

made by a few of the immigrants that at one time they did not receive the weight of new bread to which they were entitled, owing to mismanagement in the baking arrangements. This matter was subsequently satisfactorily explained by Captain McRitchie and Dr. Young, and the parties were content with the explanation. During the latter part of the voyage, at their own request, the flour was served out to the immigrants, instead of being handed to the baker, and they made such use of it as they thought proper.

We recommend the payment of the usual gratuities to the surgeon-superintendent and the ship's officers.

We have, &c.,

H. ELLIS.

T. M. PHILSON, M.D.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 65.

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

(No. 27.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 13th February, 1875.

I have the honor to transmit copies of the following documents relating to the ship "Avalanche," which vessel arrived at New Plymouth upon the 22nd ultimo:—

1. Letter from the Superintendent of Taranaki, enclosing reports by the Immigration Commissioners and the Immigration Officer.
2. Report of the Immigration Officer at Wellington on his inspection of the ship after her arrival in Port Nicholson.

You will be pleased to learn that the appearance of the ship and immigrants met with the entire approval of the Immigration Commissioners, and that no difficulty was experienced in landing the immigrants. The ship anchored at 7 a.m., and at 1.30 all were disembarked in safety, with their luggage. It is very satisfactory to the Government to find that in carrying out their wishes as to the sending emigrants direct to Taranaki, no trouble or inconvenience has been experienced by the charterers, and I trust that the experience of the "Avalanche" may tend to remove the unreasonable prejudice of the shipping firms with whom you do business against laying ships on for New Plymouth direct.

I have, &c.,

H. A. ATKINSON.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Enclosure 1 in No. 65.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Taranaki, to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, New Plymouth, 25th January, 1875.

I have the honor to enclose herewith two reports which I this day received from Mr. Hulke, the Immigration Officer, in reference to the arrival of the ship "Avalanche" in this port on the 22nd instant. I may briefly observe that the reports are very satisfactory; that the ship arrived here in good condition, all well, and no complaints. She came to anchor at 7 o'clock, and at 1.30 same day, being six and a half hours, all were landed. I had arranged for the steam tug "Waitara" to tow the boats to and from the ship, but this did not take place, the tug being at Urenui on the arrival of the ship.

I have, &c.,

FRED. A. CARRINGTON,

Superintendent.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

Enclosure 2 in No. 65.

IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Avalanche" (New Plymouth).

SIR,—

We have the honor to report the arrival of the ship "Avalanche," with Government immigrants, in the roadstead at 5 a.m., 22nd inst., having on board 264 statute adults, or 327 souls, being one soul less than embarked in London, five deaths (infants) having taken place and four births during the voyage.

The condition of the ship in all particulars in which the Commissioners were requested to inquire, was most satisfactory. The appearance of the immigrants as regards cleanliness, &c., was such as proved to the satisfaction of the Commissioners that every care had been taken by Captain Bishop and Dr. Doyle in the supervision of the immigrants, and this was fully supported by the testimonials presented to both the captain and doctor by those under their care. The report of the surgeon-superintendent will be handed to the Commissioners on their visiting the ship at Wellington, at which port the remainder of the immigrants will be landed.

The Commissioners have much pleasure in recommending that all the gratuities be paid.

We have, &c.

P. J. O'CARROLL.

W. K. HULKE.

His Honor the Superintendent, Taranaki.