

your Honor for having placed the services of Sergeant Michael Scanlan at the disposal of the Government to look after and prevent people destroying the immigration barracks at Picton.

His Honor the Superintendent, Marlborough.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM FOX.

CANTERBURY.

No. 32.

MEMORANDUM for the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

WILL the Hon. the Minister for Immigration kindly inform me, for the information of the Provincial Council of Canterbury, which is about to meet, of the number of immigrants which may be expected in Canterbury during the ensuing year—that is, before harvest, 1874. It would be convenient if the time when ordered were stated, and the different proportions of the several classes of immigrants. I do not understand whether the number of 2,812 stated to be sent for includes those nominated by their friends and those ordered for Timaru.

21st April, 1873.

W. ROLLESTON,

Superintendent of Canterbury.

No. 33.

MEMORANDUM for His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT of CANTERBURY.

YOUR Memorandum of April 21st has been duly received, and I forward for your information all extracts from communication to the Agent-General bearing upon the question of emigration to the Province of Canterbury.

Under date November 27th, 1872, the Agent-General was instructed to forward, for arrival during the year 1873, 2,250 emigrants to the Province of Canterbury.

In February, 1873, the Agent-General was instructed to increase the number allotted to the several Provinces by 25 per cent., thus bringing Canterbury up to 2,812, including the 300 for Timaru, which he was requested to send.

In April, 1873, the Agent-General's attention was again called to the number required to be forwarded to the several Provinces.

Early in December last a circular was addressed by the Colonial Secretary to the various Superintendents, requesting them to express their views on the number of immigrants which it might be desirable to introduce during the current year. Copies of the replies to this circular were forwarded to the Agent-General. Amongst these was a letter from your Honor, transmitting resolution of the Provincial Council. This resolution pointed out that the number of single women introduced into the Province of Canterbury had been entirely inadequate.

The Agent-General has, in a recent Memorandum, been instructed to offer as liberal terms to emigrants as the Queensland Government now does (*i.e.*, free passages, &c.), but has been informed that the grant of free passages should carry with it a very stringent supervision of the emigrants with regard to capability for work, health, and character.

In ordering the number to be forwarded, the different classes have not been defined, but the general regulations, *re* assisted emigration, state that passages are given to agricultural labourers, navvies, shepherds, country mechanics, and female domestic servants.

Immigration Office, Wellington, 22nd April, 1873.

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE.

*Note.*—The above 2,812 emigrants ordered are exclusive of nominated emigration and those sent out by Messrs. Brogden.

No. 34.

The DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT of CANTERBURY to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Christchurch, 3rd September, 1872.

The Provincial Government of Canterbury are desirous of obtaining from England four trained teachers, *viz.*, two masters and two mistresses, and are willing to pay for their passages, or for such portion as the Agent-General will consider it right to charge.

A communication has been addressed to Mr. Ottywell, containing the conditions of engagement, and he has been requested to lay it before the Agent-General. I have the honor to request that you will desire the Agent-General to act in the matter on behalf of the Province. The Provincial Government, feeling it is important to obtain as competent persons as possible, have requested Lord Lyttelton to co-operate with the Agent-General in their selection.

I have suggested to Mr. Ottywell that the services of these teachers might be made available during the voyage, and that such services might be deemed as an equivalent to their passage money.

Trusting that you will be able to advise the Agent-General with reference to this by this outgoing mail,

I have, &c.,

R. S. HARMAN,

Deputy Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

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