

1917.
NEW ZEALAND.

DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION
(ANNUAL REPORT ON).

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

THE total number of arrivals in New Zealand from the United Kingdom during the year ended 31st March, 1917, was 3,503. Out of the total number of persons arriving—namely, 3,503—638 were assisted to New Zealand by the Government. The number of assisted immigrants is made up of persons nominated from New Zealand and of persons applying themselves for assisted passages in London. The declared capital brought out to the Dominion by the latter amounted to £1,407. When immigrants are nominated from New Zealand no declared capital is required.

During the year twenty-one steamers brought out assisted immigrants as follows:—

Arrived in New Zealand.				Steamers.	Number assisted.
1916.					
April	...	...	...	Turakina	1
May	...	...	...	Remuera	95
June	...	...	...	Athenic	23
"	...	...	...	Ruahine	7
July	...	...	...	Tainui	42
"	...	...	...	Rotorua	21
August	...	...	...	Corinthic	6
"	...	...	...	Tongariro	33
September	...	...	...	Arawa	4
"	...	...	...	Rimutaka	1
October	...	...	...	Ionic	64
"	...	...	...	Turakina	12
November	...	...	...	Remuera	74
"	...	...	...	Athenic	35
December	...	...	...	Ruahine	38
"	...	...	...	Tainui	64
1917.					
January	...	...	...	Rotorua	14
February	...	...	...	Ruapehu	27
March	...	...	...	Corinthic	25
"	...	...	...	Arawa	24
"	...	...	...	Turakina	28
Total				...	638

This total of 638 persons is made up of 39 men, 380 women, and 219 children. These people were booked to the following provinces: Auckland, 168; Canterbury, 64; Hawke's Bay, 31; Marlborough, 13; Nelson, 8; Otago, 20; Southland, 17; Taranaki, 34; Wellington, 261; Westland, 22: total, 638.

The following summary shows the number in each class that came to the Dominion during the year as assisted immigrants :—

Class.	Applied in London.	Nominated from New Zealand.	Total.
Domestics	92	7	99
Farmers and farm labourers	6	..	6
Wives of farmers and farm labourers	5	..	25
Children of farmers and farm labourers	20	..	
Separated relatives—			
(a.) Men	..	33	508
(b.) Women	..	276	
(c.) Children	..	199	
Totals	123	515	638

The distribution of the domestics and of the farm labourers throughout the Dominion, according to bookings, is as follows :—

Province.	Domestics.	Farm Labourers.
Auckland	32	2
Canterbury	12	..
Hawke's Bay	9	1
Marlborough	1	1
Nelson	..	..
Otago	5	..
Southland	..	..
Taranaki	..	..
Wellington	39	2
Westland	1	..
Totals	99	6

TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER OF ASSISTED IMMIGRANTS INTRODUCED INTO THE DOMINION DURING THE PAST THIRTEEN YEARS.

Year.	Applied in London.	Nominated from New Zealand.	Total.
1905	..	..	1,751
1906	..	..	2,469
1907	..	..	3,712
1908	..	..	3,104
1909	2,822	2,131	4,953
1910	1,118	1,554	2,672
1911	1,327	1,297	2,624
1912	1,728	1,572	3,300
1913	1,797	2,131	3,928
1914	2,309	2,755	5,064
1915	867	2,119	2,986
1916	229	874	1,103
1917	123	515	638

The Government is not at present, and has not been since the outbreak of the war, accepting the nomination either in New Zealand or in England of men eligible for military service, as it was deemed inadvisable to continue any course of action that might interfere in any degree with the requirements of the military authorities in England.

The inquiries regarding the number of women in the United Kingdom under forty-five years of age who have lost their breadwinners through the war, and who may be willing to emigrate to New Zealand under the existing scheme of assisted passages to take up domestic service in the Dominion, are being continued.

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