by trade, who left here for Melbourne, has returned, saying that he could not find work there. 2. The three engineers who arrived here per "Fritz Reuter," and have since gone to Melbourne, have written to some of their countrymen here asking for information upon the state of the Italians in Wellington. 3. A letter has just been received from L— F—, Jackson's Bay, wishing his wife and child sent to him. 4. C— V— informs me that some of his countrymen who have been sent out to Queensland by Mr. Glynn have written to him inquiring if there is a chance of their getting work if they came on to Wellington. 5. B— tells me that he has heard from Livorno that the workmen in the arsenal are giving two or three hours every Sunday morning to build a vessel which they intend sending to New Zealand to take home any of their countrymen who are destitute. 6. A letter has been received from D— I— and wife, who were sent back to Italy by the "Hurunui," saying that they had arrived all well, and had been kindly treated on the voyage.

I have, &c.,

The Acting Under Secretary for Immigration,
Wellington.

JAMES B. REDWARD,
Acting Immigration Officer, Wellington.

Enclosure 4 in No. 15.

J. A. BONAR, Esq., to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

(No. 966.)

SIR,—

Government Buildings, Hokitika, 16th November, 1876.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st of October, transmitting copy of letter from Italian Consul, and asking to be furnished with a report as to the Italian immigrants at Jackson's Bay. As you are already aware, the Italians were located on the Okura River, about sixteen miles from Jackson's Bay, in accordance with the suggestions of the representatives sent down to examine the country previous to their settlement, and the most reliable information I can send you as to their progress and condition will be extracts from reports from the Resident Agent from time to time both to myself and the Provincial Engineer. I have therefore the honor to enclose extracts from the Resident Agent's letters of 22nd July and 7th August to myself, also letter to Provincial Engineer dated 2nd September, and memorandum from that officer of 14th November. I likewise enclose copies of four letters received by friends residing in Hokitika from some of the Italian settlers, which will give you their own testimony. On the whole, I may say that they appear to be getting on satisfactorily; and as their cottages are in course of erection, and they are working on their own land now, any little discontent which at first may have arisen is disappearing.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration,
Wellington.

J. A. BONAR,
Officer Administering the Government.

Sub-Enclosure 1 to Enclosure 4 in No. 15.

The RESIDENT AGENT, Jackson's Bay, to J. A. BONAR, Esq.

SIR,—

Resident Agent's Office, Jackson's Bay, 22nd July, 1876.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 10th June, as also the safe arrival of the s.s. "Waipara," with consignment of Italian immigrants. After discharging cargo at