

Three men, passengers by the "St. Lawrence" to Wellington, called upon me. One produced the Agent-General's certificate; the others assert that they were not aware this was necessary until too late to call for it. These are able-bodied respectable men of the agricultural-labourer class.

Marmaduke Black.—The Agent-General writes that this person applied for the certificate, but was unable to appear at the office; he recommends his application, if made in the colony, be favourably entertained.

The Agent-General forwards, with favourable recommendations, letters applying to take advantage of the Act, by the following persons:—

General Bell, Junior United Service Club, on behalf of Mrs. Armstrong, a widow, who has two sons settled in the colony.

R. G. Roberts, 78, James Street, Rugby, on behalf of his brother, passenger by the ship "Hereford" (April, 1874).

A. Kennedy, Midland Grand Hotel. Was to sail for Auckland; states that Mr. Buller promised to send the certificate after him.

R. H. Hawkins, Health Villa, South Norwood. States he paid £83 for a passage to Auckland, *via* New York and San Francisco; speaks of his intention to settle in New Zealand.

Baxter Bruce, cabin passenger per "Countess of Kintore," April, 1874. Asks for land order, although no immediate use for the land.

Joseph Martin, on behalf of W. Noakes, agriculturist, who sailed in "Agnes Muir," in October, 1873.

Agent-General forwards, for consideration of the Government, application by Mr. Hope Smith, on behalf of his son, a settler of ten years' standing in Otago.

Agent-General forwards further correspondence *re* application by Mr. U'Ren, which matter has been finally dealt with by Government declining to entertain the application.

A few immigrants are now turning up having the necessary certificates; their applications are received and duly registered. The Agent-General, however, has granted certificates to persons manifestly not intended by the Act—*e.g.*, Mr. Passmore and another gentleman who called upon me here, who is father-in-law of the new head-master of the College.

## No. 2.

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

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 10th September, 1874.

IMMIGRATION INSTRUCTIONS.—Despatch to Auckland 500 emigrants in October, and 500 each of following five months. Taranaki—After existing order executed, despatch ship with 250 every two months, emigrants either nominated or selected and approved by Burton. Wellington—Despatch 300 October and each of following five months. Canterbury—Despatch 700 October, same November, 350 December, same January, 250 February. Otago—Despatch 1,200 October, same November, same December; none after, except nominated or specially selected. As far as practicable let Adam approve all Otago emigrants. Napier—Besides previous orders despatch ship November and December with about 300 each. Nelson, Marlborough, and Westland—Execute order already sent. All provinces anxious selection and approval should be most careful. Proportion of children small; numbers include nominated, but exclude Scandinavians. Otago and Canterbury, include Bluff and Timaru, to which attend in accordance with instructions; avoid in all cases crowding two months into one. You fail to understand Immigrants Land Act—not intended to give land unnecessarily, but to those who otherwise would be unlikely to come, and to those who intend to settle. Am visiting England to confer with you; expect arrive early January. Make no permanent appointments in office meanwhile. Major Atkinson appointed Minister Immigration.

Featherston, London.

JULIUS VOGEL.

## No. 3.

The Hon. H. A. ATKINSON to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 261.)

SIR,— Immigration Office, Wellington, 10th September, 1874.

I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a telegram from His Honor the Superintendent of Canterbury relative to the very small number of nominated immigrants who arrive in the colony in proportion to the number nominated.

I have, &c.,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

H. A. ATKINSON.

## Enclosure in No. 3.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Canterbury, to the Hon. J. VOGEL.

(Telegram.)

Christchurch, 4th July, 1874.

SURPRISINGLY few nominated immigrants to hand. I fear there is difficulty in providing them with means to go to port of embarkation. Far better pay for this than for placing here. We are sadly pressed just now. I hope to make arrangements with meat-preserving companies, who are just closing, to give me some accommodation.

The Hon. J. Vogel, Wellington.

W. ROLLESTON,  
Superintendent.