

1878.
NEW ZEALAND.

IMMIGRATION.

(REPORTS OF IMMIGRATION OFFICERS FOR YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1878.)

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

No. 1.

The IMMIGRATION OFFICER, Auckland, to the UNDER SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION.
Immigration Office, Auckland, 22nd July, 1878.

SIR,— I have the honor to report for your information that 528 Government immigrants arrived in Auckland during the year ended 30th June, 1878; equal to 460½ statute adults. 498 came direct from England, and 30 forwarded to other provinces and transhipped to this port by steamers. All the adults found employment in a few days after their arrival. There is still a great demand for good general servants, tailors, shoemakers, plasterers, and potterymen.

I have great pleasure in reporting the general good conduct of the immigrants, and the prosperity of many who have in so short a time acquired property for their families by their steady industry. Eighty of the above immigrants were nominated in the Provincial District of Auckland; and 578 souls, equal to 496 statute adults, have been nominated during the year. I enclose a return showing the arrivals and nominations for the year.

The Immigrant Barracks in Auckland and Quarantine Station at Motu Ihi are in a good state of repair.

I have, &c.,
EDWARD BROPHY,
Acting Immigration Officer.

The Under Secretary for Immigration, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 1.

RETURN OF IMMIGRANTS arrived at AUCKLAND during the Year ending 30th June, 1878.

Ships.				Date of Arrival.	Adults.		Children.		Infants.	Total Souls.	Total Adults.
					M.	F.	M.	F.			
				1877.							
Australia	...	...	July 28	2	1	1	2	...	6	4½	
Columbus	...	...	Aug. 17	9	7	3	6	1	26	20½	
Otaki...	...	...	Nov. 4	95	84	18	13	4	214	194½	
City of Auckland	...	...	" 19	1	2	...	3	...	6	4½	
Mataura	...	...	" 20	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	
Waitara	...	...	" 29	4	1	...	...	1	6	5	
Wairoa	...	...	Dec. 10	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	
				1878.							
Apelles	...	...	Jany. 28	99	84	25	32	6	246	211½	
Hereford	...	...	" 28	3	4	5	3	...	15	11	
Gainsborough	...	...	March 18	2	5	...	...	...	7	7	
Total	...	...	...	217	188	52	59	12	528	460½	
<i>Nationality.</i>											
English	...	...	...	108	98	44	39	8	297	...	
Irish	...	...	...	96	71	5	10	2	184	...	
Scotch	...	...	...	11	15	4	7	1	38	...	
Channel	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	2	...	
Prussian	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	
German	...	...	...	2	1	1	2	...	6	...	
Total	...	...	...	219	186	54	58	11	528	...	

EDWARD BROPHY,
Acting Immigration Officer.

No. 2.

The IMMIGRATION OFFICER, New Plymouth, to the UNDER SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Napier, 30th June, 1878.

In accordance with your Circular of the 29th May, I have the honor to forward a report upon the subject of immigration to this port for the year ending 30th June, 1878. I attach a return showing the number of immigrants who have arrived during the year.

As regards labour the supply has been equal to the demand, except single women, for which there is still a great demand.

The Commissioners had to place the ship "Renfrewshire" in quarantine.

The number of nominations for the year was 207 souls, equal to 181½ adults; the number that arrived was 78 souls, equal to 61½ adults.

I would suggest that immigrants signing promissory notes in England for their children in excess of the number allowed by the regulations should be disallowed, as there is very little chance of the promissory notes being paid.

The amount of money collected on account of promissory notes during the year is £185 6s. 0d. The sum of £46 15s. 6d. was received for rent on account of Government cottages at Napier and Waipawa.

I have, &c.,

T. Fox,
Immigration Officer.

The Under Secretary for Immigration, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 2.

NUMBER of IMMIGRANTS who arrived at Napier from June, 1877, to 30th June, 1878.

