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NEW ZEALAND.

IMMIGRATION TO NEW ZEALAND.

(LETTERS TO THE AGENT-GENERAL, TRANSMITTING REPORTS UPON IMMIGRANT SHIPS.)

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency

No. 1.

MEMORANDUM No. 191, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL.

HEREWITH are forwarded copies of reports by the Immigration Commissioners at the port of Dunedin on the ships "Allahabad" and "Peter Denny," which vessels arrived on the 1st and 3rd instant respectively.

You will be pleased to learn that the Commissioners are able to report so favourably on both those ships.

Immigration Office, Wellington, 16th September, 1873.

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE.

Enclosure 1 in No. 1.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Allahabad."

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Dunedin, 6th September, 1873.

We have the honor to report that the ship "Allahabad" arrived from London on the 1st instant, with equal to 227½ statute adults (Government immigrants, having made a passage of ninety-four days from Gravesend. There were five births and three deaths on the voyage, two of the number being adults, the diseases being pleuro-pneumonia and ascites. One child died of diarrhœa. The immigrants arrived in excellent health, and expressed themselves as well satisfied with their treatment. The ship came into port in fine order, being very clean in every compartment. We have to express our satisfaction at the admirable manner in which she was fitted for the conveyance of the immigrants. The bunks were erected fore and aft instead of horizontally, and a passage of about three feet was left clear from each side of the ship, thus allowing ample space for motion.

The ventilation, by port-holes and ventilators through the deck, was most complete and effective.

The galley and condenser were equal to their requirements. The hospital on deck was not used, the surgeon-superintendent having objected to it on account of its proximity to the ship's galleys.

The immigrants speak in flattering terms of the surgeon-superintendent, Dr. Gibson, the captain, and officers of the ship, all of whom appear to have performed their several duties very satisfactorily. We recommend that they be paid the gratuities assigned to them.

We have, &c.,

COLIN ALLAN,
DAVID O'DONNOGHUE, } Commissioners.
WILLIAM THOMSON, }

The Under Secretary, Immigration Office,
Wellington.

Enclosure 2 in No. 1.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Peter Denny."

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Dunedin, 6th September, 1873.

We have the honor to report that the ship "Peter Denny" arrived in port from Glasgow, having made a passage of eighty-one days from port to port. She brought 347 souls, equal to 281 statute adults, of whom equal to 251½ adults are assisted by the Government. There were three births and seven deaths on the voyage, the latter being young children. A list of the births and deaths is herewith forwarded.

No disease of an infectious or contagious nature appeared on the voyage. The immigrants unanimously expressed their satisfaction with their treatment on the voyage, and had no complaint to make, either as to the quality of the provisions or the conduct of the surgeon-superintendent or officers whose duty it was to carry out the provisions of the Passengers Act.

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