

of K——. When symptoms of insanity were first developed he was placed in the hospital, but in a short time his noisy and violent conduct rendered it necessary that he should be removed, as other patients in the female hospital were much disturbed by him. The single men's lavatory was therefore fitted up for his accommodation, and although far from comfortable, it was perhaps the best that could be provided under the circumstances. Two constables were appointed by the surgeon to attend the patient, and gratuities of £5 each have been recommended for their services, which they have apparently well earned.

In conclusion, the Commissioners cannot too strongly condemn the departure from the provision of clause 26 of the contract in allowing emigrant ships to carry saloon passengers, especially single young men. Much of this trouble and disagreement may be no doubt attributed to the breach of this clause. The quarrel between the captain and surgeon-superintendent would probably not have lasted long had they been by themselves, and the trouble and anxiety of the matron has been considerably increased by allowing cabin passengers on the same deck with the single women. The attention of the Hon. the Minister for Immigration is therefore respectfully directed to clause 26 of the contract, which requires the consent of the Queen before cabin passengers may be carried by emigrant ships under contract with the New Zealand Shipping Company. All the usual gratuities are recommended to be paid; and the Commissioners have much pleasure in recommending the surgeon-superintendent, Leighton Kesteven, Esq., for re-engagement.

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