

Since despatching the telegram to you I have ascertained the exact cost of the shipment, which is as follows:—Mr. Buckland's expenses for collecting ova, &c., £33 18s. 8½d.; Mr. Youl's expenses for collecting ova, &c., £36 17s. 6d.; Wenham Lake Ice Company's account for ice, &c., £50 7s. 1d.; ice shipped at Plymouth, £8 1s.; Johnson, Gregson, and Curry's account for boxes, &c., £6 6s.; sundry expenses, £10 15s. 8d.; moiety of freight paid in London, £50; freight to be paid in Melbourne on safe delivery of ova, £50; gratuity to steward on safe delivery of ova at Melbourne, £10—making a total of £256 5s. 11½d. Vouchers for these disbursements will be sent in the ordinary course.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL,
Agent-General.

The Hon. the Premier, New Zealand.

No. 13.

The CHIEF SECRETARY, Victoria, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, New Zealand.

SIR,—

Chief Secretary's Office, Melbourne, 7th March, 1878.

I have the honor to inform you, with reference to your letter of the 7th ultimo, that instructions have been given by the Hon. the Commissioner of Trade and Customs that every facility be afforded, on the arrival of the "Chimborazo," for the prompt removal from that vessel of the salmon ova expected by the New Zealand Government.

I have, &c.,

G. BERRY.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, New Zealand.

No. 14.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the PREMIER.

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W., 22nd January, 1878.

I have the honor to acknowledge duplicates of letter, with enclosures, forwarded by the Brindisi mail on the 18th instant.

I forward also a paragraph from the *Times*, which briefly but correctly describes the history of the shipment. Finding that Mr. Graham, of Poverty Bay, would be a passenger by the "Chimborazo," I asked him to look after the ova on board, and, on arrival at Glenelg, to telegraph to you the condition of the ova; and also to telegraph the Manager of the Bank of New Zealand, Melbourne, for information of your agent or officer there, the date of arrival in Melbourne, and quantity of ice on board. I trust the shipment will arrive safely, and that the course I have taken will commend itself to the approval of the Government.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL,
Agent-General.

The Hon. the Premier, New Zealand.

No. 15.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, New Zealand, 30th March, 1878.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 18th and 22nd January last (addressed to the Premier), giving full details of the shipment of salmon ova forwarded per "Chimborazo," and beg to thank you for the trouble you have taken in the matter. Mr. Howard, the Curator of the Southland Acclimatization Society's hatching-ponds at Makereva, met the shipment of ova at Melbourne, and, having left 5,000 eggs with Sir Samuel Wilson, conveyed the remainder to the hatching-ponds without any delay occurring. I enclose for your information copies of two telegrams received from Mr. Howard, which contain the latest information as to the probable success of the shipment.

I hope to inform you of the final result by next mail.

I have, &c.,

J. BALLANCE,

The Agent-General, London.

(In the absence of the Colonial Secretary.)

Enclosure 1 in No. 15.

Mr. H. HOWARD to the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(Telegram.)

Invercargill, 19th March, 1878.

MR. BUCKLAND'S ova are nearly all opaque. Mr. Youl's, although healthy-looking, are badly impregnated. The trout are nearly all very good and well-impregnated.

HENRY HOWARD,
Curator.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Enclosure 2 in No. 15.

Mr. H. HOWARD to the Hon. Mr. MACANDREW.

Invercargill, 19th March, 1878.

Ova arrived safely. Sir J. Wilson reports to me Buckland's bad. Youl's very good of those left at Melbourne.

H. HOWARD,

Curator.

The Hon. J. Macandrew, Wellington.