

As I am also aware of the very considerable demand for labour in the adjacent Province of Marlborough, which we have hitherto been entirely unable to supply, you will be good enough to arrange for a direct ship to Nelson once a month, whose complement should be made up of the 150 required for Nelson, and the balance for Marlborough.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,  
JULIUS VOGEL.

### Enclosure in No. 33.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Nelson, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(Telegram.)

Nelson, 4th February, 1874.

THE following resolution passed by Provincial Council, on recommendation of myself and Executive. I will write by mail. "That, in the opinion of this Council, it is expedient that the General Government be requested to instruct the Agent-General to arrange for the transmission to this Province of one hundred and fifty persons per month, to consist of labouring men and their families, calculated for employment upon public works and in agricultural pursuits, but including in the number a fair proportion of artisans, such as blacksmiths, carpenters, coal and iron miners. At least three-fourths of the entire number to be natives of the United Kingdom."

The Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

OSWALD CURTIS,  
Superintendent.

### No. 34.

The Hon. J. VOGEL to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 12th February, 1874.

DESPATCH ship monthly to Nelson with one hundred and fifty emigrants, in addition to nominated emigrants for that Province. Send also by same ship Marlborough emigrants.

Featherston, London.

VOGEL.

### No. 35.

The Hon. J. VOGEL to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 21.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 6th February, 1874.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 767, dated 14th November, 1873, enclosing Mr. Carter's report on a meeting he attended in Oxfordshire, and certain arrangements made with Mr. C. Holloway to proceed to New Zealand.

I quite recognize the services rendered by Mr. Carter, but at the same time must express my opinion that the matter was one of far too much importance to be entrusted to that gentleman, whose knowledge of New Zealand is very limited. I consider it of such pressing importance to the Colony to enlist the co-operation of the Agricultural Labourers' Union, that I should have been glad to learn that you had made it convenient to attend the meeting yourself, and I cannot but express my regret that you favour me with no information upon the subject beyond the mere forwarding of Mr. Carter's report, not having even mentioned the nature of the arrangement made by you with Mr. Taylor, which is referred to therein.

I must earnestly request that you will consider it your duty, following the same course as other Agents-General, to furnish the Government monthly with general information of an interesting nature, and not content yourself with formal and controversial letters.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,  
JULIUS VOGEL.

### No. 36.

The Hon. J. VOGEL to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 32.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 11th February, 1874.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 302, of 26th November, 1873, enclosing copy of report by Mr. Mason, on his operations as emigration agent in Dublin since the establishment of this agency in December, 1872, which I have perused with feelings of very great disappointment.

It would appear that the result of Mr. Mason's work in the cause of emigration, as summarized by himself, has been the despatch of something less than one letter a day to persons making inquiries, and the presumed despatch of some sixty emigrants to the Colony.

I consider this exceedingly unsatisfactory, and should have been glad had you favoured me with your views as to the value or otherwise of this officer's services, and especially as he was represented by you, upon advising the Government of his appointment, as being "highly recommended as one who would devote himself with zeal and energy to the work."

By the test applied in the cases of Messrs. Birch, Seaton, and Farnall, you must, I think, recognize the uselessness, so far, of the Dublin agency; and in the case of this and other central agencies, it would be more satisfactory if quarterly reports were forwarded by the officers in charge, in order that the Government may be kept advised, through you, of the number and class of emigrants obtained and despatched by each agency, and that where the results appear, as in the case of Dublin, to be so very incommensurate with the expenditure incurred, you may at once take measures either to close the agency or to appoint a more suitable agent.