

meantime placed in quarantine. On the 22nd April, it was resolved that the ship be thoroughly fumigated in every compartment, the clothes of the persons infected on the passage be destroyed, and, should no new case break out in the meantime, pratique should be granted to the ship on the 24th April. On the 24th April, evidence having been adduced that the instructions of the Health Officer had been carried out, the ship was accordingly admitted to pratique this day. The immigrants who arrived by this ship numbered 208 souls, equal to 177 statute adults. There were landed at the Bluff 86 souls, equal to 77 statute adults, the remaining portion having proceeded in the ship to Port Chalmers. One birth and six deaths occurred on the passage, three of the latter being from scarlatina.

Having inspected the ship, we found her well fitted and admirably ventilated by side scuttles, and the compartments very clean. The immigrants were well satisfied with the treatment they received on the voyage. The provisions were good, and the condenser provided abundance of good water for all purposes. We are satisfied that the provisions of the Passengers Act were fully complied with, and that Captain Rankin, Dr. de Latour, and the officers of the ship performed their respective duties most satisfactorily.

We have, &c.,
WALTER H. PEARSON.
WM. P. GRIGOR.
THOS. THOMSON.

His Honor the Superintendent, Otago.

Enclosure 2 in No. 3.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Timaru," (Port Chalmers.)

SIR,—

Port Chalmers, 8th May, 1875.

We have the honor to report that the ship "Timaru" arrived in port from Glasgow on the 6th instant, having called at the Bluff to land salmon ova and a portion of her immigrants. As the ship was inspected by the Immigration Commissioners at the Bluff—who will furnish a report—it will not be necessary for us to enter into details. On our arrival at the ship we ascertained that no case of fever or any other sickness occurred on the passage from the Bluff, where, after undergoing quarantine for four days on account of scarlatina having broken out on the voyage, she was admitted to pratique on the 24th April, and that all the immigrants then on board were in good health. The ship was cleared, and the immigrants removed to Caversham. Of her immigrants, there were landed at the Bluff 86 souls, equal to 77 adults; and in Dunedin 121 souls, equal to 100 adults. The immigrants, from their appearance, appear to be very suitable for the present requirements of the province.

We have, &c.,
COLIN ALLAN.
WM. THOMSON.
JOHN DRYSDALE, M.D.

His Honor the Superintendent, Otago.

No. 4.

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

(No. 168.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 17th July, 1875.

I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of the following documents relative to the ship "Hannibal," which arrived at Nelson upon the 10th July instant:—1. Report of Immigration Commissioners of the result of an inquiry held by them into reported breach of the regulations by certain officers of the ship. 2. The Commissioners' usual report upon the inspection of the ship. 3. Certified list of births and deaths.

I have to direct your attention to the remarks of the Commissioners with reference to the incapacity of the person appointed as baker, the quality of the flour, and the manner in which the biscuit was packed. You will observe that complaints of this character have been made with regard to several ships lately by Immigration Commissioners. I am sure you will agree with me that, in a matter so seriously affecting the health and comfort of the emigrants as the preparation of the bread, every care should be taken that flour of good quality is placed on board, and that the person appointed to act as baker understands the business. In referring this matter to Mr. Smith, your Despatching Officer, it will be right to inform him that I personally had the opportunity of testing the quality of the condensed flour of the "Hannibal," and have no doubt as to its being of inferior quality and exceedingly unpleasant taste, and that the biscuit, from being packed in bags, was simply uneatable, having, as must necessarily be the case under such circumstances, absorbed every noxious vapour of the 'tween-decks and hold. I trust that proper arrangements may in future be made to prevent the recurrence of such well-grounded causes of complaint.

I have to express my sense of the zeal and ability displayed by Dr. Russell, and I desire that he should receive charge of another ship as soon as possible, should he make application for re-employment.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

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

Enclosure in No. 4.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Hannibal."

THE "Hannibal" arrived in Nelson on the 10th instant with 205 immigrants, equal to 183½ statute adults, after a passage of 88 days. Although scarlatina was carried on board from the depôt at