

sioners ; and the greatest care is in future to be exercised to insure that the arrangements for ventilation, lighting, and general accommodation are equal to what would be satisfactory to the Board of Commissioners referred to in vessels under charter to them.

G. M. WATERHOUSE,
(in absence of the Hon. the Minister of Immigration).

Immigration Office,
Wellington, New Zealand, 23rd November, 1872.

No. 18.

MEMORANDUM No. 20, 1872, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

REFERRING to Public Works Office Memorandum No. 34-72, of the 16th March, I have to inform you that it has been determined to give greater facilities for the introduction of nominated immigrants, by reducing the payment for passages of persons nominated within the Colony to £4 per adult for cash, or £6 when promissory notes are given. Payments on account of promissory notes can be made by instalments.

In order that the subject of nominated immigration may be brought prominently before the public, a bonus of 2s. 6d. will be paid to all postmasters and sub-immigration agents, on all applications for nominated passages obtained by them, such bonus to be payable only on the arrival of the nominated immigrants.

G. M. WATERHOUSE,
(in absence of the Hon. the Minister of Immigration).

Immigration Office,
Wellington, New Zealand, 21st November, 1872.

No. 19.

MEMORANDUM No. 21, 1872, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

HEREWITH is forwarded copy of the report of the Immigration Commissioners upon the ship "Queen Bee," and I would desire especially to call your attention to the facts therein set forth, viz. :—That there was no distilling apparatus on board, and that the supply of medical comforts was very deficient.

G. M. WATERHOUSE,
(in absence of the Hon. the Minister of Immigration).

Immigration Office,
Wellington, New Zealand, 23rd November, 1872.

Enclosure in No. 19.

REPORT by the IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS on the Ship "Queen Bee."

SIR,— General Government Offices, Auckland, 8th November, 1872.

We have the honor to report the arrival, on the 28th October ultimo, of the ship "Queen Bee," from London, July 20th, with 128 passengers, of whom 97, equal to 79½ statute adults, were Government immigrants.

We met the ship at the North Head, and found all on board well. Two births occurred during the voyage ; there were no deaths, and, excepting a few cases of whooping-cough, no illness was reported.

The passengers having been mustered, were asked if they had any complaints to make of their treatment during the voyage ; the answer was that they had been well treated and were satisfied, and that the conduct of the officers of the ship had been attentive and kind during the voyage.

We inspected the several compartments occupied by the passengers, and found them clean and well ventilated, the hospitals in order, and the surgery well supplied. The bathroom in the single women's compartment was discovered to be defective soon after the voyage began, but a substitute was found which answered the purpose satisfactorily. The cooking stoves were in good order and sufficiently large ; but no distilling apparatus had been provided, and, in consequence, the regular allowance of water was, for a short time, reduced by one pint per diem.

Of medical comforts, the supply in the items of preserved milk and bottled porter was defective ; some packages of each of these articles, said to have been put on board, could not be found, and were supposed to have been stowed away with the cargo.

It is urged in extenuation of these shortcomings that the vessel was laden and despatched in great haste, owing to an impending strike of the dock labourers ; that she was only one week on the berth before sailing, and took both cargo and passengers on board in that time.

We beg leave to recommend that the usual gratuities may be paid to the captain of the ship, and to the officers.

We have, &c.,
DANIEL POLLEN,
Commissioner.
T. M. PHILSON, M.D.,
Health Officer.