

He is, I understand, publishing his lecture in the shape of a pamphlet, for the purpose of distributing it amongst those whom he considers would make suitable colonists.

I have furnished him with a supply of Official Handbooks and such other pamphlets as I have for distribution, and he will receive every assistance which it is in the power of my department to render him.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL,
Agent-General.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 13.

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

SIR,—

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

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

The nominated people, influenced evidently by the present state of things throughout the United Kingdom, are coming forward in numbers greatly exceeding those in previous years, and, as the number of nominations transmitted from the colony is comparatively very large, I shall have to despatch vessels with nominated emigrants for probably Otago, Canterbury, and Wellington towards the end of September or beginning of October.

The number of applications from suitable persons for assisted (paying half cost of passage) passages by the Government emigrant ships has so increased during the past month that I have concluded to discontinue entertaining any more, at all events for the present.

In taking this step I had under my notice the fact that the number of full-paying passengers by every ship sailing to New Zealand is still very large, and likely to continue so.

Mr. Berry and Mr. Clayden have been engaged in lecturing—the former in the North of England, and the latter in Berkshire.

The demand for the “Official Handbook,” the “Land and Farming” pamphlet, and other books which are issued by this department, has continued to be very large during the past month.

It is evident that the publication of the land laws, &c., has supplied a want which has been much felt by persons contemplating emigration to New Zealand.

So far as can be judged at present, the first special ship for farmers, sailing early in September, will take a full complement of passengers, the larger portion paying the full amount of their passage-money; a few apparently suitable families having been assisted by me.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL,
Agent-General.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 14.

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

SIR,—

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

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

In accordance with the directions received by telegrams from the Hon. the Premier, I have to-day commenced to issue forms of application for passages to nominated persons on the conditions mentioned therein—namely, that every male adult is to pay the sum of £5 towards the cost of his passage to the colony.

I shall not entertain applications from any but nominated people until I receive your instructions, which I understand you have sent by mail which is due here on the 30th instant.

Mr. Clayden and Mr. Berry have continued to deliver lectures, &c., during the past month, Mr. Clayden having been in Berkshire, Lincolnshire, &c., and Mr. Berry in Scotland.

I have placed Mr. Holloway on reduced pay, on similar conditions to those which I arranged with him on two or three previous occasions when free and assisted emigration has been partially suspended.

There have been a very large number of applications for information respecting the colony during the past month; and the demand for the “Official Handbook” and for the “Land and Farming” pamphlet has been so large that the number of these books which I have on hand will probably be exhausted by the end of the year if the demand continues to the same extent as for the last six months.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL,
Agent-General.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.