

Enclosure in No. 38.

IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Parsee."

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Dunedin, 10th September, 1874.

The ship "Parsee" arrived from the Clyde on the 4th instant, having made the passage from port to port in eighty-four days. Her immigrants numbered 306 statute adults. Three births and fourteen deaths occurred on the voyage, the latter being chiefly children of tender age. On inspection of the several compartments, we found them well fitted and ventilated, both by side scuttles and deck ventilators. The ship is well adapted for conveying immigrants, being more than ordinarily lofty in her 'tween-decks. She is furnished with one of Chaplin's patent distilling condensers, which supplied sufficient water for all requirements.

We think the passengers' galley was scarcely large enough for cooking for so many people, and believe the immigrants had some reason for complaint of its inadequacy to supply their wants. On the usual questions being asked as to their treatment on the voyage, one of the immigrants named Weir presented a document signed by eighty-two of the immigrants, complaining in general terms of the infraction of the Passengers Act, but making no specific charges as to what sections were infringed. The Immigration Officer received the document, and instructed the complainants to specify in writing the articles of the dietary scale of which they were short, and the dates on which they were so served out. This, however, they have as yet failed to produce, from which we infer that they have had no substantial grounds of complaint. The large majority of the immigrants expressed themselves as well satisfied with their treatment.

We would recommend that a better quality of biscuit should be supplied to the immigrants in future ships from the Clyde, and a baker appointed, as in London ships, to properly utilize the flour.

The immigrants appear to be a superior class, and remarkably well adapted to supply the requirements of the province.

We have, &c.,

COLIN ALLAN.

DAVID O'DONNOGHUE.

WM. THOMSON.

The Under Secretary for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 39.

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

(No. 295.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 14th October, 1874.

Referring to Mr. Richardson's letter of the 24th ultimo, No. 271, transmitting documents relative to the ship "Canterbury," I beg to draw your attention to the fact of the deficiency in the surplus stores for the children and in the school material, as pointed out in the report of the Immigration Commissioners.

I have, &c.,

H. A. ATKINSON.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

No. 40.

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

(No. 300.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 22nd October, 1874.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the following documents relative to the ship "The Tweed," which arrived at Port Chalmers upon the 4th ultimo:—

1. Immigration Commissioners' report.
2. Certified list of births and deaths.
3. Correspondence relative to a claim for demurrage made by the owners.

The report of the Commissioners is very satisfactory, the ship appears to have been excellently suited for the service, and the surgeon-superintendent and officers energetic and judicious in the discharge of their duties, the result being that the large number of immigrants on board were landed in excellent condition, and the casualties on the voyage limited to fourteen deaths from infantile diseases.

There appears to have been a serious omission in the charter-party of this ship, in that no provision whatever has been made for lay days; and you will observe from the correspondence enclosed, that a claim has been made on behalf of "The Tweed," which I have referred to His Honor the Superintendent of Otago for settlement, with what result I am not at present informed.

I have, &c.,

H. A. ATKINSON.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Enclosure in No. 40.

IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Tweed."

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Dunedin, 10th September, 1874.

The immigrant ship "The Tweed," a large ship of 1,745 tons, chartered by the Agent-General, arrived from London on the 4th inst.; she left London with 638 souls, being equal to 520½ statute adults. There were three births and fourteen deaths on the passage, the latter being from infantile diseases, common to nearly all emigrant ships. The ship itself is well adapted for passengers, being lofty in her