

No. 56.

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

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, 21st May, 1879.

Referring to my letter No. 367, of the 7th May, in which I intimated that I had arranged with the New Zealand Shipping Company to lay on one or two special vessels, by which small capitalists intending to farm in New Zealand would be able to take their passages under exceptionally favourable circumstances, I have the honor to transmit copy of a circular issued, containing particulars with reference thereto.

I mentioned in my letter that the passage-money would be £23; but I found it necessary to fix it at a somewhat higher rate—viz., £25, in order to insure that the whole passenger accommodation in each ship, including the saloon, shall be given up to the one class of passengers for which the ships are specially intended.

I have reason to believe that these ships will fill up without my having to grant assistance, except, perhaps, in a very few cases of exceptional character.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL,
Agent-General.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 56.

NEW ZEALAND.—SPECIAL SHIP for FARMERS.

To meet the case of farmers desiring to settle in New Zealand who, without taking saloon passages, require accommodation superior to that offered to ordinary emigrants, the Agent-General for New Zealand has arranged with the New Zealand Shipping Company's Line to put on the splendid clipper ship "Wanganui," 1,077 tons register, William Watt, Commander, or another equally good ship of the Company's fleet, for Port Chalmers (Dunedin), Otago, and also one of their best ships for Port Lyttelton, Canterbury.

Only one class of passengers will be carried by these two vessels. Passage rate, £25.

All the berths will be enclosed and specially adapted to meet the requirements of the passengers embarking. A liberal dietary scale will be provided, and a sufficient staff of stewards to attend on all passengers. The ships will carry surgeons. They will call at Falmouth to embark passengers who prefer avoiding the risks and annoyances of the English Channel. Passengers can also embark at London.

Dates of sailing:—The ship for Dunedin will leave London, September 6th; Falmouth, September 11th, 1879. The ship for Port Lyttelton will leave London, April 26th; Falmouth, May 1st, 1880.

In a limited number of special cases the Agent-General will give some assistance towards the passages of families if he is satisfied that they intend, and are qualified, to become farmers in New Zealand, and take with them sufficient money for the purpose.

Applications for such assistance must be sent to the Agent-General for New Zealand, 7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, S.W.

Envelopes containing such applications must be marked "Special Ship."

Applications from persons who propose to pay their full passages must be made to the New Zealand Shipping Company (Limited), 84, Bishopsgate Street, London, E.C.

The Agent-General is preparing a pamphlet containing the land laws of the colony, and other information. It will be ready about the end of May, and a copy will be forwarded to any one enclosing his address and six penny stamps to the office of the Agent-General for New Zealand, 7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W.

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