

holding from ten to twenty-five acres of land, and who are experienced in all the details of peasant husbandry. They and their sons do all their work without the aid of hired labour, and are well versed in the rearing of cattle and rotation of cropping. Their narrow circumstances under a rigid proprietary forces them to be economical. It has been found out to a shilling what they can bear, and their saving habits would therefore fit them well for the first efforts in a new sphere of action. Not so the English labourers, who have been imported here in such numbers, and whose only study has been to expend their week's wages as it is earned. The class of people I recommend are generally of numerous families, and are often at a loss to know how to dispose of some of their sons. Mr. Samuel Cochrane, who sent out some very suitable emigrants from the neighbourhood of Belfast, as house servants and labourers, should have tried the rural districts, for there may be found a class equal to any in the British Dominions for making prosperous colonists. I hope these remarks will claim your attention, as from the urgency that exists to have our idle lands as soon as possible turned to profitable account, all available means to obtain the right sort of settlers should be resorted to.

Hon. D. Pollen.

I am, &c.,  
ALEX. BRADLEY.

No. 27.

The Hon. H. A. ATKINSON to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 339.)

SIR,— Immigration Office, Wellington, 18th November, 1874.  
I have the honor to inform you that Mr. C. Holloway, having completed his tour of the colony, will leave for England in the ship "Halcione" early next week. So far as I have been able to gather from Mr. Holloway's reports, which have appeared in the public papers, and are very ably written, I am led to believe that he is well pleased with the colony, and with the reception he has met with from all classes of the community. I trust that his reports to his constituencies will induce considerable emigration of a suitable class to New Zealand. I have directed him to report himself to you upon his arrival in London.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,  
H. A. ATKINSON.

No. 28.

The Hon. H. A. ATKINSON to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 341.)

SIR,— Immigration Office, Wellington, 19th November, 1874.  
Referring to your letters noted in the annexed schedule, transmitting copies of applications for land under "The Immigrants Land Act, 1873," I have the honor to inform you that, after most careful consideration, the Government is unable to recognise any claims except such as are made in accordance with the provisions of the Act referred to, the clauses of which render it necessary that the applicant should apply within sixty days of his landing in the colony, and shall produce a certificate, under your hand, that he is a suitable immigrant. I regret therefore that none of the applications forwarded through you can be entertained.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,  
H. A. ATKINSON.

No. 29.

The Hon. H. A. ATKINSON to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(Telegram.) Wellington, 21st November, 1874.  
"INDIA," "Edinburgh," "Hydaspes," "Mail," "Bebington," "Waitangi." Physical character of Feilding immigrants very bad—use greater care selection.  
Featherston, London.

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No. 30.

The Hon. H. A. ATKINSON to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(Telegram.) Wellington, 27th November, 1874.  
"CHILE." Large mortality children "Douglas," "Cartvale." Issue to all children under twelve, in addition to ordinary rations, one pint milk and eight ounces bread daily.  
Featherston, London.

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No. 31.

The Hon. H. A. ATKINSON to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 356.)

SIR,— Immigration Office, Wellington, 17th December, 1874.  
Referring to your letter No. 1607, of 23rd September last, I herewith forward for your information copy of a letter from His Honor the Superintendent of Otago with reference to Mrs. Howard's engagement as an Emigration Agent.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,  
H. A. ATKINSON.