

The ship came into port in good order, being clean, well fitted, and well ventilated.

The galley and condenser (Chaplin's) were sufficient for the requirements of the passengers. There were three hospitals, all being on deck.

The Commissioners, after careful examination, were satisfied that the requirements of the Passengers Act were fully carried out and complied with.

We recommend that the surgeon-superintendent, Dr. Whitlock, and the captain, officers, matron, and constables be paid the gratuities assigned to them.

The Under Secretary for Immigration,
Wellington.

We have, &c.,

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

No. 2.

MEMORANDUM No. 192, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL.

HEREWITH is forwarded copy of the report of the Immigration Commissioners at Auckland, upon the ship "Berar," which vessel arrived on the 3rd instant. It affords me much pleasure to find such decided improvements in the fittings and ventilation of this ship and others which have recently arrived.

I would observe with regard to this vessel as well as the "Allahabad" (recently arrived in Otago), that the Commissioners attribute the thorough ventilation of the immigrants' deck to the fact that each vessel had port and side scuttles.

Immigration Office, Wellington, 17th September, 1873.

I have, &c.,

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE.

Enclosure in No 2.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Berar."

SIR,—

Auckland, 4th September, 1873.

We have the honor to report that the ship "Berar," Captain Heigho, arrived here on the 3rd instant, with 307 passengers, equal to 250½ statute adults, all of whom are Government immigrants.

We boarded the ship at the North Head. The Health Officer having ascertained that all were well, we proceeded with the inspection.

We consider it our duty to make more than an ordinary report in this instance. Everything in the ship was far superior to any of those hitherto arrived with immigrants.

The health and comfort of the passengers was studied in every particular. The between-decks compartments were roomy and most comfortable, more especially that of the married people. There were side scuttles, which, when opened, allowed a thorough ventilation; there was also a clear space between the ship's sides and the bunks, which is a great improvement, allowing a free current of air round the berths. The hatchways were a good size, and conveniently placed. The air chambers communicating with each compartment must have added both to the health and comfort of the passengers. The single women occupied a portion of the saloon, which was partitioned off for the purpose, and very comfortable. Extreme cleanliness was noticeable in every part of the ship; and great credit is due to the surgeon for the creditable manner he carried out the sanitary arrangements, as also to the captain and officers, who seem to have vied with each other for the general comfort of all on board.

The provisions were all of the best quality: there was an ample supply of fresh water, and a good condenser.

We recommend that some special notice should be taken of this ship, as also some recognition of the zeal displayed by the captain and surgeon.

In conclusion, we beg to recommend that the gratuities be paid to the officers.

We have, &c.,

I. J. BURGESS,
T. M. PHILSON, M.D., Health Officer, } Commissioners.

The Hon. Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 3.

MEMORANDUM No. 198, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL.

I HEREWITH transmit copy of a report by the Commissioners at the Port of Lyttelton upon the ship "Columbus," which vessel arrived on the 2nd instant. Your special attention is directed to the portions of this report which refer to dietary of the younger children, the want of desiccated milk and condensed egg, the bad quality of the cheese, and the unsatisfactory working of the condenser.

As no copy of the charter-party for this vessel has been received, I am unable to say under what terms she was expected to convey immigrants; but if she sailed under a similar charter-party to that entered into by you for other vessels, I trust that you will see your way to recover a penalty, as it appears to me that the charter-party has been violated in many important particulars.

You will also observe that the Commissioners state there was no matron appointed before embarkation of the passengers, and that no enclosed berth was provided for her use. In your letter of 3rd June last (No. 331), advising the sailing of this ship, you state that Mrs. Lawrence had been appointed matron, and that £5 would be payable to her if she performed her duties satisfactorily; and in your letter of 11th July (No. 504), you advise that an advance of £5 had been paid to her.

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE.

Immigration Office, Wellington, 24th September, 1873.