

from this office numbered 2,826 during the past twelve months. The High Commissioner's Office has been kept fully supplied with copies of "The Immigrants' Guide and Settlers' Handbook," for which there has been great demand, and also with up-to-date copies of the "Crown Lands Guide."

It may be interesting to add that, in addition to the settlers reaching our shores from the United Kingdom, a very large and increasing number of applications for assisted passages and for information as to the lands available for settlement in New Zealand, &c., have been received from persons living in Canada, the United States, South Africa, Australia, &c., and invariably, whilst affording complete particulars and details as to the capabilities of New Zealand and the prospects of intending settlers therein, it has been pointed out that, as the countries referred to are seeking to induce immigration to their own shores, it would savour of an unfriendly act on the part of the New Zealand Government if it were in any way to countenance the granting of assisted passages from those countries to this colony. Such applicants have, therefore, been always advised that assistance in this manner is not given by the Government, except to emigrants from the United Kingdom, and their requests have consequently been declined.

RETURN showing the NAMES of the VESSELS which carried Passengers at Reduced Rates from the United Kingdom for the Year ending 31st March, 1907; and also the NUMBER of PERSONS granted Passages, together with the Amount of Capital possessed by them.

Date of Leaving.	Steamer.	Souls.	Adults.	Declared Amount of Capital.	Income.	Amount of Passage-money paid by High Commissioner.
1906.				£	£	£
April 2	Oswestry Grange	25	21½	488	...	86
" 5	Waiwera	93	80½	1,131	...	322
" 19	Turakina	136	121½	3,022	...	487
" 28	Devon	50	45¼	547	...	181
May 3	Athenic	270	238½	6,315	100	955
" 17	Paparoa	62	57	1,230	...	228
" 26	Morayshire	51	41½	478	...	166
" 31	Corinthic	325	268½	9,724	...	1,073
June 14	Ruapehu	145	122	11,916	...	488
" 23	Ayrshire	75	68	671	...	276
" 28	Mamari	124	99	2,040	...	396
July 12	Rimutaka	134	105½	3,475	...	422
" 21	Somerset	52	45½	1,112	...	182
" 26	Kumara	99	83½	2,228	50	335
Aug. 10	Tongariro	86	74½	3,161	435	298
" 18	Suffolk	71	61	1,670	...	244
" 23	Ionic	270	226½	12,148	687	906
Sept. 6	Turakina	34	29½	707	...	115
" 15	Dorset	75	62½	1,518	...	249
" 21	Athenic	235	198½	6,550	236	793
Oct. 4	Paparoa	49	35	2,680	...	140
" 13	Everton Grange	58	50½	869	...	201
" 19	Corinthic	339	284	13,560	40	1,136
Nov. 1	Ruapehu	51	44½	1,569	...	174
" 13	Oswestry Grange	33	28½	832	...	113
" 16	Gothic	142	122	5,828	...	488
" 29	Rimutaka	68	54½	1,460	70	217
Dec. 3	Surrey	5	4	2	...	16
" 14	Kumara	32	25	671	...	100
" 29	Tongariro	44	38	1,685	40	152
1907.						
Jan. 5	Ayrshire	22	21	530	...	84
" 10	Ionic	100	91½	5,031	182	366
" 24	Turakina	42	33½	997	...	134
Feb. 2	Morayshire	9	8	95	...	32
" 8	Athenic	88	79	3,770	22	320
" 21	Paparoa	42	35	1,073	30	140
March 2	Suffolk	31	20½	160	...	81
" 8	Corinthic	79	66	2,770	36	264
" 21	Ruapehu	40	32	560	...	128
" 30	Fifeshire	26	20½	416	60	82
Totals	...	3,712	3,141½	114,689	1,988	12,570

SUMMARY OF PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR PASSAGES AT REDUCED RATES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1907.—Farmers: Single men and heads of families, 466—853 souls. Navvies: Single men and heads of families, 279—507 souls. Domestic: 254 souls. Artisans and miscellaneous: Single men and heads of families: 841—2,095 souls.

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