

Enclosure in No. 5.

(Telegram received 22nd May, 1879.)

PREMIER and Native Minister met King Natives recently. King's advisers hesitated accept proposals made Government last year. Rewi, great Ngatimaniapoto chief, supported adoption, and declared adhesion Government. King and advisers still hesitating, proposals were withdrawn. Since then Rewi, with general considered consent, takes leading position. Rewi and tribe determined utilize their lands by lease and sale. Propose roads, railways, telegraphs shall be constructed, and arrangements made so that law enforced throughout colony. Important details respecting boundaries require consideration, but whole result meetings very favourable. News from Waimate district satisfactory.

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No. 6.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, 1st July, 1879.

I have the honor to report as follows as to the proceedings of my department during the month of June:—

A much larger percentage of the nominated people are coming forward, so that in all probability I shall have to engage vessels for the conveyance of emigrants at reasonable intervals during the months of September and October.

The inclination amongst all classes in the United Kingdom to emigrate to New Zealand is still very great, as shown by the large number of inquiries made, both personally and by letter, at this office.

There have been a large number of applications for the new pamphlet on "Land and Farming in New Zealand" which I have brought out.

No less than 6,000 penny postage stamps have been received at this office within the last two months for this and other books and papers which I distribute, and, in addition, a large number have also been sent out by Messrs. Street, Stanford, and W. H. Smith and Co. (railway stalls).

Mr. Berry, Mr. Reed, and other gentlemen employed in the promotion of emigration, have also had supplies of these pamphlets and other books, and they have also through these means been widely distributed, and in many cases I circulate them gratuitously. As I surmised in my last report, the number of full-paying passengers proceeding to the colony is very large, amounting, so I am informed, to about one thousand souls during the past month of June only; and the applications for such passages are not, I understand, in any way falling off.

It is perhaps too early to definitely report as to the success of the arrangement made by me with the New Zealand Shipping Company for special ships for farmers, but, as far as I can judge from the number of inquiries made at this office respecting them, a good number of eligible colonists are preparing to avail themselves of the advantages offered.

I have arranged, as you desired, with both Mr. Julius Jeffreys and Mr. Clayden for their services in connection with the promotion of emigration to New Zealand. Mr. Jeffreys has proceeded to the West of England for that purpose, and Mr. Clayden will commence shortly to lecture, &c., in Berkshire and the adjoining counties.

I have also been in communication with Mr. Clements and Mr. Sutherland, and have furnished them with supplies of pamphlets, &c.

Mr. Berry reports that he has received a very large number of communications as the result of his lectures and the articles which were published in the *Christian World*—in fact, so numerous have they been that he has been obliged to suspend lecturing, &c., to enable him to reply to the letters which he has received.

On his introduction I have indicated my willingness to arrange with Mr. Grant, a gentleman who is farming largely in Lincolnshire, and who represents a number of other farmers who are thinking of proceeding to New Zealand, to furnish him with a free passage to the colony to enable him to examine for himself and report to his friends as to the opening which New Zealand would afford them. On receiving a memorial, signed by a number of farmers, which Mr. Grant has promised to send me, I shall address the Government again on the subject.

Mr. Holloway has been proceeding with the selection of the coal-miners for Westport, and for that purpose has visited Gloucestershire, Yorkshire, Durham, and Lancashire.

About fifty men and their families have been finally approved, and will proceed to the colony by the ship to Nelson, sailing from Plymouth on the 22nd August. Great care has been exercised in their selection, and I trust they will prove to be the class of men required.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL,
Agent-General.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.