

1910.
NEW ZEALAND.

DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION

(ANNUAL REPORT OF).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

SIR,—

Immigration Department, Wellington, 13th June, 1910.

Herewith I have the honour to submit the annual report upon the immigration which has taken place into New Zealand from the United Kingdom during the year 1909–10.

I have, &c.,

WM. C. KENSINGTON,

Under-Secretary.

The Hon. George Fowlds, Minister of Immigration.

REPORT.

DURING the year ended 31st March, 1910, the number of persons who arrived from the United Kingdom totalled 9,250, consisting of 7,569 adults and 1,681 children. These figures include both those who made their own arrangements and those who obtained fares at reduced rates. The number of persons who were assisted by the High Commissioner amounted to 2,672 souls, and they were provided with passages by the steamers enumerated in the accompanying schedule.

The schedule also furnishes the number of such persons carried in each vessel, and the amount of capital known to be possessed by them.

The number of domestic workers assisted was 615.

The number of souls nominated by relatives in the Dominion during the year was 1,341, and the amount of money deposited by the nominators towards the cost of the passages of these persons was £11,339.

A proportion of the nominations are received from husbands on behalf of their wives and families. These men come first and see for themselves whether they are satisfied with the conditions existing, and obtain employment. Three hundred and sixty-eight wives, nominated by their husbands, and accompanied by 672 children, embarked during the year.

It was decided during the autumn of 1909 that the time when the approved agriculturists should arrive in the Dominion be restricted to the early summer. In accordance with this decision the first boat that arrived with assisted agricultural immigrants was the s.s. "Ionic," which reached Wellington on the 1st November. The last vessel was the s.s. "Arawa," on the 25th January, 1910. By adopting this procedure every facility was given to the farm-worker to get accustomed to his new surroundings before farming operations were discontinued for the season.

The same principle is again being adopted for the year 1910–11, and the first vessel to leave the United Kingdom with assisted farmers will do so in order that the passengers may arrive here in the early summer as before.

It was not necessary to make any restriction in regard to the time for the arrival of domestic workers, or of wives nominated by husbands. These still come out by the most convenient vessel.

It is gratifying to know from the medical inspections that the persons who are being assisted by the Government are in possession of good health and are likely to make satisfactory colonists. The Medical Inspecting Officer is careful in his inspections in order that unfit persons may be prevented from sailing. In this connection it may be well to state that the medical examination of the persons who pass through the High Commissioner's office is more rigorous than for those who make their own arrangements with the shipping companies.

The object of our officer's inspection is different from that of the Examiner for the Board of Trade as the latter is concerned only in excluding all persons suffering from any infectious disease. To discover whether such persons are constitutionally sound is left to the medical inspection at the port of arrival.

There have been cases where some member of the family has been suffering from consumption. This has been concealed until the inspection on board the vessel, and it is very trying to all persons concerned that the people should be turned away at the last moment. It is much better for intending emigrants to be quite candid as to the state of their health, as when the deception is discovered a great deal of expense has been incurred which might have been avoided.

As an illustration of the value of our Medical Officer's inspection I furnish the following extract from his report of the 5th March last: "Last month a case was referred to me. The proposed emigrant was a cheesemaker who suffered from tubercle of the right forearm. He had arranged to take up work in the Taranaki District as a cheesemaker. This man could easily have passed any inspecting officer, because apparently he was quite well. I advised that the man should not go, because, although he did manage to pass the Port Health Officer, I explained that as soon as the manager of the cheese-factory saw the condition of his arm he would most likely have refused to allow him to work." This man, who intended paying his own way to the Dominion, decided to act upon the officer's advice, and refrained from emigrating.

RETURN showing the NAMES of the VESSELS which carried Passengers at Reduced Rates from the United Kingdom for the Year ended 31st March, 1910; 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.	Amount of Passage-money paid by High Commissioner.
1909.				£	£
April 2	Tainui	85	65½	433	262
" 20	Wakanui	45	40	1,763	160
" 27	Morayshire	47	38½	279	153
" 30	Ionic	171	136½	2,722	546
May 13	Turakina	55	45½	190	181
" 28	Athenic	167	129½	597	517
" 29	Devon	29	24½	183	99
June 10	Tongariro	73	58½	1,795	233
" 26	Corinthic	154	129¾	1,578	519
" 26	Cornwall	23	15½	152	61
July 8	Paparoa	61	47½	598	189
" 23	Arawa	107	85¾	671	343
" 24	Fifeshire	45	37¾	2,217	151
Aug. 6	Ruapehu	57	47½	462	189
" 20	Tainui	137	110¾	949	443
" 21	Drayton Grange	9	8	2	32
Sept. 2	Rimutaka	22	20	71	80
" 17	Ionic	245	204	3,142	816
" 18	Sussex	8	8	19	32
" 30	Turakina	22	20	536	80
Oct. 15	Athenic	230	205	3,430	820
" 16	Nairnshire	8	7	70	28
" 16	Papanui	44	32½	336	129
" 29	Tongariro	24	21½	63	86
Nov. 12	Corinthic	230	193½	5,721	774
" 13	Morayshire	41	27¾	126	111
" 25	Ruahine	107	86½	916	347
Dec. 10	Arawa	133	106¾	4,562	427
" 23	Ruapehu	10	7½	82	30
1910.					
Jan. 7	Tainui	39	31½	109	125
" 8	Cornwall	8	7½	2	30
" 20	Rimutaka	30	23½	573	94
Feb. 4	Ionic	75	49½	227	198
" 5	Fifeshire	13	11½	19	46
" 17	Turakina	36	26½	25	105
March 4	Athenic	68	50¾	59	203
" 5	Drayton Grange	5	4	...	16
" 17	Tongariro	9	7½	9	30
Totals	...	2,672	2,171½	34,688	8,685

SUMMARY of PERSONS who embarked for New Zealand from the United Kingdom from 1st April, 1909, to 31st March, 1910.

Farmers.		Domestic.	Miscellaneous.		Total Number of Souls.
Single Men and Heads of Families.	Souls.		Single Men and Heads of Families.	Souls.	
Approved by High Commissioner.					
325	667	451	..	..	1,118
Authorised by Immigration Department in New Zealand.					
81	158	164	448	1,232	1,554
406	825	615	448	1,232	2,672

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