

## Enclosure in No. 3.

MEMO. for the UNDER-SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION.

I BEG to forward herewith a report by the Surgeon-Superintendent of the ship "Edwin Fox," also my usual report on the engagements, &c.,

I have, &amp;c.,

J. E. MARCH,

Immigration Office, Christchurch, 11th August, 1873.

Immigration Officer.

## Sub-Enclosure 1 in No. 3.

Ship "EDWIN FOX."—REPORT by the SURGEON-SUPERINTENDENT.

THE between deck fittings of this ship are deficient, particularly in regard to ventilation. The store-rooms between the different compartments ought not to have been placed there, but a system of ventilation by means of venetians, jalousies, or such like system would have greatly conduced to the health and comfort of the emigrants.

*Medicines. &c.*—Sweet camphor compound, insufficient; spirits ether, nit., not sufficient; syrup of squills, allowance rather small.

The sponges, too few and much too small. The corks on board the "Edwin Fox," of very inferior character. The gentian root although ordered to be cut up was not so. The supply of oiled silk quite inadequate to the demand. The carbonate of magnesia might have been increased with advantage. The air or water-cushion was perfectly useless as it leaked upon the first occasion of attempting to use it.

I suggest that a small slipper bath be added to the hospital utensils in which children may be bathed or sponged as may be required. The supply of coke or charcoal is much too small; four times the quantity being necessary, particularly for vessels arriving in New Zealand during the winter months. This was very much needed in this ship. The supply of sand inadequate. Fortunately Capt. Johnston shipped a quantity of saw-dust at Brest, which was of immense advantage, which I fancy would be of advantage in all emigrant vessels. The supply of lime entirely too small.

I have nothing to suggest with regard to the regulations. The victualling (after having years of experience) I am in a position to state was excellent. I would suggest that you would add to your lists of medicines, chlorate of potass, say one pound, cinchona coarsely powdered, say one pound.

I have, &amp;c.,

E. J. WALSHE,

9th August, 1873.

Surgeon-Superintendent of the ship "Edwin Fox."

## Sub-Enclosure 2 in No. 3.

IMMIGRATION OFFICERS' REPORT.—Canterbury portion of Immigrants, Ships "Edwin Fox" and "Cospatrick."

*Date of Arrival.*

"Edwin Fox," 28th June. "Cospatrick," 10th July.

*Number Landed.*

|                |              |     |     |     |     |                    |
|----------------|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------------|
| "Edwin Fox"—   |              |     |     |     |     |                    |
| 12             | Families     | ... | ... | ... | ... | =34 Statute Adults |
| 17             | Single Men   | ... | ... | ... | ... | =17 "              |
| 29½            | Single Women | ... | ... | ... | ... | =29½ "             |
| "Cospatrick"—  |              |     |     |     |     |                    |
| 3              | Families     | ... | ... | ... | ... | =10 Statute Adults |
| 5½             | Single Men   | ... | ... | ... | ... | = 5½ "             |
| 3              | Single Women | ... | ... | ... | ... | = 3 "              |
| <i>Totals.</i> |              |     |     |     |     |                    |
| 15             | Families     | ... | ... | ... | ... | =44 Statute Adults |
| 22½            | Single Men   | ... | ... | ... | ... | =22½ "             |
| 32½            | Single Women | ... | ... | ... | ... | =32½ "             |

*Number Engaged.*

The whole of the above, with the exception of five families and five single men, were disposed of the first day the Barracks were open for engagement. The remainder found suitable employment within a few days. Two families, two single men, and two single women, included in the above number, were booked for Dunedin, but preferred to remain in Canterbury; they obtained situations at good wages immediately.