

about next October: this could be followed by another in December. An arrangement of this kind would meet our wants, and would be safe to carry out; but if a large number arrived in the winter, when there is not the same demand for labour, house room always being scarce, I am afraid that disappointment would ensue.

I shall be glad to hear from you if you think we can get a moderate supply this summer, and that you will send us direct shipments to arrive as I have before requested.

I have, &c.,

A. P. SEYMOUR,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 82.

The UNDER SECRETARY for Immigration to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Marlborough.

(Telegram)

Wellington, 14th January, 1874.

HON. MR. VOGEL authorizes renting of temporary buildings for immigrants when necessary.

His Honor the Superintendent, Blenheim.

C. E. HAUGHTON.

No. 83.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Marlborough, to the Hon. J. VOGEL.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Blenheim, 16th March, 1874.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 61, of the 9th March, 1874, enclosing a copy of a letter to the Agent-General,* instructing him to send a ship direct to Nelson once a month, with 150 immigrants to Nelson, and the balance for Marlborough.

I shall be obliged by your informing me what arrangement will be made to secure an equitable division of the various classes of immigrants so introduced, as it would be objectionable to have the more serviceable picked out in Nelson, and the refuse sent on here.

I note that you did not refer to the previous arrangement made, that a ship should come direct to the Province in October and another in December of this year, as requested in my letter No. 265, of the 9th of January, and to which, I believe, you had acceded, and instructed the Agent-General to carry out. I trust that the proposal to send the surplus immigrants from Nelson is intended as a supplement to this arrangement, and not as a substitute. We shall require a large number of immigrants in the spring, and I do not believe that we shall get either the quantity or the quality filtered through Nelson. I must, therefore, urge upon you the desirability of giving us the direct shipments we ask for.

I have, &c.,

A. P. SEYMOUR,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 84.

The Hon. J. VOGEL to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Marlborough.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 31st March, 1874.

Referring to your letter of 16th March, I have the honor to state that the division of immigrants who may go to Nelson on their way to Marlborough will not be a matter of any difficulty, because emigrants will be selected at home for Marlborough, and will simply be shipped for that Province.

2. It is to be borne in mind that whatever instructions may be sent home for emigrants to be forwarded to particular Provinces, it rests with those who desire to emigrate, to choose the Province they wish to proceed to, and having chosen it, it is not often that they alter their choice.

3. From the instructions sent home, the Agent-General will understand that he is to select a certain number of emigrants for Marlborough, and to send them by vessel proceeding to Nelson. As your Honor, however, desires two direct shipments, I have cabled home to that effect.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL.

His Honor the Superintendent, Marlborough.

No. 85.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Marlborough, to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Blenheim, 4th May, 1874.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 97, of 31st March, in which you state that you think there will be no difficulty about the immigrants shipped for Marlborough, *via* Nelson, reaching their destination. I do not, myself, feel so confident. It is therefore with great satisfaction I note that you have sent for two direct shipments to the Province.

I have, &c.,

A. P. SEYMOUR,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.