

Napier, four; Otago, seventeen, including about three fifty Invercargill; Canterbury, seventeen; Nelson one; Blenheim, one; Westland, one. Each case large proportion possible single women; balance, ploughmen, farm labourers, shepherds, bricklayers, carpenters. Do not send large families young children unless nominated. First ships arrive October, none after February. Nominated emigrants preferred. Five thousand total, inclusive Clyde.

ATKINSON.

Enclosure 2 in No. 36.

EXTRACT from IMMIGRATION OFFICER'S REPORT, Quarter ending 31st March, 1877.

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The demand for labour at this season of the year is very slack, but I feel assured that this district can readily absorb at least 2,000 during the next twelve months, the majority of the men, however, must be thoroughly qualified farm labourers.

If it is arranged that this district should receive that number, I would respectfully suggest the following as the approximate date of sailing and number of immigrants for each ship :—

Ships.	Approximate Date of Sailing.	Due Date of Arrival.	Equal Statute Adults.	Single Men.	Single Women.	Total Statute Adults.	No. of Families.
1st Ship	June 30 ...	September 30 ...	60	80	100	240	20
2nd "	August 30 ...	November 30 ...	120	80	100	300	40
3rd "	September 30 ...	December 30 ...	120	100	80	300	40
4th "	October 10 ...	January 10 ...	120	100	100	320	40
5th "	" 20 ...	" 20 ...	120	100	100	320	40
6th "	" 30 ...	" 30 ...	120	100	100	320	40
7th "	November 10 ...	February 10 ...	50	80	70	200	20
						2,000	

The above to include nominated immigrants.

Immigration Office, Christchurch, 31st March, 1877.

J. E. MARCH,
Immigration Officer.

No. 37.

The Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 117.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 13th June, 1877.

Referring to your letter No. 59, of the 12th January last, I have the honor to transmit, for your information, copy of a letter from Mr. Smith, General Manager of the New Zealand Shipping Company, covering copy of a letter which he addressed to Mr. Galbraith, Managing Director of the Albion Company, on the 3rd ultimo, respecting certain statements made by that gentleman with reference to the contract of the New Zealand Shipping Company for the conveyance of immigrants and cargo to this colony.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,
D. REID.

Enclosure in No. 37.

Mr. H. S. SMITH to the Hon. Major ATKINSON.

The New Zealand Shipping Company (Limited), Christchurch,
31st May, 1877.

SIR,—

After seeing you on the 21st instant, my time was so occupied with the master and passengers of the unfortunate ship "Ocean Mail," that I was unable, before leaving your city, to send you the copy of my letter to Mr. James Galbraith, Managing Director of the Albion Shipping Company, which I now enclose.

It is unnecessary for me to comment further on my letter, or on the one addressed by Mr. Galbraith to the Agent-General, which originated it. I am of course sorry that under any circumstances Mr. Galbraith should have written as he has done, undoubtedly to shake your confidence in the Company I have the honor to represent.

The Hon. Major Atkinson, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
H. SELWYN SMITH.

Sub-Enclosure to Enclosure in No. 37.

Mr. H. S. SMITH to Mr. J. GALBRAITH.

The New Zealand Shipping Company (Limited), Christchurch,
3rd May, 1877.

SIR,—

In my accompanying letter of even date, bearing upon the general carrying trade between Great Britain and this colony, I mentioned that I should address you separately on the subject of your letter of the 11th January last to the Agent-General of the colony in London, of which you have sent me a copy.