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NEW ZEALAND.

IMMIGRATION TO NEW ZEALAND.

(LETTERS TO THE AGENT-GENERAL.)

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

No. 1.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, N.Z., 23rd July, 1878.

Referring to my letter of the 12th instant,* in which I informed you that your suggestion as to sending young men to the School of Agriculture, about to be established at Canterbury, would be communicated to the promoters of the institution, I have now the honor to enclose copy of a letter, dated the 16th instant, from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Canterbury College, which affords full information respecting the proposed school.

I have, &c.,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

J. MACANDREW.

Enclosure in No. 1.

The CHAIRMAN, Canterbury College, to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Canterbury College, Christchurch, N.Z., 16th July, 1878.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th instant, with the accompanying extracts from recent correspondence with the Agent-General in London, with reference to young men in Great Britain availing themselves of the facilities offered by the School of Agriculture at Christchurch, for acquiring a practical knowledge of agricultural pursuits in this colony.

In reply, I beg to state, for your information, that a School of Agriculture is now being established in this provincial district, at which instruction will be given to young men desirous of engaging in agricultural pursuits.

The Board has purchased a farm of 402 acres within fifteen miles of Christchurch, near the Lincoln Railway Station. The quality of the soil varies from rich swamp land to a light loam, being admirably adapted for an experimental farm.

A gentleman has been engaged as director, who has had large experience in practical farming, and is also well qualified to give the students the scientific instruction required.

A plan has been prepared, and tenders called for the buildings. There will be accommodation for twenty students, with laboratory, lecture-hall, &c.

The charge for boarding will be £50 per annum for each student.

It is expected that the buildings will be completed and ready to receive students within twelve months.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration.

W. MONTGOMERY,
Chairman.

No. 2.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, N.Z., 7th August, 1878.

Referring to your letter of the 5th June last (No. 495), I have the honor to enclose for your information a copy of a circular which has been addressed to Immigration Officers throughout the colony, respecting the acceptance of nominations for free passages.

I have, &c.,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

ROBERT STOUT.