

Enclosure in No. 34.

IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Otago."

SIR,—

Port Chalmers, 31st August, 1874.

We have the honor to report that the ship "Otago" arrived from London, with 288 statute adults, Government immigrants, on board. Her passage from Gravesend occupied eighty-four days. There were three births and twelve deaths on the voyage, the latter being young children, excepting one adult, who died from consumption. From the report handed to us, we found that measles had prevailed in the early part of the passage, and that most of the deaths were attributed to this cause and its consequences. The general health of the young and old on arrival was very good. On inspecting the ship, we visited the several compartments, beginning with the single females, which we found both clean, well fitted, and comfortable. The ventilation here, as in other parts of the ship, was by deck ventilators, and, according to the testimony of the surgeon-superintendent, proved quite sufficient. The married people were next visited, and on the usual questions being put to them unanimously expressed their satisfaction with their treatment. They stated that the provisions were excellent, and that they received even more than their allowance of water, the condenser (Chaplin's) being capable of supplying 1,200 gallons of water in the twenty-four hours. The single-men's quarters, which usually on inspection are not in such good order as the other compartments, we found on this occasion to be dry, well scraped, and tidy, a result consequent on the firmness of discipline for which Dr. Hanan, the surgeon, deserves to be complimented. There were no complaints. The surgeon-superintendent, Captain Leslie, and his officers, appear to us to have bestowed every care and attention in the treatment of the passengers, and we have therefore much pleasure in recommending that the usual gratuities be awarded to them.

We have, &c.,

COLIN ALLAN.

DAVID O'DONNOGHUE.

His Honor the Superintendent, Otago.

No. 35.

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

(No. 279.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 25th September, 1874.

I have the honor to forward herewith copies of the following documents relative to the ship "Cathcart," which arrived at Lyttelton upon the 29th ultimo:—

1. Immigration Commissioners' report.
2. Surgeon-Superintendent's report.
3. 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.

Enclosure in No. 35.

IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Cathcart."

THE Commissioners report the arrival of this ship at Lyttelton on August 29th, after a quick passage of seventy-nine days. The number of souls on board was 481, equal to 399½ statute adults. The health of the immigrants had been good throughout the passage. There have been four births, and five deaths amongst the children. All the compartments were clean, well ventilated, and arranged according to contract. The provisions had been served out regularly, and in accordance with the dietary scale. The quality was good, and no complaints of any kind were made. The cooking apparatus and condenser had worked very satisfactorily. The immigrants appeared very well satisfied with the treatment they had received at the hands of the captain, surgeon-superintendent, and officers of the ship. The Commissioners were pleased with the class of immigrants by this ship, and more especially the single women. The matron performed her duties exceedingly well, and the rules and regulations had been strictly complied with. The usual gratuities are recommended, and the further employment of the surgeon-superintendent, should he require it.

WM. DONALD.

JOHN F. ROUSE.

J. E. MARCH.

Lyttelton, 4th September, 1874.

No. 36.

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

(No. 280.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 25th September, 1874.

I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of the following documents relative to the ship "Euterpe," which arrived at Port Nicholson on the 30th ultimo:—

1. Immigration Commissioners' report.
2. Surgeon-Superintendent's report.
3. Certified list of births 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.