

Enclosure 1 in No. 4.

RETURN of IMMIGRANTS arrived in Wellington from 1st July, 1876, to 30th June, 1877.

Name of Ships.	Total Arrived.		Colonial Nominated.		Emigrant and Colonist's Aid Corporation.		Shipped for other Ports.		Forwarded to other Ports.		Paid own Passages to other Ports.		Remaining in Wellington.	
	Souls.	Adults.	Souls.	Adults.	Souls.	Adults.	Souls.	Adults.	Souls.	Adults.	Souls.	Adults.	Souls.	Adults.
Fritz Reuter ...	511	422	...	...	*88	*69	...	...	202	158	...	...	309	264
Waimea ...	287	243½	76	63	71	57½	...	...	4	2½	4	4	279	237
Howrah ...	88	77	33	28	10	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	88	77
Leicester ...	341	286½	9	8	22	17½	274	227½	...	...	...	...	67	59
Hurunui ...	173	148	42	32½	32	25½	2	2	2	1½	...	...	169	144½
Rakaia ...	13	9½	...	...	13	9½	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	9½
Northampton ...	233	194½	31	26	63	46½	1	1	15	13	7	4	210	176½
Andrew Reid ...	5	4½	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	4½
Wennington ...	29	21½	...	...	29	21½	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	21½
From other Ports ...	138	112	26	21	12	8½	...	...	...	...	...	...	138	112
Totals ...	1,818	1,519	217	178½	340	263½	277	230½	223	175	11	8	1,307	1,105½

* Taken by arrangement with the Government.

JAMES B. REDWARD,
Acting Immigration Officer.

Enclosure 2 in No. 4.

Mr. H. M. BREWER to the ACTING IMMIGRATION OFFICER.

SIR,—

Sub-Immigration Office, Wanganui, 2nd June, 1877.

The number of immigrants received during the last year has been small in comparison to the number received the year previous, but they have been of a superior class. As far as those already located are concerned, I find that a great many of them are comfortably settled down, are doing well, and seem to have no regret at having come out. The cessation of railway works here had for a short time rather a depressing effect, but that seems to have worn off now, and although it is winter time, and therefore not so favourable for labour, yet I cannot see any more (if so many) men standing about waiting for work as some few years ago before the commencement of the Immigration Policy, notwithstanding the large number added to the population. The great test of the success of that policy in this district is the number of nominations received and sent home. Last month I had between forty and fifty, and this month I expect about thirty; the people sent for being of a superior class, and their friends here in a position to receive them, and in some cases to give them employment. The German immigrants, as a rule, have given great satisfaction, being sober, frugal, and industrious. Single girls are badly wanted. The depôts are in fair order.

J. B. Redward, Esq.,
Acting Immigration Officer, Wellington.I have, &c.,
H. M. BREWER,
Sub-Immigration Officer.

No. 5.

The IMMIGRATION OFFICER, Nelson, to the UNDER SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Nelson, 2nd July, 1877.

I have the honor to report that during the past twelve months only three vessels have arrived at this port from England with immigrants—namely, the “Camperdown,” with 409; the “Howrah,” with 298; and the “Northampton,” with 336; and 72 immigrants ex “Leicester” arrived coastwise from Wellington; making a total of 1,115 souls, equal to 958 adults. Of this number, 942 were forwarded to other parts of the colony—namely, Marlborough, 156; Westland, 274; Taranaki, 25; Auckland, 33; Wellington, 345; Canterbury, 75; Timaru, 5; Otago, 29; total, 942 souls.

The immigration to Nelson, therefore, during the past year amounted to 173 souls only, equal to 145 adults, comprising 24 married couples, 40 single men, 36 single women, 49 children.

The immigrants by the above-mentioned ships appeared to have been well and carefully selected to meet the requirements of the colony as regards occupations and age, and they were reported to have been orderly and well-behaved during the voyage. The accommodation provided for the immigrants in these three ships was exceedingly good, being roomy, well ventilated, and well arranged. The provisions were ample and of good quality. Taking into consideration the present very limited demand for labour in this district, unless there is some probability of large public works being proceeded with, I cannot recommend a continuance of free immigration excepting under the nominated system, and also excepting single women. There is still a steady demand for female domestic servants, and, say, twenty-five every three months would readily find employment at good wages—namely, 8s. to 10s. per week, and at the gold-fields townships at a much higher rate. The average rates of wages paid during the year to artisans and labourers may be stated as under:—Bricklayers, masons, and plasterers, 10s. to 12s. per diem; carpenters, painters, and blacksmiths, 9s. to 10s. per diem; tailors and shoemakers, 8s. to 9s. per diem; farm labourers, 6s. per diem, or 18s. to 20s. per week with board; general labourers, 6s. to 8s. per diem. Only seventy nominations were received during the year.