Name of Ships.	Date of Arrival.	Married.		Single.		Children.		Infants.	Total Souls.	Total Adults.
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.			
Mataura ...	19th November, 1877	22	21	60	40	18	15	5	182	160½
Renfrewshire ...	4th January, 1878	30	20	54	48	15	25	5	204	179
Columbus* ...	4th August, 1877	2	2	7	5	3	6	1	26	20½
Gainsborough† ...	4th February, 1878	1	1	3	4	1	2	1	13	10½
		55	54	124	97	37	48	12	425	370½

* *Via* Auckland. † *Via* Wellington.

T. Fox,
Immigration Officer, Napier.

No. 3.

The IMMIGRATION OFFICER, Napier, to the UNDER SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, New Plymouth, 27th June, 1878.

I have the honor to report on the immigration connected with this district for the year ending 30th June, 1878. Number of immigrants, free, assisted, and nominated (as per margin)* have arrived during the year.

I am opinion that the immigrants sent to this district are on the whole satisfactory, and have settled down mostly to colonial life in its various phases, giving as a rule satisfaction to their employers, whilst their sobriety and general good conduct command the respect of all. There has been very little sickness amongst the immigrants during the year, and scarcely a crime of any description. Up to the present date there has been no dearth of employment for every one who is willing to work, at very good wages.

The railway to Inglewood is a great boon to the settlers. They can obtain the necessaries of life at nearly the same rates as in New Plymouth; as much as six pounds per ton has been paid for conveyance of goods to Inglewood, about twelve miles.

Foreign immigrants sent to this district are industrious and provident. I think in some particular cases it would be desirable to encourage a limited number of foreigners, especially where it is made clear that the nominators will undertake to arrange for the passages to London, and put the immigrants on board ship without trouble or expense to the Government.

I have, &c.,

A. STAPP, Bt. Major,
Immigration Officer.

The Under Secretary for Immigration, Wellington.

* Free : Souls, 92 ; Adults, 80. Assisted : nil. Nominated : nil.

No. 4.

The IMMIGRATION OFFICER, Wellington, to the UNDER SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 10th July, 1878.

I have the honor to forward my report on immigration to this port for the year ending 30th June, 1878. I attach a statement showing the number of ships arrived during the year; it also gives the manner in which the immigrants were disposed of. There has been little difficulty experienced in placing all the immigrants who arrived. Work has not been quite so brisk since the winter commenced, but I do not think there have been many without employment. I am informed that the opening up of the railway between Foxton and Wanganui has caused a good demand for labour in that district, and that with the commencement of spring work of all kinds will be abundant, both in town and country. The demand for single women is, I think, greater than ever.

The number of nominations made during the year is 901, being nearly double the number received last year. Only 188 nominated immigrants availed themselves of the passage orders sent home in their favour. This is a very small proportion to the numbers nominated. I am rather surprised that more do not come out, as in all cases the nominations made personally at this office are by people who state that their friends will be very glad to get passages to the colony. I anticipate that a good many nominated immigrants will come out during the ensuing season, as their friends are continually inquiring when they will be leaving England.

The sum of £168 16s. 6d. has been received in advance for passages and outfits of nominated immigrants, and £109 7s. 2d. has been collected on account of promissory notes; making a total of £1,776 14s. 2d. collected. The value of promissory notes now in my hands is £6,246 7s. 7d. The rent received from immigrants' cottages amounted to £253 11s.

I have only one case of quarantine to report, viz., that of the "Zealandia," a private ship, for small-pox. The necessary steps were taken, and everything done to prevent the disease being introduced into Wellington. The measures taken, I am happy to say, were effectual.

I have, &c.,

JAMES B. REDWARD,
Immigration Officer.

The Under Secretary for Immigration, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 4.

RETURN of IMMIGRANTS arrived in Wellington from 1st July, 1877, to 30th June, 1878.

