

Enclosure 6 in No. 45.

Mr. J. E. MARCH to the UNDER SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Christchurch,
Canterbury, New Zealand, 17th January, 1873.

Under the contract with Messrs Shaw, Saville, and Co., for the conveyance of emigrants to New Zealand, it is stipulated (clause 22) that "a proper space shall be set apart in the hold of the ship for luggage."

Instead of this being done, I invariably find the immigrants' luggage in all parts of the vessel, and it is generally two or three weeks after the arrival of the ship before it is all delivered.

I should be much obliged if you would bring this subject under the notice of the Agent-General, with the view of having this clause strictly enforced.

I have, &c.,

J. E. MARCH,

Immigration Officer.

The Under Secretary for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 46.

MEMORANDUM NO. 21, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

REFERRING to my Memorandum No. 11, 1873, dated the 17th ult., I now enclose copies of reports by the Immigration Officer and Commissioners upon the "Zealandia," on her recent arrival at the Bluff.

Immigration Office,

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE.

Wellington, New Zealand, 4th February, 1873.

Enclosure in No. 46.

Mr. W. H. PEARSON to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Invercargill, 16th January, 1873.

I have the honor to enclose reports of the Commissioners and Immigration Officer on the condition of the immigrant vessel "Zelandia," on her recent arrival at the Bluff.

I have, &c.,

WALTER H. PEARSON,

Immigration Officer.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration,
Wellington.

IMMIGRATION OFFICER'S REPORT on Immigrants per Ship "Zealandia."

THE immigrant vessel "Zealandia" arrived at Bluff Harbour on the 28th of December, 1872, at 3 p.m. She landed at the Bluff 184 passengers, including children, for Messrs. Brogden and Sons.

For the Government 13, as follows:—One family, man and wife; one single man, ten single women. Most of these being nominated, at once proceeded to their friends, and doubtless in time will take engagements.

The demand for labour in the district is not by any means satisfied, though most of the Messrs. Brogden's immigrants landed have been employed privately. Fifty single women would be absorbed at once, at from £25 to £32 a year, and there are many inquiries for single men and married couples for farm labour and pastoral requirements.

WALTER H. PEARSON,

Immigration Officer.

Immigration Office, Invercargill, 15th January, 1873.

REPORT of COMMISSIONERS on Ship "Zealandia."

Immigration Office, Invercargill, 15th January, 1873.

THE immigrant vessel "Zealandia" arrived at Bluff Harbour on the 28th December, 1872, at 3 p.m., seventy-five days out.

From inquiry, the Commissioners learned that the health of the immigrants during the voyage had been very good; that the provisions were good, and had been served out in the married people's, single men's, and single women's compartments in accordance with the dietary scale, and to the entire satisfaction of the surgeon-superintendent.

That the supply of water was ample, the distilling apparatus having worked well.

That the conduct of the immigrants during the voyage was in the married and single women's compartments very good, that of the single men being generally good; and that the immigrants were all of the labouring class, those landed at the Bluff being principally for the Messrs. Brogden.

From personal investigation, the Commissioners ascertained that the ship in all its compartments was thoroughly clean.

That the compartments were arranged according to contract, as also the hospitals.

That the bathroom, with proper appliances, had been provided in the single women's compartment, and that there were two closets.

There were no complaints made.

The surgeon-superintendent reported one birth and two deaths during the voyage, both infants, one five days old, the other three months.

The plan which was adopted of separating the single women from the rest of the ship's company, by accommodating them in a compartment abaft the saloon (a bulk-head intervening), cannot be too strongly mentioned, as admirable and successful.