

Enclosure 7 in No. 9.

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

SIR,—

Wellington, 5th September, 1874.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 4th instant respecting immigration during the ensuing six months. As far as Westland is concerned, none but nominated immigrants have as yet been distributed, but I think that during the period referred to there should be no difficulty in our receiving 100 adults per month.

In advising the Agent-General of this, I would state that the immigrants should, as far as possible, consist of able-bodied men, either labourers, carpenters, blacksmiths, miners, or colliers. The principal demand would be for general labourers, and the females should be fit for domestic service. Should you, from any of the vessels now arriving, be able to send, say, 200 labourers and 100 female servants, they would at once find employment.

It will, however, be at once necessary to erect depôts both at Hokitika and Greymouth, and I would ask for authority to proceed with these.

I have, &c.,

JAMES A. BONAR,

Superintendent.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration.

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CORRESPONDENCE between His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Canterbury, and the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

(Telegram.)

Christchurch, 5th September, 1874.

RE next year's immigration, I see no reason at present to differ from Mr. March's recommendation, contained in his report forwarded in July last. I think that circumstances may require modification in numbers, which could be effected by telegraph; but it is extremely important to have the larger numbers to arrive in spring and summer months, as recommended. As far as possible, winter consignments should be nominated immigrants and single women, and in no case to exceed the stated amounts.

Hon. Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

W. ROLLESTON.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 5th September, 1875.

MR. MARCH's recommendation is to the effect that shipments of emigrants should be made so as to arrive within specified periods. The uncertain length of passages of ships renders such instructions unfair to the Agent-General. He has now instructions to send 500 in August, and 500 in September, selected by Mr. Duncan. Will you state distinctly what number, including nominated emigrants, you desire to have despatched in October, November, December, January, and February, distinguishing each month?

His Honor the Superintendent, Christchurch.

JULIUS VOGEL.

(Telegram.)

Christchurch, 7th September, 1874.

As it is now too late for 1,000 to arrive in December, the numbers, counting the voyage at about ninety days, would be—to leave in October 1,000, in November 1,000, December 500, January 500, February 250. But you will understand that the class of emigrants is all-important, and that any emigrant not suited to the wants of the province should be rejected. I hope you will appoint some person of sufficient ability and standing—one in whom the province can have entire confidence—to select the emigrants for Canterbury. Do you accept the gentleman I nominated?

The Hon. J. Vogel, Wellington.

W. ROLLESTON.

Enclosure 9 in No. 9.

CORRESPONDENCE between His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Otago, and the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

(Telegram.)

Dunedin, 5th September, 1874.

I CANNOT lay my hands on Parliamentary papers referred to in your telegram. I may say, however, that if arrival of immigrants is limited to the six months beginning October and ending March, we can scarcely have too many, provided quality is at all passable and they are able and willing to work. We should have had little difficulty with the large numbers being landed here lately had the season been summer instead of mid-winter. As it is, it is marvellous the extent to which they are being absorbed. There are now 1,021 souls afloat at Port Chalmers.

The Hon. J. Vogel, Wellington.

J. MACANDREW.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 5th September, 1874.

THE Parliamentary papers are sent to Superintendent's Office and to Provincial Council Library, so that you might have them looked up. It is most desirable the answer you give to my telegram should be in the shape of a specific recommendation, so as to enable a uniform telegram to be sent Home. It is quite open to you, if you like, to stipulate that emigrants for Otago shall all be approved by Mr.