

no difficulty in filling up with cargo for this port, and railway iron could also be brought advantageously.

Whilst on the subject of immigration, I would again call to the attention of the Government that nearly a year ago the Agent-General advised he was about to send to Hawke's Bay a few families of vine-growers, and sent in advance a box of rooted vines. These last have been cared for and considerably added to from stock here. I also reserved for the location of the expected immigrants a very suitable block of land at Wangawehi, and still keep this open, as I am satisfied, if vine-growing will answer anywhere in New Zealand, it will in the locality I have selected. Nothing further has, however, been heard of the immigrants, and I would point out that if this industry is to be started they should be sent out without delay, as if they arrived here after the spring the vines could not be moved or a start made for another year.

In conclusion, I trust the Government will see the way to give immediate instructions for sending out immigrants to this Province.

I have, &c.,
J. D. ORMOND,
Superintendent.

Enclosure 2 in No. 89.

The Hon. G. M. O'RORKE to His Honor J. D. ORMOND.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 2nd May, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, in which you state that you have not been made acquainted with the intentions of the Government with respect to immigration to the Province of Hawke's Bay.

In reply, I forward for your Honor's information extracts from Memoranda recently written to the Agent-General with reference to immigration to the several Provinces, from which it will be seen that he has been instructed to forward 750 immigrants during the current year to Hawke's Bay; and a telegram will be sent to-day requesting him to despatch this number in three ships direct to Napier, at intervals of a month.

No information has been received from the Agent-General respecting the vine-growers since his letter of the 19th April, 1872, but I will telegraph to him to state what has been done in this matter.

His Honor the Superintendent of Hawke's Bay.

I have, &c.,
G. MAURICE O'RORKE.

No. 90.

MEMORANDUM No. 90, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

WITH reference to Scandinavian and German immigration, I desire to remind you that in Mr. Waterhouse's Memorandum No. 19, of 23rd November last, you were informed that although the Government had learned from several private sources that the arrangements made by you with a firm in Germany for a supply of immigrants have fallen through, yet no official intimation had been received that such was the fact.

From the printed returns forwarded from your office, it appears that up to present advices 1,916 German and Scandinavian immigrants have been forwarded, although the Government were led to expect from your letter of the 16th November, 1871, that 8,000 immigrants would be sent from Hamburg, Christiania, Gothenburg, and Copenhagen during the following two years. I have to request you therefore to inform me whether the contracts referred to are still in force; and if so, whether the number of emigrants arranged for are likely to be introduced within the time specified in the contracts.

Immigration Office, Wellington, 5th May, 1873.

G. MAURICE O'RORKE.

No. 91.

MEMORANDUM No. 93, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

I HEREWITH enclose copy of a letter from Mr. Christophersen, Consul-General for Sweden and Norway, on mission to Australia, who recently visited the Scandinavian settlement near Masterton, with a request that you will cause inquiry to be made as to the alleged over-payment demanded from the Norwegian immigrants before they left London. I have also to request that you will inquire into the statement of Mr. Hefty, an emigrant by the "Forfarshire," with reference to the £40 which he expected would be remitted to him through your office.

Immigration Office, Wellington, 7th May, 1873.

G. MAURICE O'RORKE.

NOTE.—This money has since been received and handed to Mr. Hefty.
