

the Bay we proceeded to the Okura, and crossed the bar on Saturday evening. The women and children were accommodated in Mr. C——'s house, who kindly placed it at the disposal of the Government; tents were put up for the men, in which they passed the night. The survey and Haast Track party were landed the same evening, and the balance of the cargo was landed next morning; the steamer leaving in the afternoon for Big Bay. The Haast Track party left on Monday morning, leaving the five families at the Okura. By Tuesday night we had everything fixed, and all the families under cover. They will remain where they are for a few weeks until the allotments are laid off and houses put up, the timber for which is being sawn; in the meantime they will be employed in road-making. We were fortunate in having fine weather, and around the blazing camp fire, during the night, the part-singing of the Italians was very fine. Every one seemed pleased and happy, and Mr. C—— not the least so.

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I have, &c.,
D. MACFARLANE,
Resident Agent.

His Honor the Superintendent, Westland.

Sub-Enclosure 2 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, 7th August, 1876.

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The two Italian families from Greymouth go to the Okura, where the rest of their countrymen are already located and engaged in road-making; eight of the single men belonging to the same party are at work on the Haast Track until the land is open for selection. The surveyors are busy at work, and I am promised a selection map in a few days. Mr. Smythe, the surveyor in charge, speaks very highly of the land both as to extent and quality, the soil being very good, easily cleared, and abounding in cattle feed.

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I have, &c.,
D. MACFARLANE,
Resident Agent.

His Honor the Superintendent, Westland.

Sub-Enclosure 3 to Enclosure 4 in No. 15.

The CHIEF SURVEYOR, Westland, to J. A. BONAR, Esq.

SIR,— Chief Surveyor's Office, Hokitika, 14th November, 1876.

In answer to your inquiries, I have the honor to state that the latest advices received from Jackson's Bay concerning the Italian settlers at Okura and their doings are very satisfactory. The immigrants landed at Okura in the beginning of June, and owing to the non-completion of the surveys at Turnbull and Okura Rivers, the allotment among them of the rural sections had to be postponed for a few months.

All of the unmarried men and several of the married ones were then sent to the Haast to work there at the Haast Pass Road under Mr. Snodgrass; the rest of the Italians remained at Okura, and were employed at the construction of a pack track up Turnbull's River.

Those working at Haast Pass Road, although new to that description of work, gave general satisfaction, whereas those employed at the Turnbull River made but indifferent progress, and gave a deal of trouble.

These people have evidently been led to expect too much of the good things of this life. They objected to eating salt beef, to getting their feet wet, to living in tents for a few months, &c.

I append an extract from the Resident Agent's letter of September 2nd, as a sample of the difficulties which arose in connection with the Italians.

It appears, I am happy to say, that the discontented ones are all satisfied now, and it is just possible that the necessary delay which took place in allotting the land amongst the Italians has been at the bottom of most of the troubles with them.

The Resident Agent as well as the overseer of works, in their October report, speak well of most of them. The former, after stating that they are busy with their land, says, "Some of the Italians are shaping very well, but they have the advantage of light timber land, and as a matter of course they can make a better show," &c.

The overseer states that the Italians can work if they like, and that if they had worked on the road as they do now on their land they would have given the greatest satisfaction. The few unreasonable ones among the Italians have evidently seen the error of their ways, and I do not anticipate any further trouble with them, but rather look forward to their proving themselves settlers of the proper stamp.

I have, &c.,
G. MUELLER,
Chief Surveyor.

The Hon. J. A. Bonar,
Officer Administering the Government.

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

The RESIDENT AGENT, Jackson's Bay, to the PROVINCIAL ENGINEER, Hokitika.

SIR,— Resident Agent's Office, Jackson's Bay, 2nd September, 1876.

I have just returned from Okura, having had to go down to put matters right with the Italians, some of them having refused to work. I found that they were dissatisfied about not getting on to their land, and with having to live in tents, &c. Having been down about ten days before, and Mr.