Name of Ships.	Total Arrived.		Colonial Nominated.		Emigrant and Colonist's Aid Corporation.		Forwarded to other Ports.		Paid own Passage to other Ports.		Remaining in Wellington.	
	Souls.	Adults.	Souls.	Adults.	Souls.	Adults.	Souls.	Adults.	Souls.	Adults.	Souls.	Adults.
City of Madras ...	34	24½	2	1½	32	23	...	...	...	...	34	24½
Waikato, to Christchurch ...	7	5	3	2½	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	5
Waimate, to Christchurch ...	48	38½	...	...	48	38½	...	...	...	...	48	38½
Wairoa ...	199	174½	57	49½	17	10½	...	...	8	6½	191	168
Hurunui ...	186	171	67	59½	15	11	3	3	2	2	181	166
Hereford, to Christchurch ...	5	4½	5	4½	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	4½
Carnatic, to Christchurch ...	4	3	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	3
Gainsborough ...	99	87½	46	38½	6	5	7	7	...	...	92	80½
Waikato, to Christchurch ...	4	4	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4
Totals ...	586	512½	188	163½	118	88	10	10	10	8½	566	494

No. 5.

The IMMIGRATION OFFICER, Blenheim, to the UNDER SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Blenheim, 4th July, 1878.

I have the honor to forward my report for the year ended 30th June, 1878.

The total number of immigrants introduced into this district during the past year is 96, being 46 by the "Waitara," on the 25th November, 1877, and 50 by the "Gainsborough," on the 5th March, 1878. They may be classed as follows:—Married men, 16; married women, 16; single men, 23; single women, 23; children, 18. Total, 96.

The most of the men were farm labourers, and met with employment within a short time of arrival at a full rate of wages. This class of labour is still in demand, although it is now winter; more so than at the corresponding season in any former year since the settlement of the district. When summer comes it may be expected that there will be a scarcity of men for shearing and harvest. Female domestic servants are still much wanted, supply never being equal to demand.

I have, &c.,

CYRUS GOULTER,
Immigration Officer.

The Under Secretary for Immigration.

No. 6.

The IMMIGRATION OFFICER, Nelson, to the UNDER SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

I have the honor to report that, during the year, only two vessels arrived at this port with immigrants, viz.: The "Waitara" with 214 souls, equal to 192 adults; and the "Gainsborough" with 252 souls, equal to 219½ adults; making a total of 446 immigrants, consisting of 54 married couples, 130 single men, 141 single women, and 87 children. Of this number 108 remained in Nelson, and 358 were transhipped to other parts of the colony, as under: To Marlborough, 93; Westland, 141; Auckland, 6; Canterbury, 15; Wellington, 77; Wanganui, 9; Hawke's Bay, 17.

With regard to future immigration, I have to report that there is no demand for labourers in this district. During the past year many men found it difficult to obtain sufficient work to maintain their families. I am, therefore, again obliged to recommend a discontinuance of free immigration to Nelson for a time, excepting nominated immigrants and female servants. Of this latter class there is a great want, and I can strongly recommend the introduction of at least 100 or 120 during the next twelve months, say, 25 or 30 every three months. They would readily find employment at wages ranging from 8s. to 12s. per week.

Immigrants' Land Act.

The value of scrip registered in this office under the above Act is £700, and the holders thereof complain that they are unable to make any use of it, as there is no law in force here under which they can exercise it. I have, therefore, to repeat the suggestion made in my report of last year, that *bonâ fide* settlers, after a residence of, say, two or three years in the district, should be entitled to exercise their scrip as cash in the purchase of land within that district, either at auction or otherwise, and not be restricted to purchase under the deferred-payment clauses.

Ninety-eight nominations have been received during the year.

The rates of wages have not altered since my last report.

I have, &c.,

ALFRED GREENFIELD,
Immigration Officer.

The Under Secretary for Immigration.

No. 7.

The IMMIGRATION OFFICER, Christchurch, to the UNDER SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Christchurch, 30th June, 1878.

