

You will observe that there have again been complaints as to the bad quality of the flour, on account of which the Commissioners recommend a deduction of £33 from the balance of the passage money. The deduction has accordingly been made. I have also to call your attention to the remarks of the Commissioners with regard to the case of C— M—, respecting whom inquiry should be made as to how he came to be passed as a suitable emigrant.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

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

Enclosure in No. 8.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "ORARI."

SIR,—

Auckland, 6th November, 1876.

We have the honor to report the arrival here, on the evening of the 2nd instant, of the ship "Orari" from London, 112 days out, with 278 souls, equal to 239 adults. There had been only one death during the voyage—a man named J. M—, of phthisis; he has left a wife and five young children. There were two births during the voyage. We found the ship scrupulously clean, and we have never had the pleasure of examining one more perfect for the conveyance of immigrants. The between-decks are unusually lofty, and there are twenty-eight side scuttles, and most complete ventilation; her measurement is capable of accommodating 256 adults. The only fault in her fittings on the main deck is the large space occupied by the poop and deck houses, which limits the space for the passengers airing themselves. The berths are most admirably fitted for light, ventilation, and convenience, there being continuous passages round them. The single women's compartment is in the after part of the 'tween-decks, and completely isolated from the next. Their ladder-way is through a scuttle hatch in the foremost poop cabin. The hospital is on the port side, and looked very clean and comfortable; the compartment is well lighted and ventilated. The married compartment is next; their ladder is under the main hatch, which is fitted with booby hatch. The hospital is on starboard side, and very clean and comfortable; the compartment is well lighted and ventilated. The single men's compartment is in fore part of 'tween-decks, is well lighted and ventilated; the two starboard cabins in the after deck-house are hospitals, which were very clean. The surgeon stated that the medical comforts were good and sufficient in quantity. We examined the stores, all of which appeared good except the flour and some tins of preserved meat. The captain stated he had a sufficient quantity of the latter on board to enable him to reject any of inferior quality. There was a general complaint by all the passengers of the bad flour; they seldom could eat the bread during the entire voyage. We recommend that the following quantity be charged against the ship—three tons, at the rate of £11 per ton. The passengers were perfectly satisfied with the quality and quantity of water; the condenser appeared in good working order and of sufficient size. There was a case of impropriety reported by the captain and surgeon against the matron, who had constantly to be checked for too much familiarity with the second officer. Although the case is not sufficiently serious to warrant proceedings being taken against her, we do not recommend her gratuity being paid. In conclusion, we cannot speak too highly of the captain, surgeon, and chief officer, and recommend that their gratuities be paid. A young man named C— M— has been reported by the surgeon as suffering during the whole voyage from incipient phthisis, and somewhat improved in health before landing, but is still in a delicate state of health; he should not have been permitted to embark.

We have, &c.,
EDWARD L. GREEN.
T. M. PHILSON, M.D.
I. J. BURGESS.

The Hon the Minister for Immigration,
Wellington.

No. 9.

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

(No. 255.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 14th December, 1876.

I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of the following documents relative to the "Howrah," which vessel arrived at Nelson upon 9th November ultimo:—1. Immigration Commissioners' report. 2. Surgeon-superintendent's report. 3. Certified list of births and deaths. 4. Memorandum by the Immigration Officer at Nelson as to the conduct of the chief officer and the surgeon. 5. Report of the Immigration Officer at Wellington.

I have to state that, after consideration of all the circumstances, I am of opinion that Dr. Lee should not be re-employed as surgeon-superintendent of an emigrant ship to this colony.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

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

Enclosure 1 in No. 9.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "HOWRAH."

SIR,—

Nelson, 17th November, 1876.

We have the honor to report the arrival, on the 9th November instant, of the ship "Howrah," W. R. Greeves, master, 103 days out, having left London on the 29th July with 299 souls, equal to 257½ adults. One birth occurred during the voyage, and two infants died, one five months old and the other six days. The immigrants arrived in good health, and expressed themselves well

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