

The "Edwin Fox" landed at Nelson 244 souls, equal to 223 adults, which were distributed as under—namely, Taranaki, 5; Wellington, 68; Marlborough, 54; Westland, 55; Nelson, 62: total, 244.

The "Fernglan" did not land any of her passengers at Nelson, the Immigration Officer having received orders to send the ship on to Wellington, from which port they were transhipped to their respective destinations.

The "Warwick" landed at Nelson 61 souls, equal to 55 adults, which were distributed as under—namely, Auckland, 23; Taranaki, 8; Marlborough, 12; Westland, 8; Nelson, 10: total, 61.

The remainder of the immigrants—namely, 142 souls, equal to 116 adults—being for Wellington and the southern ports, proceeded in the ship to Wellington.

With regard to future immigration to Nelson, I can strongly recommend the introduction of female domestic servants, say from twenty-five to thirty every three months. They would readily obtain situations at wages from 8s. to 12s. per week.

I can also recommend the introduction of a very few farm labourers.

The rate of wages remains unaltered.

One hundred and ninety-six nominations have been received during the year.

I have, &c.,

The Under Secretary for Immigration,
Wellington.

ALFRED GREENFIELD,
Immigration Officer.

No. 6.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Hokitika, 1st July, 1879.

I have the honor to forward for your information the following report of the Immigration Department, Westland District, for the year ended 30th June, 1879:—

The number of nominations received at this office during the year was 187 souls, equal to 176½ adults, being a decrease of 31½ adults on the previous year. This decrease is due to the fact of instructions having been received that Irish nominations were only to be accepted proportionately with other nationalities; in consequence of which numbers of Irish nominations had to be retained at this office until nominations of other nationalities had accumulated to the required proportions to enable me to forward them to Wellington, thus leaving me with many Irish nominations not forwarded on the 30th June.

The accepted nominations are as follows:—Married men, 12; married women, 15; widows, 3; single men, 67; single women, 69; children, 21: the occupations of some of whom are as follows:—General labourers, 8; carpenters, 6; miners, 6; farm labourers, 27; blacksmiths, 2; general servants, 51; dressmakers, 3; dairy maids, 3; bricklayer, 1; engineers and foundrymen, 4.

The number of nominated immigrants who arrived during the year was 50, who immediately on arrival were taken away by their friends; and many of them whom I occasionally see appear to be getting on well.

During the year very few assisted immigrants arrived, as, on account of the general depression in trade on this coast, there was very little demand for labour; so it was recommended that those immigrants who were shipped for Westland should be sent to other parts of the colony, where they would obtain employment more easily. But during the next season I would recommend that some single men and women should be sent here, as, the railway between this place and Greymouth having been commenced, and as there is a probability of the railway to the East Coast being undertaken during the next year, there would be a field open for employment; also, the mining on the coast has improved very much lately, and fresh ground is being opened up, which will give employment to many persons.

I have to report the depôts at Hokitika and Greymouth to be in fair order. Some slight repairs are required to be made to the roof of the Hokitika Depôt, and the ground surrounding the Greymouth Depôt requires draining—concerning which I have communicated with the District Engineer, in consequence of having received from him a circular requesting me to give him an estimate of amount required for repairs, &c., to the Government buildings under my charge during the financial year ending 30th June, 1880. The amount estimated for both buildings was £35.

During the year no money has been collected on immigrants' promissory notes; but I trust, and am of opinion, that I shall receive payment within a short time on account of some of the bills that I hold.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration,
Wellington.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER SPENCE,
Immigration Officer.

No. 7.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Christchurch, 30th June, 1879.

I have the honor to forward herewith the report on immigration to the District of Canterbury for the year ending 30th June, 1879.

During the past year nine ships have arrived direct to Lyttelton with immigrants, conveying 2,921 souls, equal to 2,573 statute adults; as against 2,105 souls, equal to 1,878 statute adults, introduced during the previous year. The total number of immigrants introduced into this district since the passing of the Immigration and Public Works Act has been 26,370 souls, equal to 22,254 statute adults.