

the Chief Constable, himself appointing an efficient person to see each day's allowance put into the coppers.

Signed by the single men and women of the "Woodlark."

Sub-Enclosure 2 in No. 8.

FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS:—

WE the undersigned Married persons, Assisted Immigrants on board the ship "Woodlark,"

June 1st, 1873.

Considering the great discomfort, and we may say privation, from leaving probably a fire-side and be placed on board ship in a cabin without even a stove in cold and wet weather, but more particularly that the married portion should be allowed to purchase daily a small quantity of spirits or beer, at their discretion, it may be presumed that the above have been accustomed to such necessities, and to be deprived of the same at one time is both trying and injurious to the constitution.

Wishing the Immigration scheme every success, we hope favorably to write to our friends and say such inconveniences have been removed.

Signed by the married people.

No. 9.

MEMORANDUM No. 157—1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

HEREWITH is forwarded a copy of a Report which has been received from the Immigration Officer at Napier, pointing out the great scarcity of labour which exists in that Province, and the dissatisfaction which is felt in consequence of no advice having been received of the departure of a vessel direct for that Port.

G. MAURICE O'RORKE.

Immigration Office, Wellington, New Zealand,
1st August, 1873.

Enclosure in No. 9.

IMMIGRATION OFFICER, Napier, to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION, Wellington.

SIR,— Immigration Office, Napier, 28th July, 1873.

In accordance with instructions contained in circular letter of the 9th June, I have now the honor to report as follows:—

Since my last Report on Immigration, up to March 30th, the number of Immigrants who have arrived in Hawkes Bay is nineteen, and are as detailed in Schedule herewith enclosed.

I would again impress, if not out of my province, the great scarcity of labour of every description in this Province. Public works and private enterprise are at a standstill for want of men. In support of this, I have been informed repeatedly by the Officer in charge of the railway line here, who is also Provincial Engineer, that he is unable to procure tenders for work under his charge, unless at an increase of about forty per cent. on the average rates of the last twelve months, and this he attributes solely to the want of labourers. What position we shall be in when the farming season and shearing time come, I leave you to judge.

I would further point out that no information of a vessel having left for this Province having been received causes a great deal of dissatisfaction, particularly as it had been promised officially that vessels should leave for here in May, June, and July, and several large employers had depended on this promise being carried out. I need not add how disagreeable and disheartening it has been to me to be obliged to reply, when questioned as to when I expect a direct vessel with Immigrants, that I did not know. The number of persons nominated since 31st March to June 30th is sixty-one.

I have, &c.,

G. T. FANNIN,

Immigration Officer, Hawkes Bay.

P.S.—Female servants are not obtainable.

Sub-Enclosure in No. 9.

Detailed account of Immigration to Hawkes Bay, commencing on April 1st 1873, to June 30th, 1873.

| Name of Ship. | Arrival. | No. of Assisted Immigrants. | No. of Nominated Immigrants. Souls. | No. of Nominated Immigrants. Adults. |
|---------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| "Wild Duck." | Wellington. | Nil. | 9 | 6½ |
| "Jubilee." | Ditto. | Nil. | 5 | 5 |
| "Halcione." | Ditto. | Nil. | 5 | 3½ |

G. T. FANNIN, Immigration Officer.