

## Enclosure in No. 91.

Mr. CHRISTOPHERSEN to the Hon. G. M. O'RORKE.

SIR,—

Wellington, 24th April, 1873.

I have the honor to bring before your notice several facts which, during my visit to the Scandinavian settlement near Masterton, were stated to me by emigrants brought out by the "Forfarshire."

1. Several of the Norwegian emigrants complained that, when signing their contract-ticket in London, they were compelled to sign for a higher amount, to be paid to the Government in the Colony, than agreed on with the Agent at Christiania. In proof of this Hans Svensen, who came out in the above-named vessel, showed me a receipt, signed the 23rd October, 1872, by the Emigration Agents, Gunnestad and Co., of Christiania, stating that he had paid to them, for passage to New Zealand, Norw. Spdlr. 28, 15s. (about £4 10s.), and signed promissory note for £20, whilst his passenger's contract-ticket shows that in London he had to sign, for the passage of himself and 1½ statute adults, £35 in promissory notes, of which £25 are to be repaid to the Government. Other emigrants made statements to the same effect, but they were not able, at the moment, to produce the documents bearing on the case.

2. At Christiania the emigrants were told that single girls were brought out free of cost, but, before admitted on board the vessel in London, single girls had to sign promissory notes for their passage.

3. One of the emigrants, J. Tr. Hefty, showed me a letter from Mr. Hansen, of Christiania, dated December 15th, 1872, informing him that, in order to insure greater security, Mr. Hansen had made arrangements to send through the Agent-General of the Colony in London about £40, which amount would be delivered to him at his arrival at Wellington. However, no such sum has been delivered to him, and nobody here has been able to give him any information on this subject.

4. On landing at Wellington the emigrants were sent to the Barracks, being told that their luggage would be sent after them; however, when it was distributed it was found that several bags and trunks were missing, and these have not since been found. The emigrants, stating that they have lost their small and only property, without any fault or negligence on their part, expressed the hope that they would get compensation for their loss.

Hoping you will excuse the liberty I take in thus drawing your attention to these statements,  
I have, &c.,

W. CHRISTOPHERSEN,

Consul-General for Sweden and Norway, on mission to Australasia.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

## No. 92.

MEMORANDUM No. 99, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

HEREWITH is forwarded copy of a letter just received from the Superintendent of Hawke's Bay, and I have to request that with regard to emigration to that Province you will be guided so far as possible by the wishes expressed therein by His Honor.

Immigration Office, Wellington, 10th May, 1873.

G. MAURICE O'RORKE.

## Enclosure in No. 92.

His Honor J. D. ORMOND to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Napier, 7th May, 1873.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 280, of the 2nd instant, informing me that instructions were being sent by telegraph to the Agent-General to despatch 750 immigrants by three direct ships to Napier, at intervals of one month, and I conclude that the first vessel was to leave as soon after the receipt of your instructions as the Agent-General could arrange. I have to thank you for your prompt attention to the representations I had the honor to make on this subject.

Referring to the vine-growers the Agent-General may send out as proposed in his letter of the 19th April, 1872, I would ask you to put a limit on the number, and I should think about ten to twelve families would be sufficient to send to one locality. Desirable as it is to promote new industries, it must be borne in mind that vine-growing is an industry which cannot be developed in a day or a year, and that a large number of that class of immigrants would not be easily provided for. Whilst pointing this out, I am very anxious to get a sufficient number of that class of immigrants to start vine growing at the Mahia Peninsula.

In the instructions that go to the Agent-General by mail, I trust the necessity of sending at least fifty single women by each ship will be urged on him; and should there be any difficulty in obtaining suitable immigrants of this class in the United Kingdom, I should have no objection to women suitable for domestic service being obtained from Norway, as the women immigrants that came to this Province from Christiania last September have proved a very desirable addition to the population.

I have, &amp;c.,

J. D. ORMOND,

Superintendent.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

## No. 93.

MEMORANDUM No. 104, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

I FORWARD herewith for your information copy of a report by the Immigration Officer at Dunedin, with reference to the Scandinavian immigrants introduced into the Province of Otago.

Immigration Office, Wellington, 20th May, 1872.

G. MAURICE O'RORKE.