

by the surgeon-superintendent and captain, it would have been better if there had been alley-ways in order that the sides of the vessel might be got at to be cleaned. The single men had the use of the main and fore hatches. Owing to the vessel being divided into three compartments by iron bulkheads it was necessary to make fore-and-aft divisions as well as those athwart ships, thus making five compartments instead of three. The galley and condenser were efficient and good, as also was the male hospital, which was on deck. The immigrants were inspected on *Somes Island* on the 31st: they appeared to be a healthy and robust body of people excepting some of the Italians, who were undersized, and did not appear fitted for very laborious work. The Bohemians also appeared to be a poor ill-clad class, but fortunately there were not many of them. In conclusion we recommend the payment of all the gratuities, and we have great pleasure in testifying to the very creditable manner in which the immigrants were brought out by Captain Jorgensen and Surgeon-Superintendent Uterhart,—this being the third voyage of the latter gentleman to this colony in medical charge of Government immigrants.

We have, &c.,

ALEXANDER JOHNSTON, M.D.
H. J. H. ELIOTT.
JOHN HOLLIDAY.

His Honor the Superintendent, Wellington.

No. 46.

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

(No. 49.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 6th March, 1876.

I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of the following documents relative to the "*Hudson*," which vessel arrived at Napier upon the 11th February ultimo:—1. Immigration Commissioners' report. 2. Immigration Officer's report. 3. Surgeon-superintendent's report.

I regret that the certified list of births and deaths has not been received from the Immigration Officer. It will be written for and forwarded to you by the first opportunity.

You will observe that the surgeon-superintendent in his report remarks upon the inefficiency of the matron, and the bad conduct of the chief officer. According to the recommendation of the Commissioners, the gratuity of the latter has not been paid.

With regard to the minute of his Honor the Superintendent upon the Commissioners' report, I will address you in a separate letter.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,

H. A. ATKINSON.

Enclosure in No. 46.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "*Hudson*."

SIR,—

Napier, 24th February, 1876.

In accordance with instructions, we surveyed the ship "*Hudson*" on her arrival in the *Ahuriri Roadstead*. The greatest praise is due to Captain Colville and Dr. Pollen for the clean and healthy manner in which the immigrants were landed. Repeated cheers were given for both; particularly for Dr. Pollen by the married people. To them and the children Dr. Pollen seems to have paid great, and, from what we should judge from the kind expression of the parents, an incessant attention to the children. The chief officer of the "*Hudson*" having disobeyed orders in communicating with one of the single girls, his gratuity has not been recommended. The immigrants expressed themselves perfectly satisfied with the provisions provided for them, and the accommodation made in the respective departments of the ship. Four deaths occurred during the passage, and three births. The Commissioners beg to annex copies of testimonials to Dr. Pollen and Captain Colville given by the immigrants.

We have, &c.,

GEO. THOS. FANNIN,
(*pro* Commissioners).

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 47.

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

(No. 50.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 6th March, 1876.

I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of the following documents relative to the "*Corona*," which vessel arrived at Port Chalmers upon the 6th February ultimo:—1. Immigration Commissioners' report. 2. Certified list of births and deaths.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,

H. A. ATKINSON.

Enclosure in No. 47.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "*Corona*."

SIR,—

Port Chalmers, 14th February, 1876.

The ship "*Corona*," with Government immigrants from London, arrived in port on 6th February, having made a passage of ninety-six days. The report handed to us by the captain revealed that