I have the honour to submit for the information of the Hon. the Minister for Immigration the following report upon the immigration operations in the District of Canterbury for the year ending 30th June, 1878:—

1. *Labour Demand and Supply.*—There has been a steady and increasing demand throughout the year for almost every description of labour required in the district. In the case of carpenters, ploughmen, and general farm hands the demand has been much greater than the supply, and I anticipate no difficulty in at once placing those to arrive during the coming season. Since 1st July last ten ships have arrived direct to Lyttelton with immigrants conveying 2,105 souls, equal 1,878 statute adults, as against 2,014 souls equal 1,738 statute adults introduced during the previous year. The total number of immigrants introduced into the district since the passing of the Immigration and Public Works Act has been 23,449 souls, equal 19,631 statute adults. The following is the return of the ships conveying immigrants during the past year, showing date of arrival, length of passage, number shipped, number landed, and the births and deaths on the passage:—

NAME OF SHIP.	DATE OF ARRIVAL.	DAYS OUT.	NO. SHIPPED.		NO. LANDED.		BIRTHS.	DEATHS.
			Souls.	Adults.	Souls.	Adults.		
1877.								
Waikato	July 26 ...	82	143	127	145	127	2	..
Waimate	Sept. 3 ...	88	48	38½	48	38½	...	...
Waitangi	Oct. 4 ...	84	258	226½	260	226½	2	...
Rangitikei	Nov. 9 ...	89	277	249½	278	249½	1	...
Rakaia	Dec. 10 ...	93	294	273	292	271½	...	2
1878.								
Opawa	Jan. 3 ...	98	290	252	288	251½	1	3
Hereford	Jan. 19 ...	80	336	300½	337	300½	1	...
Carnatic	Feb. 1 ...	88	195	177	195	177	...	...
Wanganui	Feb. 13 ...	80	241	221½	239	220½	...	2
Loch Cree	Mar. 12 ...	98	23	15½	23	15½	...	...
			2,105	1,881	2,105	1,878	7	7

This number is classified as follows:—

215 families, comprising 833 souls	...	...	= 606 statute adults.
Single men	...	...	663 "
Single women	...	...	609 "
Total 2,105 souls	...	...	=1,878 "

The following is a return of the trades and occupations of the immigrants introduced :—

Males.—Farm labourers, 655 ; ploughmen, 19 ; gardeners, 7 ; general labourers, 36 ; shepherds, 15 ; carpenters and joiners, 57 ; blacksmiths, 4 ; dairymen, 3 ; coach builders, 3 ; grooms, 4 ; carters, 2 ; iron worker, 1 ; bricklayers, 7 ; engine drivers, 2 ; warehouseman, 1 ; joiners, 3 ; cooper, 1 ; painters, 2 ; plasterer, 1 ; woolsorter, 1 ; miller, 1 ; railway servants, 2 ; coachmen, 2 ; wagon smith, 1 ; millwright, 1 ; shipwrights, 2 ; plumber, 1 ; paper makers, 2 ; bakers, 3. Total male labourers, 838.

Females.—General servants, 374 ; farm servants, 16 ; cooks, 26 ; housemaids, 53 ; dairymaids, 33 ; nurses, 24 ; nursemaids, 7 ; dressmakers, 5 ; kitchenmaid, 1 ; machinists, 2 ; parlourmaids, 5 ; housekeepers, 8 ; lady's maid, 1 ; laundry maid, 1 ; tailoress, 1 ; paper maker, 1 ; weaver, 1 ; teacher, 1. Total female labour, 560.

The nationality is as under :—English, 971 ; Irish, 974 ; Scotch, 117 ; Welsh, 26 ; Channel Islands, 7 ; Germans, 6 ; Italians, 3 ; Dutch, 1. Total, 2,105 souls.

2. *Character and Suitability of Immigrants.*—The immigrants introduced have been (with two or three exceptions) of good character, and suitable for the requirements of the district.

3. *Rates of Wages.*—Married couples for farms and stations, £55 to £65 per annum, and found ; married men with families, 5s. to 6s. per day, with cottage ; grooms and coachmen, £45 to £52 per annum, and found ; shepherds, £50 to £60 per annum, and found ; gardeners, £50 to £60 per annum, and found ; single men for farms and stations, £40 to £52 per annum, and found ; masons, bricklayers, carpenters, plasterers, blacksmiths, coopers, pattern makers, wheelwrights, coachmakers, and plumbers, 10s. to 12s. per day ; shoemakers and tailors, 8s. to 10s. per day ; general labourers, 5s. to 8s. per day. Single women (domestic servants): cooks, £30 to £40 per annum, and found ; general servants, £25 to £30 per annum, and found.

