

and who offers his services as surgeon of an English vessel, or as agent for the selection of emigrants from the Dominion. I also enclose you copy of my reply, from which you will perceive that I have informed him of my intention to refer the matter to the Government.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL,
Agent-General.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

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Mr. G. J. POTTS to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR JULIUS,—

Belleville, Ontario, 3rd September, 1878.

Several years ago (1874), while you were the Premier of New Zealand, I addressed you on the subject of emigration to that province. Accompanying your reply, I received a copy of the "Official Handbook of New Zealand," edited by yourself. This little book contains an immense amount of information, and is one of the very best of the kind I ever read. As your reply did not demand an answer I had no opportunity to thank you, but avail myself of the present to do so.

I take the liberty of addressing you again on the same subject, in the hope that, as you are free from the cares and responsibilities of the Premiership, although still occupying a high position, you will be the more at liberty to give your careful consideration to the subject embraced in this communication.

In the first place, in order to put myself right with you, I refer you to all or any of the following gentlemen who have known me for a great many years—viz.: The Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald; the Hon. Charles Tupper, C.B.M.P.; McCameron, Q.C., M.P.P.; Hon. Edward Blake, Q.C., M.P.; Ex-Minister of Justice; Hon. Richard J. Cartwright, M.P.M., Finance; M. Bossell, M.P.; William Henry Browne, M.P. (Senator); James Brown, M.P.; John White, M.P.; William Anderson, ex-M.P.; Hon. Lewis Wallbridge, ex-M.P., late Speaker, House of Assembly; and others I might name as well. Among the medical profession: W. B. Geike, M.D., M.R.C.S., Eng., and Edin.; George E. Fenwick, M.D., William Cunliffe, M.D., M.R.C.S., Eng., Professors of our representative medical faculties; Dr. Hope, President of the City of Belleville Medical Society; Drs. Burdett, M.B., M.R.C.S., Eng., Farley, Murphy, Ridley, Hamilton, Higginbotham, Dorland, Desuble, M.D.'s, with many others I might name. All or most of these gentlemen are known to our Canadian Financial Agent in London, England, Sir John Rose, Bart., K.C.M.G., to whom you can refer for information.

Having given you the names of these gentlemen for reference, I can, if required, obtain certificates of recommendation, &c., from any of them if so required. With this explanation, I submit the following for your consideration, viz:—

I have ascertained that the Government of New Zealand have given instructions to continue the system of free immigration conducted in former years—this season from Europe. It is on this subject I wish to invite your attention.

In 1852 I went to Victoria, Australia, to seek wealth, like many others, on the gold fields of Ballarat. I was successful beyond my most sanguine expectations, and, before my return to England, in 1854, I visited New Zealand, calling at Dunedin, Christchurch, Wellington, Nelson, and Auckland, and several other places in the provinces, remaining several weeks at most of the towns named. I had almost resolved to settle at Christchurch, Canterbury, but, having decided to study medicine, I finally returned to London, where I finished my studies. The four years put in at college necessarily brought about changes, and, at the expiration of my studies, war which prevailed in the East gave me opportunities for employment. I finally returned to Canada in 1867, and have been practising medicine and surgery in this city ever since. The climate does not agree with me, and my old love for New Zealand revived years ago. I am most anxious to go there with my family, numbering, with myself, nine persons—four boys, three girls, my wife, and self. It is my wish to purchase a farm and settle, but it would be out of my power to pay passages for my large family to New Zealand, and I want to take advantage of the opportunity now offered by your Government. I am *au fait* in agricultural matters, and, in fact, my life in Canada fits me for almost any sort of industry. My knowledge of Australia and New Zealand enables me to judge pretty accurately of what the country stands most in need of, and also what class of persons is required there. I know for a fact that there are quite a large number of Canadians who would gladly avail themselves of the opportunity afforded by your Government to emigrate, were the facts about the climate, agricultural prospects, land arrangements, wages, living, &c., &c., properly and truthfully placed before them.

Canadians make the very best class of emigrants for a new country, and, as you are aware, being educated to contend with the hardships and difficulties of this climate and its various interests, must necessarily excel in such a new country as Canterbury, Otago, or, in fact, any part of New Zealand. Thousands leave Canada every year for California and other parts of the United States of America, and I know that many of these would prefer going to New Zealand but for the great expense of the voyage, and their almost total ignorance of New Zealand. What I propose to you is to appoint an agent for Canada, and furnish him with the necessary papers, &c., to enable him to point out the advantages of New Zealand, &c., &c. Many of the younger sons of farmers, young married people in farming sections, and others, could easily be induced to go there instead of going to a foreign country. The cities and towns now overcrowded with artisans would furnish a good supply of this useful class, but I doubt whether it would be possible to procure many, if any, females for servants, of the right stamp, apart from the married ones above referred to. I am satisfied a first-class ship could be filled with such a class of emigrants as could not be found in any other country on earth, in say, three or four months—certainly in six months. Of course the Province of Ontario is far in advance of any other part of Canada, and the bulk of the supply would be got here. Quebec ranks next, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island—called the Maritime Provinces—would furnish a class of emigrants who would bring with them a thorough knowledge of fishing, fish curing, &c., &c. I cannot begin to give any