

## Enclosure in No. 45.

## IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Duke of Edinburgh."

THE Commissioners report the arrival of this ship on the 1st instant, after a passage of 105 days. The health of the immigrants had been good; during the passage there had been six births and five deaths, namely, two children and three infants, two of these being new-born. All the compartments were scrupulously clean, and the arrangements very satisfactory. The class of immigrants was highly satisfactory as to physique, and appeared in every way suitable to the requirements of the province. The provisions had been served out in accordance with the dietary scale, and the quality was very good. The Commissioners were informed, however, that no extra stores of any kind had been placed on board for children. The distilling and cooking apparatus had worked satisfactorily during the passage.

The matron, Miss Perry, performed her duties very efficiently, and was well suited for the position in which she was placed. The immigrants throughout spoke very highly of the kind treatment they had received from the surgeon-superintendent, captain, and officers of the ship. The Commissioners recommend the payment of full gratuities, and the further employment of the surgeon-superintendent, should he desire it.

Lyttelton, 3rd November, 1874.

WM. DONALD.  
JOHN F. ROUSE.  
J. E. MARCH.

## No. 46.

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

(No. 329.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 16th November, 1874.

I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of the following documents relative to the ship "Zealandia," which arrived at Auckland upon the 15th October:—

1. Immigration Commissioners' report.
2. Immigration Officer's report.
3. Certified list of births and deaths upon the voyage.

I have, &c.,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

H. A. ATKINSON.

## Enclosure in No. 46.

## IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Zealandia."

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Auckland, 20th October, 1874.

We have the honor to report the arrival of the "Zealandia" late on the evening of the 15th instant, after an average passage of ninety-six days from London. On the following morning we made the customary inspection of the ship and passengers, and found everything in a reasonably satisfactory condition. The "Zealandia" brings 252 Government immigrants, equal to 204 statute adults, all of whom have arrived in good health, with the exception of two female invalids recently confined. The immigrants' compartments are airy and commodious, and the condition of the ship generally at the time of inspection was such as to reflect credit upon the officers and all others concerned. No infectious disease had been known on board throughout the voyage, and no complaints were made from any quarters, except in one or two instances, which were of so trivial a character as not to call for any special notice. We examined the arrangements in the bath-room, and found them satisfactory.

The provisions were of good quality, and the supply abundant. The stock of medical comforts was equal to actual requirements as respects the duration of the voyage; but in the case of beer and wine, and one or two other items of less moment, the supply had just been expended as the ship arrived in port, and there was no extra store on board at the disposal of the surgeon-superintendent. A more liberal supply of medical comforts would, we think, be beneficial as respects the general health of the immigrants, particularly the women and children, and would be the means in many instances of preventing the spread, if not also the initiation, of some diseases among the latter, which are frequently induced by defective nourishment only. There was a good supply of fresh water on board the "Zealandia," and the condenser appears to have worked satisfactorily. There was a complaint again in this instance of the quantity of sand put on board for drying the decks being quite inadequate to the requirements of the voyage. The 'tween-decks were consequently frequently in a damp and uncomfortable condition much longer than was safe for the health of the passengers. This ground of complaint we doubt not will be promptly remedied when the matter has been fairly represented in the proper quarter.

We recommend payment of the customary gratuities to the surgeon-superintendent, the captain, chief mate, and the purser of the ship.

We have, &c.,

H. ELLIS.  
CHARLES F. GOLDSBRO.  
I. J. BURGESS.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.