

The preserved carrots and onions placed on board, of which a considerable quantity remained, were not greatly relished by the immigrants.

Testimony to the attentions and kindness received from Dr. Frood and the officers of the ship was general, and we recommend that the customary gratuities may be paid.

We have, &c.,

LEONARD BOOR.
C. ELLIOTT.
JAS. S. CROSS.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 55.

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

(No. 365.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 18th December, 1874

I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of the following documents relative to the "Waitangi," which vessel arrived at Auckland upon the 20th ultimo:—

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

You will be pleased to learn that the vessel came into port in a very satisfactory condition, and that the immigrants would appear to have been a suitable class, and to have obtained immediate employment.

I have, &c.,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

H. A. ATKINSON.

Enclosure in No. 55.

IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Waitangi."

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Auckland, 5th December, 1874.

We have the honor to report the arrival of the "Waitangi" on the 20th ultimo, 111 days from London, with 398 Government immigrants. The inspection of the ship and passengers took place immediately, with satisfactory results. We found the ship in a cleanly and healthy condition. Eleven deaths, chiefly of children from six months to three years of age, had occurred during the voyage. The diseases of which so many children died were croup, diarrhoea, measles, and bronchitis. No infectious disease was known among the immigrants since leaving London. With a single exception of a trivial character, all expressed themselves well satisfied with their treatment upon the voyage. The "Waitangi's" accommodation for steerage passengers is much above the average. The provisions of all kinds were abundant and of excellent quality; the supply of fresh water, also, was equal to all requirements.

A single female, named M—C—, twenty-four years of age, was reported by the surgeon-superintendent to be of unsound mind. She has since been sent to the Provincial Lunatic Asylum. Dr. Stewart states that this person presented no symptoms of insanity until the twenty-fourth day after leaving England. The general health of the passengers at the time of arrival was good.

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

We have, &c.,

H. ELLIS.
T. M. PHILSON, M.D.
I. J. BURGESS.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 56.

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

(No. 368.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 18th December, 1874.

I have the honor to transmit copies of the following documents relative to the ship "Helen Denny," which vessel arrived at Napier upon the 22nd October last:—

1. Immigration Officer's report.
2. Surgeon-Superintendent's report.
3. Certified list of births and deaths upon the voyage.
4. Correspondence between the Immigration Office and the Surgeon-Superintendent, relative to the manner in which his books were kept.

I have no special remark to make upon the above document, except that I desire that Dr. Pratt may not again be employed as surgeon-superintendent of an emigrant ship despatched by the New Zealand Government.

I have, &c.,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

H. A. ATKINSON.