

The clauses of the Act which it is necessary emigrants should understand, together with a clear statement of the course which those persons who are approved by the Agent-General will have to pursue, are attached hereto.

The discretion is left with the Agent-General of deciding who are suitable immigrants. In deciding, he has to consider all the circumstances: such as the number, ages, and previous occupations of members of the family; the capital at their disposal; and their intended pursuits on arrival. In cases of rejection, he will not undertake to explain the reasons for such rejection.

In no case will he issue his certificate to persons who are returning to the colony, or who are proceeding to the colony to fill appointments they have already received. Nor will he grant certificates to those who, in his opinion, would proceed to the colony whether or not they received such certificates.

Persons desirous of knowing whether they will be accepted as suitable immigrants must fill in the enclosed form, and send it to the Agent-General.

[Sub-Enclosure.]

SIR,—

“IMMIGRANTS LAND ACT, 1873.”

I have the honor to apply to you to know whether, if I pay the passage (or passages) of myself (and family) to New Zealand, you will grant me (or us) a certificate (or certificates) that I am (or we are) a suitable immigrant (or suitable immigrants) under “The Immigrants Land Act, 1873.”

I forward you the following particulars, for the correctness of which I vouch, and upon the faith of which I ask for a certificate (or certificates for myself and members of my family):—

Name of each Member.	Age.	Previous Occupation.	Proposed Occupation in Colony.

I have to add that I shall take with me (or, that we shall take with us) to the colony, a capital of not less than £

I have, &c.,

The Agent-General for New Zealand.

[Enclosure No. 3.]

SKELETON OF SUGGESTED FORM OF NOTICE TO INTENDING EMIGRANTS.

Emigration to New Zealand.

AFTER giving entirely free passages to nearly 43,000 emigrants to New Zealand, the Government of the colony have come to the conclusion that a part payment should in future be required.

The attractions the colony offers, and the opportunities immigrants will have of improving their positions, are so undoubted, that those who desire to settle in the colony should not hesitate to contribute towards the cost of their passages. But, not to prevent persons of small means from proceeding to the colony, it has been determined not to require a money payment, but to accept a promissory note for £7 for each statute adult, and half that amount for each child. Persons preferring to pay cash may pay £3 10s. Persons intending to proceed to the colony cannot consider the proposed charge unreasonable. They must remember that most of the residents in New Zealand have paid their own passages to the colony.

The rations supplied on board ship are much more liberal than the scale adopted by the Emigration Commissioners. The extra cost of the rations and medical comforts for adults and children, supplied to New Zealand emigrants, over that of the scale of the Emigration Commissioners, averages £ per head for adults, and £ per head for children. This cost the Government submit to in order to secure to the emigrants greater comfort on board ship. The fittings of the vessels have to be approved of by experienced officers.

On arriving in New Zealand, the immigrants proceed at once to depôts; from which they are either engaged, or they are sent, at the expense of the Government, to depôts up-country, where they may receive engagements. If the immigrants show reasonable willingness to accept employment, they are allowed a fair time in depôt to make engagements. Immigrants, therefore, have no reason to fear money difficulties on arriving in the colony.

[Describe the course persons must adopt who desire to proceed to New Zealand, the conditions, &c. Describe how any twenty persons requiring information may apply to the Agent-General to send an officer to give it.

State all about certificates—

Mode of joining ship—

Embarkation, &c.—

Reception of immigrants in colony—

Outline of depôt arrangements, &c.]