

1916.
NEW ZEALAND.

DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION

ANNUAL REPORT OF.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

SIR,—

Department of Immigration, Wellington, 3rd April, 1916.

Herewith I have the honour to submit the annual report upon the immigration which has taken place into New Zealand from the United Kingdom during the year 1915-16.

I have, &c.,

J. EMAN SMITH, Under-Secretary.

The Hon. the Minister of Immigration.

REPORT.

The total number of arrivals in New Zealand from the United Kingdom during the year ended the 31st March, 1916, was 3,699. Out of the total number of persons arriving—namely, 3,699—1,103 were assisted to New Zealand by the Government. The number of assisted immigrants is made up of persons nominated from New Zealand and of persons applying themselves for assisted passages in London. The declared capital brought out to the Dominion by the latter amounted to £2,564. When immigrants are nominated from New Zealand no declared capital is required.

During the year nineteen steamers brought out assisted immigrants as follows:—

Arrived in New Zealand.		Steamers.		Number assisted.
1915.				
April	Ionic	63
"	Turakina	22
June	Paparua	45
"	Remuera	76
July	Corinthie	139
"	Ruahine	14
"	Taimui	50
August	Rotorua	63
September	Rimutaka	33
"	Arawa	106
October	Turakina	36
November	Ruapehu	93
December	Remuera	73
"	Corinthie	115
1916.				
January	Ruahine	19
"	Taimui	22
February	Rotorua	71
March	Rimutaka	28
"	Arawa	32
Total				1,103

This total of 1,103 persons is made up of 104 men, 576 women, and 423 children. These people were booked to the following provinces: Auckland, 321; Canterbury, 112; Hawke's Bay, 120; Marlborough, 24; Nelson, 24; Otago, 96; Southland, 27; Taranaki, 40; Wellington, 324; Westland, 15; total, 1,103.

The following summary shows the number in each class that came to the Dominion during the year as assisted immigrants:—

Class.	Applied in London.	Nominated from New Zealand.	Total.
Domestics	192	50	242
Farmers and farm labourers	8	12	20
Wives of farmers and farm labourers	8	..	29
Children of farmers and farm labourers	21	..	
Separated relatives—			
(a.) Men .. .. .	..	85	812
(b.) Women .. .. .	..	325	
(c.) Children .. .. .	..	402	
Totals	229	874	1,103

The distribution of the domestics and of the farm labourers throughout the Dominion, according to bookings, is as follows:—

Province.	Domestics.	Farm Labourers.
Auckland	70	6
Canterbury	38	3
Hawke's Bay	30	3
Marlborough .. .. .	..	..
Nelson	4	..
Otago	17	1
Southland	2	..
Taranaki	4	3
Wellington	75	4
Westland	2	..
Totals	242	20

TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER OF ASSISTED IMMIGRANTS INTRODUCED INTO THE DOMINION DURING THE PAST TWELVE YEARS.

Year.	Applied in London.	Nominated from New Zealand.	Total.
1905 .. .. .	..	..	1,751
1906 .. .. .	..	..	2,469
1907 .. .. .	..	..	3,712
1908 .. .. .	..	..	3,104
1909	2,822	2,131	4,953
1910	1,118	1,554	2,672
1911	1,327	1,297	2,624
1912	1,728	1,572	3,300
1913	1,797	2,131	3,928
1914	2,309	2,755	5,064
1915	867	2,119	2,986
1916	229	874	1,103

The Government is not at present, and has not been since the outbreak of the war, accepting the nomination either in New Zealand or in England of men eligible for military service, as it was deemed inadvisable to continue any course of action that might interfere in any degree with the requirements of the military authorities in England.

The inquiries regarding the number of women in the United Kingdom under forty-five years of age who have lost their breadwinners through the war, and who may be willing to emigrate to New Zealand under the existing scheme of assisted passages to take up domestic service in the Dominion, are being continued.

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