

1. Immigration Commissioners' report.
2. Immigration Officer's report, covering remarks of the Surgeon-Superintendent.
3. Certified list of births and deaths during the passage.

I desire to call your attention to the complaint relative to the insufficient quantity of medical comforts. I am at a loss to understand why my instructions as to shipping an extra quantity in charge of the surgeon was not carried out in the case of this ship, especially as she carried so large a number of children.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

Enclosure in No. 17.

IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Halcione."

SIR,—

Immigration Commissioners' Office, Napier, 21st July, 1874.

I have the honor to inform you that the "Halcione," Captain Croker, arrived in the roadstead on Sunday morning, the 10th instant, having been towed in by the s.s. "Rangatira," all well. There were two births and two deaths. I regret to report the death, from apoplexy, of Captain Wright, who left England in charge of the "Halcione."

In accordance with instructions, the Commissioners examined and found the vessel and provisions all that could be desired. The accommodation for the single women was a great improvement on the "Schiehallion," both as regards the prevention of communication with the other parts of the vessel and the ventilation.

The immigrants, without exception, expressed themselves fully satisfied with the treatment they had received on board from the doctor and officers of the ship; also with the provisions supplied to them during the voyage.

I have, &c.,
G. T. FANNIN,
(for Commissioners).

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington, N.Z.

No. 18.

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

(No. 227.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 12th July, 1874.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the following documents relative to the ship "Waikato," which arrived at Wellington upon the 11th ultimo:—

1. Report of the Commissioners, covering the remarks of the Surgeon-Superintendent.
2. Certified list of births and deaths.

I commend the remarks of the Commissioners to your favourable consideration.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Enclosure in No. 18.

IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Waikato."

SIR,—

Wellington, 17th July, 1874.

We have the honor to report the arrival of the ship "Waikato," on the 11th instant, with 296 statute adult immigrants; four deaths—equal to one statute adult—and three births occurred during the voyage. As soon as possible after the vessel anchored we proceeded on board, but as it was getting dark we were unable to inspect either the ship or the immigrants; we merely had time to walk through the 'tween-decks, which we were very pleased to find scrupulously clean. On Monday, the 13th instant, we mustered the immigrants and inspected the ship. On the whole, we consider the immigrants a fair sample; but we are of opinion that more care should be exercised in selecting the single men, most of whom seem to have been drawn from the East-end of London, being unfit for the requirements of this province; and a perusal of the surgeon's journal convinced us that there were bad characters amongst them. This is borne out by the fact that some of them were given into custody for broaching cargo on arrival. The immigrants had no complaints to make, and they all seemed healthy and contented after their protracted voyage.

On inspecting the ship we found the single women located in the 'tween-decks, abaft the after hatch, half of which was apportioned to them. The compartment was lighted and ventilated by five side ports, two patent ventilators, and two bits which were ventilators; it was very clean and tidy. The bath-room and water-closets were good, so also was the hospital, but we consider it was in a wrong place; in our opinion, all hospitals should be on deck, and in this opinion we are supported by all surgeons and captains to whom we have mentioned the subject.

The matron's cabin was dark and badly placed.

The married compartment extended from aft to forward of the main hatch, the people having the use of that hatch and half the after hatch; it was ventilated and lighted by fifteen side ports, two scuttles, two bits, and a large skylight.