4. *Nominated System.*—The nominated system is working very satisfactorily. The total number of nominations taken in this district for the past year was 1,358 souls, equal to 1,218 statute adults, as against 954 souls, equal to 875 statute adults for the previous year.

5. *Special Settlements.*—No special settlements have been formed in this district during the past year.

6. *Recovery of Bills and Promissory Notes.*—The total amount collected on immigration during the past year has been £2,238 0s. 9d., as under :—On bills and notes, £1,075 5s. 7d. ; provincial notes, £482 3s. ; passages in advance, £417 4s. ; rents, £240 8s. ; miscellaneous, £23 0s. 2d. Total, £2,238 0s. 9d.

I have, &c.,

J. E. MARCH,

Immigration Officer.

The Under Secretary for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 8.

The IMMIGRATION OFFICER, Hokitika, to the UNDER SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Hokitika, 8th July, 1878.

I have the honor to forward, for your information, the following report of the Immigration Department, Westland District, for the year ending 30th June, 1878 :—

The number of nominations received at this office was 220 souls, equal to 208 adults, being an increase of twenty-five adults on the previous year. The nominations are divided as follows :—Married couples, 17 ; single men, 81 ; widows, 3 ; single women, 77 ; widowers, 2 : the occupation of some of whom are as follows :—Tinsmiths, 2 ; carpenters, 3 ; labourers, 32 ; farm labourers, 51 ; domestic servants, 64 ; printers, 2 ; miners, 2 ; bootmakers, 3 ; cook, 1 ; dressmakers, 3 ; dairymaids, 3 ; housemaids, 3 ; nurses, 3.

The number of immigrants who arrived in the district was 120, of whom 44 were nominated, who, with the exception of some foreigners for Jacksons Bay, immediately on arrival were taken away by their friends. Of the Government immigrants, all the single men and women obtained employment shortly after arrival, but there was considerable difficulty in obtaining situations for married couples ; and I would recommend that no married couples, unless nominated, be sent to Westland, as this not being an agricultural district employment of that kind is hard to obtain. Single men, and especially single women, can obtain employment easily, in fact, the latter are in great demand as domestic servants, nurses, &c.

I have to report the depôts at Hokitika and Greymouth being in good order, although at the latter place the ground around the building requires draining.

I have, &c.,

WM. ALEXANDER SPENCE,

Immigration Officer, Westland District.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 9.

The IMMIGRATION OFFICER, Dunedin, to the UNDER SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Dunedin, 30th June, 1878.

I have the honor to furnish, for the information of the Hon. the Minister of Immigration, my annual report relating to immigration to this port, for the year ending 30th June, 1878 :—

During the season seven immigrant ships have arrived, six being direct to Port Chalmers, and one to Bluff Harbour. The total number introduced has been 1,645 souls, equal to 1,488 statute adults ; of his number 260 souls, equal to 233 statute adults, were introduced under the nominated system.

I append a return of the ships conveying immigrants during the year, date of arrival, nationality of immigrants, and births and deaths on the passage. The demand for labour during last year was even better than in any former year of my experience in this part of the colony. The labouring classes of the community were fully employed, both in town and in the country districts. The immigrants introduced were of good character, and, upon the whole, suitable for our requirements.

The rates of wages now ruling are as follows:—Married couples, for farms and stations, £65 to £80 per annum, and double rations; ploughmen, £55 to £60; farm servants, £52 to £55; gardeners, £55 to £60; common labourers, 6s. to 8s. per day. Female servants: cooks, £40 to £50; general servants, £30 to £35.

The nominated system continues to work satisfactorily. The number of nominations received at this office for the past year was 908 souls, equal to 797 adults; at Invercargill, 423 souls, equal to 387½ adults; and at Oamaru 110 souls, equal to 101 adults; making a grand total for this provincial district of 1,441 souls, equal to 1,285½ adults. The nominations taken have been chiefly confined to farm servants, general labourers, and female domestic servants.

