

No. 8.

MEMORANDUM No. 9, 1872, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

HEREWITH I forward a report by the Immigration Officer at Christchurch on the immigrants by the ship "St. Leonards;" also a supplementary report by the same officer on the immigrants by the ship "Friedeberg."

Lands and Immigration Office,
Wellington, New Zealand, 28th October, 1872.

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Enclosure 1 in No. 8.

IMMIGRATION OFFICER'S REPORT on Immigrants per Ship "St. Leonards."

Date of Arrival.—23rd September, 1872.*Number Landed.*—14 families = 37 statute adults.

21 single men = 21 "

26 single women = 26 "

Total, 96 souls = 84 "

Number Engaged.—All the single women who were for engagement found suitable situations the first day the barracks were opened to the public.

Most of the single men were also engaged on the first day; the remainder, with the exception of one (a German clerk), have since found employment, and have left the barracks.

Of the fourteen families, four joined their friends on arrival, three found suitable employment on the first day that they were open for engagement, leaving seven in barracks; of these, four have since been engaged, and three still remain waiting employment.

Character of the Immigrants.—Very good.*What Wages were given.**Married Couples.*—£50 to £60.*Single Men.*—Farm labourers and ploughmen, £20 to £40; carpenters, 9s. per day.*Single Women.*—Cooks, £30 to £35; general servants, £15 to £25.

Present Demand of the Labour Market.—The demand for domestic servants is still very much in excess of the supply; more than double the number would have been immediately engaged at the wages quoted above. Amongst the single men and married couples, good farm hands, ploughmen, shepherds, &c., meet with ready employment. The carpenters by this ship were immediately engaged at 9s. per day; and a much larger number would have found employment: the building trade is still very brisk, and likely to continue.

General Remarks.—The character of the immigrants, as previously stated, is very good, and they are likely to do well in the Colony.

Immigration Office, Christchurch, 25th October, 1872.

J. EDWIN MARCIH,
Immigration Officer.

Enclosure 2 in No. 8.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT, Ship "Friedeberg."

SINCE the date of my last report, the whole of the immigrants by this ship have been engaged. The fourteen families who then remained in barracks have found suitable situations, chiefly at bush work on Banks Peninsula, for which many of the men seem more suited than for farm work.

I am pleased to report that the whole of the immigrants by this ship, with but few exceptions, are giving satisfaction to their employers.

The total number landed *ex* "Friedeberg" was 293 souls, comprising 53 married men, 53 married women, 33 single men, 61 single women, 46 male children between the ages of one year and twelve years, 36 female children, and 11 infants under one year,—in all, equal to 241 statute adults. Their nationalities are as under:—

Families.—Sweden, 1; Norway, 5; Denmark, 15; Germany, 17; German Poles, 9; Poland, 6. Total, 53.

Single Men.—Norway, 8; Denmark, 19; Germany, 6. Total, 33.

Single Women.—Norway, 31; Denmark, 12; Germany, 18. Total, 61.

The trades and occupations were as follows:—

Men.—Farm and general labourers, 58; shepherds, 1; dairymen, 1; grooms, 3; gardeners, 2; carpenters, 3; coopers, 1; blacksmiths, 3; stonemasons, 1; brickmakers, 1; shoemakers, 4; saddlers, 1; millers, 2; hairdressers, 1; tailors, 1; bakers, 1. Total, 84.

Single Women.—Cooks, 4; general servants, 39; nurses, 9; dairymaids, 3; laundrymaids, 1; housekeepers, 2; dressmakers, 2; needlewomen, 1. Total, 61.

The rates of wages offered by employers were slightly lower than those given to British immigrants, but gave general satisfaction to the immigrants.

Married men with families obtained from £35 to £45 per annum, with everything found. In nearly every instance a bonus of £10 to £15 was promised at the end of twelve months, if the man proved suitable.

A number of men with families, who were engaged for bush work, were to receive six shillings per day with cottage and firing; others were employed at clearing bush by piece work, and were to receive at the rate of 30s. per acre, with cottage and firing found.