

respects well suited for the colony. The Commissioners have much pleasure in recommending the payment of full gratuities, and the further employment of the surgeon-superintendent should he desire it.

Lyttelton, 21st September, 1876.

WM. DONALD.
JOHN F. ROUSE.
J. E. MARCH.

No. 5.

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

(No. 216.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 11th October, 1876.

I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of the following documents relative to the "Invercargill," which vessel arrived at Port Chalmers upon the 23rd September ultimo:—1. Immigration Commissioners' report. 2. Surgeon-superintendent's report. 3. Certified list of births and deaths.

I observe with satisfaction the favourable nature of the report with regard to the ventilation of the ship and the health of the immigrants.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,
H. A. ATKINSON.

Enclosure in No. 5.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "INVERCARGILL."

SIR,—

Port Chalmers, 25th September, 1876.

The ship "Invercargill" arrived in this port from Glasgow with 300 statute adults, Government immigrants, on the 23rd instant, having made a passage from port to port of ninety-one days. Two births and one death occurred on the passage, the latter being that of a young man who died of consumption. Dr. Hamilton, surgeon-superintendent in charge, reports very favourably of the health of the passengers during the voyage. On inspection, we found the several compartments of the ship in a most creditable condition, order and cleanliness being conspicuous throughout. The ventilation by side scuttles and deck ventilators was very effective, and contributed greatly to sustain the health of the passengers. Both the cooking range and condenser proved equal to all requirements. The immigrants expressed themselves fully satisfied with their treatment, and with the provisions supplied on the voyage. We are satisfied that the terms of the charter-party were complied with in every respect. Dr. Hamilton, Captain Muir, and his officers have fulfilled their several duties both faithfully and conscientiously, and are entitled to the gratuities assigned to them.

We have, &c.,
COLIN ALLAN.
JOHN DRYSDALE.
WM. THOMSON.

His Honor the Deputy Superintendent of Otago.

No. 6.

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

(No. 228.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 19th October, 1876.

I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of the following documents relative to the "Waimea," which vessel arrived in Port Nicholson upon the 4th October instant:—1. Immigration Commissioners' report. 2. Surgeon-superintendent's report. 3. Certified lists of births and deaths.

I am pleased to observe the generally satisfactory character of these reports, and I commend to your notice the remarks of the surgeon-superintendent, written with the practical knowledge obtained by four voyages in our emigration service. I again direct attention to the inferior quality of the plumbing work, which is the cause of great discomfort during the voyage.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,
H. A. ATKINSON.

Enclosure in No. 6.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "WAIMEA."

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 10th October, 1876.

We have the honor to report the arrival of ship "Waimea," 848 tons, from London, with 245½ statute adults. The ship arrived at the anchorage about 2 o'clock on Wednesday, the 4th of October, with a clean bill of health, and was soon after boarded by the Commissioners, and everything found very clean and orderly. There were three deaths of young children from infantile diseases on the voyage, equal to half an adult, and one birth. An old lady of sixty-five years or more, whose passage had been paid by her son who was on board, and who had been ailing nearly all the voyage, requiring the doctor's constant attention, died the night after the mustering had taken place. The entrance to the single women's compartment was from the poop, part of the poop being used as a hospital, matron's cabin, and for