During the season two ships were placed in quarantine—one for scarlatina, and the other for typhoid and typhus fever.

The health of the immigrants on the voyage was generally very good, and the deaths much below the average.

The amount collected on account of promissory notes during the past year has been £200 17s. 6d., and received for passages and outfit, £375 7s. 2d.

I have, &c.,

COLIN ALLAN,
Immigration Officer.

The Under Secretary for Immigration, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 9.

RETURN of IMMIGRANTS arrived in DUNEDIN for the year ending 30th June, 1878.

NAME OF SHIP.		DATE OF ARRIVAL.	TOTAL ARRIVED.		NOMINATED.		BIRTHS.	DEATHS.	NATIONALITY.		
			Souls.	Adults.	Souls.	Adults.			English.	Irish.	Scotch.
1877.											
W. Fleming	...	Oct. 3	248	218½	75	64½	1	2	29	114	106
Marlborough	...	Nov. 4	183	170½	18	15	...	...	11	99	73
Waipa	...	" 21	212	191	50	43	...	2	85	88	41
Canterbury	...	Dec. 29	262	239	31	27	3	3	19	165	78
1878.											
Oamaru	...	Jan. 13	261	240	56	47½	2	2	36	160	65
Piako	...	Feb. 5	166	145½	8	7½	...	1	135	32	...
Wellington	...	" 6	297	271	10	9	2	...	38	171	86
Wild Deer	...	April 3	6	5	6	5	...	...	...	6	...
Wm. Davie	...	June 21	10	7½	6	4½	...	...	6	...	4
Total	...	...	1,645	1,488	260	223	8	10	359	835	453

COLIN ALLAN,
Immigration Officer.

No. 10.

The IMMIGRATION OFFICER, Invercargill, to the UNDER SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Invercargill, 3rd July, 1878.

I have the honor to furnish, for the information of the Hon. Minister for Immigration, my annual report for the year ending 30th day of June, 1878, respecting matters in this locality, which I will touch on summarily in detail.

1. *Shipment of Immigrants.*—Two shipments of immigrants have arrived at the Bluff during the past season, the first the "Marlborough," arrived on the 4th day of November, 1877, bringing 182 souls, equal to 172½ adults; these were landed at the Bluff under the superintendence of Mr. Colin Allan, Immigration Officer for Otago, and handed over by that gentleman to me at the dépôt. They were a fair class, being apparently morally and physically healthy; the single women were not however servants, but principally factory girls, and those who had never been out to service; among thirty-six women there were only three that could be classified as experienced servants. The "Oamaru" arrived on the 13th day of January, 1878; her people were landed under my charge, and were seventy-five in number, equal to 70 adults. There were thirteen single women, one of whom landed on the eve of her confinement; the same fault was observable with these as with the former shipment.

2. *Nomination System.*—The nomination system has worked well during the last twelve months. I have used my discretion in accepting nominations, rejecting many I thought unsuitable, or where I thought representation was not true. The amount nominated for the year ending 30th June, 1878, amounted to 378 souls, equal to 348 adults.

3. *Revenue.*—Revenue received during the year has amounted to £95 12s., passages of nominated immigrants over the prescribed age; collected on promissory notes, £32 13s. 3d.; rent of immigrant's cottages, £2 6s. From this last source no more revenue will be derived, they having been sold.

4. *Labour in the District.*—The prospects of labour for the ensuing season are good compared with past times; there is at present a great outcry for labour in the agricultural districts. It must however be borne in mind that this demand is fluctuating, and only at certain periods, but a steady stream of suitable immigrants well selected will be absorbed by this district for many years to come. Many respectable people who emigrate are unsuitable for the colony, in many cases from their want of physical strength, in others from their calling; and to the difficulty which these parties have in finding and keeping employment is greatly owing the cry of want of work.

In conclusion, I may state that I have no doubt we shall be able to absorb the proportion of immigrants allotted to the district this season by the Government.

I have, &c.,

H. VERNON LILLICROP,

Immigration Officer.

The Under Secretary for Immigration, Wellington.

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