

It is not desirable to have many immigrants arriving during the months of June, July, and August, as the weather is then generally broken, the days short, and steady labour not easily procured. I would have continued this report at further length, had I not been interrupted by the arrival of the ships "Christian McAusland" and "Palmerston," now in quarantine.

As to numbers 4 and 5 of the queries asked, I have the honor to refer you to my reports to the Hon. the Minister of Immigration, dated as per margin.

Labour Exchange,  
15th October.  
Promissory Notes,  
6th November.

The Hon. W. H. Reynolds, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

COLIN ALLAN,  
Immigration Officer.

### No. 34.

MEMORANDUM No. 48, 1872 for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

I HAVE already addressed you in reference to the correspondence between Mr. Auld and the Superintendent of Otago, and from that correspondence, as well as from other sources, you will have learnt that the Provincial Government of Otago have instructed Mr. Auld to reopen the Scotch Agency on their account, and to forward emigrants direct from Glasgow.

I trust that the very explicit instructions you have received, both by telegram and letter, upon this subject, will have resulted in your having taken over the agency as conducted by Mr. Auld.

Should you not have done so, I have now, on the part of the Government, to instruct you to adopt this course, also to authorize you to pay Mr. Auld any moneys he may have advanced, as well as to provide for any liabilities he may have incurred, in connection with the resumption of emigration to Otago on behalf of the Provincial Government.

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

Immigration Office, Wellington, 20th December, 1872.

### No. 35.

MEMORANDUM No. 49, 1872, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

REFERRING to my Memorandum No. 42, 1872, of the 17th instant, reporting the arrival of the "Jessie Readman" at this port, I now enclose the usual report of the Commissioners upon that vessel. You will observe that attention is again directed to the inadequacy of the cooking accommodation.

JOHN HALL,  
(for Minister of Immigration).

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

### Enclosure in No. 35.

REPORT by the IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS on the Ship "Jessie Readman."

SIR,—

Wellington, 17th December, 1872.

We have the honor to report that we inspected the ship "Jessie Readman," which arrived from London on the 14th instant, with 335 passengers, 84 days out.

We have much pleasure in stating that we found the immigrants looking remarkably healthy, particularly the children; all appeared in excellent spirits; they had no complaints whatsoever to make, and expressed themselves perfectly satisfied with the ship and the treatment they had received on the voyage, and spoke in very eulogistic terms of the kind attention shown to them by the captain, and also by the surgeon-superintendent. We found all the compartments scrupulously clean, and showing evident signs of having been kept so during the voyage.

The provisions appear to have been served out with regularity, and also to have been of good quality.

The condensing apparatus is reported to have worked well, and to have been kept in operation every day throughout the voyage except Sundays, and the supply of water has been abundant. The galley accommodation is too small for a vessel carrying so large a number of passengers.

The ventilation of the vessel is remarkably good, and to this circumstance the surgeon-superintendent mainly attributes the good state of health in which the passengers have arrived, and have enjoyed throughout the voyage.

The hatchways and combings to the temporary ventilators on the deck are not high enough to keep the sea from washing below in rough weather, and are not constructed sufficiently strong; the ladder-ways also ought to be provided with stronger hand-rails, and to be boarded at the back.

With the exceptions named above, the arrangements for the comfort and accommodation of the passengers are very complete; and very great credit reflects upon the surgeon-superintendent for the ability he has shown in the discharge of his duties, and we strongly recommend him for further employment should he desire it.

One death (that of an infant from brain disease) and three births occurred during the voyage.

We have much pleasure in recommending the payment of all gratuities.

We have, &c.,

ALEXANDER JOHNSTON, M.D.,  
J. HACKWORTH,  
A. F. HALCOMBE,  
JOHN HALLIDAY, } Commissioners.

The Hon. Minister for Immigration, Wellington.