

Mr. Burton's services were transferred to the General Government on the 1st June, 1875.

Mrs. Burton also received an appointment, her duties being those of Assistant Emigration Agent. This appointment was sanctioned by the Government.

Mr. Burton was employed on several occasions during 1876 in visiting applicants living in the country, whose proposals were forwarded direct to this office, and reporting as to their eligibility.

28th December, 1876.

ALBERT O. OTTYWELL.

Enclosure 4 in No. 21.

RETURN showing Number of Letters received from Mr. COCHRANE, Number of Emigrants obtained through his Agency, &c., for the Year 1876.

Total amount paid during the year (particulars as under) ... £647 16 9

Analysis of Expenditure.

Salary	...	...	...	...	...	£500	0	0
Postage and Telegrams	...	...	...	...	...	15	19	9
Rent	...	...	...	...	...	35	0	0
Travelling Expenses	...	...	...	...	...	10	2	6
Advertising	...	...	...	...	...	22	4	1
Taxes, Fuel, and General Petty Expenses	...	...	...	...	...	61	6	5
Bill Posting	...	...	...	...	...	3	4	0
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NOTE.—There is an account for travelling expenses in abeyance amounting to £18 10s. 4d.

1. Number of letters received from him, 129.

2. Number of letters addressed to him, 125.

3. Number of emigrants obtained through his agency (statute adults), 73.

These numbers are exclusive of some letters remitting and acknowledging deposits, which have been put away with the emigrants' papers, and cannot be readily collected. Probably these letters would increase the numbers under sections 1 and 2 by 25 each.

Mr. Cochrane was required, on two or three occasions during 1876, to visit applicants living in Ireland, whose proposals were forwarded direct to this office, and to report as to their eligibility.

28th December, 1876.

A. O. OTTYWELL.

Enclosure 5 in No. 21.

RETURN relating to Mr. HOLLOWAY'S Emigration Work during 1876.

1. Number of letters received from him, 83.

2. Number of letters addressed to him, 82.

3. Number of emigrants (statute adults) whose papers bear Mr. Holloway's name, 39½.

4. Number of meetings, &c., held by him, 137.

It appears from his vouchers and statements that Mr. Holloway delivered a lecture at each of the meetings referred to.

Mr. Holloway has, on various occasions during 1876, been required to visit applicants living in the provinces, and report as to their eligibility.

Total amount paid during the year 1876 on account of Mr. Holloway's agency, £312 7s.

2nd January, 1877.

A. O. OTTYWELL.

Enclosure 6 in No. 21.

COPY of TELEGRAM.

"SHALL I dispense with Burtons; their total cost last year over seven hundred?"

No. 22.

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

(No. 99.)

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,

SIR,—

5th February, 1877.

I have the honor to forward a copy of an interesting memorandum of Mr. Kennaway upon the subject of the Belfast agency. I shall not take upon myself the responsibility of abolishing the Belfast agency, because I do not know to what extent such a step might prejudice the Tauranga special settlement. As you are aware, a great deal of opposition to emigration has from time to time been shown at Belfast. I agree with Mr. Kennaway in thinking that the duties of the agency can be discharged from Scotland, especially if I succeed in arranging for Mr. Ottywell being located in Edinburgh. But before taking any step in the direction of abolishing the agency, I think that it would be desirable for you to communicate with the promoters of, and persons in authority in, the special settlement at Tauranga, after which you will be able to give me instructions in the matter.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration,
Wellington.

JULIUS VOGEL,
Agent-General.