

Enclosure in No. 32.

IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Corona."

SIR,—

Port Chalmers, 31st August, 1874.

We have the honor to report that the ship "Corona" arrived from London on the 28th instant, with 388½ statute adults, Government immigrants, having made a passage from Gravesend of ninety-two days. There were ten births and eleven deaths since leaving England. On going alongside and asking the usual questions, we found that no disease of an infectious nature broke out on the voyage, and that the general health of all on board was good.

On boarding the ship, we found everything in a very satisfactory condition. The several compartments were scrupulously clean, and well ventilated both by side scuttles and deck ventilators. The single women occupied one side of the poop, the opposite side being used for hospitals, issuing-room, and dispensary, with the exception of the small portion occupied by the captain and surgeon. This arrangement appears to us very good, and gave great satisfaction.

On mustering the immigrants we asked the usual questions, and found that they were all satisfied with their treatment. Dr. Gordon, the surgeon-superintendent, and Captain Robertson and his officers, appear to have performed their respective duties towards the passengers faithfully and conscientiously. The discipline on board was exceedingly effective, without being harsh. We are satisfied that the provisions of the Passengers Act and the charter-party were strictly fulfilled in every respect. We recommend that the usual gratuities be paid to the surgeon-superintendent, captain, and his officers.

We have, &c.,

COLIN ALLAN.

DAVID O'DONNOGHUE.

His Honor the Superintendent, Otago.

No. 33.

The Hon. E. RICHARDSON to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 277.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 25th September, 1874.

I have the honor to forward herewith copies of the following documents relative to the ship "St. Lawrence," which arrived at Lyttelton upon the 30th ultimo:—

1. Immigration Commissioners' report.
2. Certified list of birth and deaths upon the voyage.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD RICHARDSON,

(in the absence of the Minister for Immigration).

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Enclosure in No. 33.

IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "St. Lawrence."

THE Commissioners beg to report the arrival of this ship, after a passage of ninety-nine days from Plymouth. This ship conveyed 412 souls, equal to 345 statute adults. The health of the immigrants had been generally good. One case of small-pox occurred early on the passage, but the disease did not spread. During the voyage there had been eight deaths amongst the children, principally from diarrhœa.

With the exception of the single-women's compartment, the Commissioners are unable to report so favourably as they would wish on the cleanliness of this ship. The provisions had been served out in accordance with the charter-party, and the quality was good. No complaints were made of any kind, the immigrants expressing themselves well pleased with the treatment they had received. The cooking apparatus and condenser (Normandy's) had worked satisfactorily, distilling 240 gallons in twelve hours. The Commissioners have also to report that the class of immigrants did not appear to them so well selected as those by the "Cathcart." The matron was altogether unfitted for her duties, being aged and very deaf, and in their opinion ought not to have been appointed to the office. The gratuities to the officers are recommended, and the further employment of the surgeon-superintendent, should he desire it.

WM. DONALD.

JOHN F. ROUSE.

J. E. MARCH.

Lyttelton, 4th September, 1874.

No. 34.

The Hon. E. RICHARDSON to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 278.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 25th September, 1874.

I have the honor to forward herewith copies of the following documents relative to the ship "Otago," which arrived at Port Chalmers upon the 30th ultimo:—

1. Immigration Commissioners' report.
2. Certified list of births and deaths.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD RICHARDSON,

(in the absence of the Minister for Immigration).

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.