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NEW ZEALAND.

IMMIGRATION.

(LETTERS TO THE AGENT-GENERAL FOR NEW ZEALAND, COVERING REPORTS UPON IMMIGRANT SHIPS BY IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS.)

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

NOTE.—The Reports of the Surgeon-Superintendents are not published, as the substance of them is embodied in the Commissioners' Reports.

No. 1.

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

(No. 167.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 28th July, 1876.

I have the honour to transmit herewith copies of the following documents relative to the "City of Dunedin," which vessel arrived at Port Lyttelton upon the 1st July, 1876:—1. Immigration Commissioners' report. 2. Surgeon-superintendent's report. 3. Certified list of births and deaths.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

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

Enclosure in No. 1.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "CITY OF DUNEDIN."

THE Commissioners report the arrival of this ship on the 1st instant, after a passage of 98 days. The number on board comprised 36 families, representing 161 souls, equal to 122 statute adults, 59 single men and 56 single women—total, 276 souls, equal to 237 statute adults. The health of the immigrants had been good throughout the voyage. The surgeon reported one birth and one death (an infant). The 'tween-decks were lofty and the compartments clean, but the light was very insufficient. The space in the issuing-room and dispensary was also insufficient; the surgeon was compelled to remove the dispensary to the single men's hospital, in order to allow more room for the issue of stores. The bath and water-closet in the single women's compartment did not work well, the chief reason being that the discharge pipe was of insufficient length. The bath-room on deck for the use of males was in good order. The forms placed on board were very slightly constructed, and consequently several were broken early on the voyage; the other fittings were of a more satisfactory character. The provisions were good, had been served out regularly, and no complaints were made. The condenser (Chaplin's) had worked satisfactorily. The regulations respecting boat and fire drill had been attended to. The immigrants appeared strong, healthy, and well adapted for the requirements of the colony. They spoke highly of the kind treatment they had received at the hands of the captain, surgeon, and officers of the ship. The Commissioners recommended payment of full gratuities.

Lyttelton, 14th July, 1876.

FREDK. D. GIBSON.
J. E. MARCH.

No. 2.

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

(No. 188.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 22nd August, 1876.

I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of the following documents relative to the ship "Camperdown," which vessel arrived at Nelson upon the 4th July ultimo:—1. Immigration Commissioners' report. 2. Certified list of births and deaths. 3. Correspondence relative to the conduct of the captain and surgeon, and their treatment of the immigrants. Although, upon the recommendation of the Commissioners, I authorized the payment to Dr. Booth of his full gratuity, from circumstances which have since come under my notice I do not consider he should again be employed by the New Zealand Government.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

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

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