

Adam. You evidently misunderstand the dates in my telegram, for you speak of "arrival" as being "limited to six months" between October and March. A moment's consideration will show you that no instructions we can send Home will have any effect upon arrivals in October, or for several months thereafter. The question is, what number you wish to leave Home during those six months. Their arrival will depend upon the length of passages.

His Honor the Superintendent, Dunedin.

JULIUS VOGEL.

(Telegram.)

Dunedin, 7th September, 1874.

PROVINCIAL Government recommends that 6,000 emigrants be despatched for Otago prior to 1st January, in weekly instalments, after which date none should be sent for six months who are not either nominated or selected by provincial agents. If at all practicable, we should like the whole 6,000 to be approved by Mr. Adam.

The Hon. J. Vogel, Wellington.

J. MACANDREW.

No. 10.

The Hon. E. RICHARDSON to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 285.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 25th September, 1874.

Referring to my letter No. 275, of the 25th September, I have now the honor to transmit copy of a letter from His Honor the Superintendent of Hawke's Bay, relative to immigration to that province, and of a telegram* despatched to you upon the 21st instant thereon.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD RICHARDSON,

(in absence of Minister for Immigration).

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Enclosure in No. 10.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Hawke's Bay, to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Napier, 18th September, 1874.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 220, of the 10th instant, and beg to thank you for so promptly instructing the Agent-General to despatch a ship for Napier, with about 300 immigrants, in each of the months of November and December, in addition to previous orders. So far as I can judge, these immigrants will be much required and readily absorbed.

With reference to previous orders, I regret to notice, in the telegraphic information of ships despatched for the colony in August, that no vessel has been sent to Napier during that month. We shall thus lose the arrival of one of the shipments ordered at the time of year they are most urgently needed. I would ask you to again press the Agent-General, by telegraph, to comply with the instructions sent in respect to immigrants for this province; for unless we receive the full number ordered, and about the time ordered, it will entail great loss upon the district.

I observe from your letter that the Agent-General has been further instructed not to include Scandinavian immigrants in the number ordered in the last telegram; and that you inquire whether I wish any of the 6,000 or 7,000 emigrants of this description sent to this province, in addition to those specially ordered from England. In reply I beg to state that I think one shipload could be absorbed with advantage, and I would propose that the General Government take, under the Public Works and Immigration Act, sufficient land in the neighbourhood of the Norsewood settlements in the Seventy-Mile Bush upon which to locate them. There is and will be a considerable amount of work for some time to come in that district in connection with railway extension, which will provide employment for people settled there. Judging also from the success of the existing settlements in the Seventy-Mile Bush, the Scandinavians are very suitable for location upon bush land. In the event of your approving this proposal, I will be glad to indicate the block of land that can be most easily made available, and would under your sanction get the survey of sections proceeded with as early as possible for the reception of a shipment of people which should arrive not later than December. In addition to the settlement of such a shipment, there are at the present time a considerable number of Scandinavians and others in this province who are anxious to occupy land in the Seventy-Mile Bush, and who could partly pay for the land, but are not in a position to purchase from the Provincial Government under the land regulations in force. Also the land regulations oblige three months' notice that the land is to be opened for sale, and this alone is a bar to the settlement of these people with success during the present summer. I should like therefore to be informed whether the General Government would take, under the Public Works and Immigration Act, sufficient land in the Seventy-Mile Bush to meet the actual wants for settlement as they now exist, allowing the parties taking up land to select on payment of a part in cash, the remainder of the cost of the land to be spread over a term of years. I feel satisfied some useful settlement may be promoted in the manner I have indicated, and shall be obliged if you will inform me, as early as possible, whether you can see your way to take the action I propose. The expenses connected with such settlement will be the cost of survey and opening up the land by roads, which could be recouped out of the proceeds of the land. I shall be glad to do all I can to give

* Vide No. 8.