

correct data of the largeness of the field for the class of emigrants I have referred to, but my impressions are that it is, at least at present, a large available one. I presume it would cost your Government rather more per head for such emigrants as I refer to; but, supposing this to be the case, you get a class of men, each one of whom is equal to any two or three of the kind of emigrants generally obtained in the old country. Every man would be at home so far as the industries of New Zealand are concerned, and would require no tedious training to educate them to the ways of the country. Canadians are celebrated for their intelligence, industry, sobriety, perseverance, and honesty, and I need not therefore enlarge on their capabilities or adaptability for settlement, &c., in such a promising agricultural country, with such a climate as New Zealand possesses. I ask you to appoint me your agent for the time being in Canada, and to give me the opportunity as surgeon or medical superintendent in charge of any ship—the first, if possible, leaving with emigrants for New Zealand.

Of course, if you decided not to charter a ship to take what Canadian emigrants were secured direct from some of our own ports, it would be necessary to pay their passages across the Atlantic. This would add enormously to the cost, but, notwithstanding, I am convinced it would pay in the end.

The expense of a Canadian Agency would not be much, if any, larger than any of your other agencies in Great Britain and Ireland. The travelling and advertising would be the heaviest items at first, and I suppose you would allow a reasonable salary to your agent. In any case, whether you appoint me your agent or not, it is my intention to ask you to give me medical charge of one of your ships, and to provide my family with free passages hence to Liverpool and New Zealand. It would be utterly out of my power to bear the expense attending the outfit and travel, and much as I have set my heart on New Zealand I should be obliged to forego the attempt to get there.

I am aware that, as Agent-General, you have very large discretionary powers, and I am convinced were you to adopt the plan I propose, although at first sight appearing so expensive, you would find out in the end it would not be either attended with greater expense or trouble than the same sort of arrangement costs your Government now for every emigrant, or, in the aggregate, for every ship leaving any port of Great Britain or Ireland to the port of destination in New Zealand.

May I ask you to favor me with a reply at your earliest convenience.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,

GEO. J. POTTS.

Enclosure 2 in No. 17.

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

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, 17th September, 1878.

I have attentively considered your letter, and I regret to have to inform you that, though I recognize you would make an excellent colonist, you do not come within the description of those to whom I am able to offer free or assisted passages.

You might be eligible for an appointment as surgeon to one of our ships if you were here; but I could not make an appointment of the kind at such a distance, with an uncertainty as to when your services would be required.

I do not doubt that excellent emigrants might be obtained from Canada, and probably they would improve their condition by making New Zealand their home. But, in my opinion, it would not be right for a Colonial Government to endeavour to obtain emigrants from a colony that probably desires to retain its population and increase it.

It may be, however, that my Government will not take this view of the case, and I will, therefore, refer your letter to them.

I am, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL.

G. J. Potts, Esq., M.D., Belleville, Ontario, Canada.

Agent-General for New Zealand.

No. 18.

THE AGENT-GENERAL to the HON. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, 4th October, 1878.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 23rd July, No. 132, covering copy of letter from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Canterbury College, relating to the School of Agriculture now being established in that provincial district.

I have read the letter with much interest, and do not doubt that the school will meet with much success.

The number of pupils, for which accommodation is at first to be provided, is so small, that doubtless it will be supplied by the colony.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL,

Agent-General.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 19.

THE AGENT-GENERAL to the HON. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, 5th October, 1878.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 5th August, No. 135, advising me of the visit to England of Mr. John Barnes, and of his willingness to promote the emigration of a desirable class of settlers to New Zealand.

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