

from London, with 200 Government immigrants on board. The vessel arrived in port in a cleanly condition. The health of the passengers was good throughout, and all spoke favourably of the treatment they had received upon the voyage. No infectious or contagious disease was known among the immigrants since leaving England. The deaths amounted to four, all of which were children ranging from eight months to nine years of age, chiefly of bronchitis. There were five births.

The provisions were of the best quality, and the supplies of all kinds, including medical comforts, appear to have been abundant. The appointed issue of preserved onions and carrots took place regularly, and the surgeon-superintendent reports favourably of the effects upon the health of the passengers. There was a good supply of fresh water.

The immigrants' compartments were comfortably arranged, and were well lighted and ventilated. The bath-room and hospitals also were conveniently placed, and all possible attention appears to have been paid to the health and cleanliness of the passengers.

The immigrants by this ship perhaps are above the average in point of suitableness, especially as respects the large proportion of single men among them, who, as a rule, on account of the scarcity of house accommodation, meet with more ready employment in the country districts.

We beg to recommend the payment of the usual gratuities to the surgeon-superintendent and the ship's officers, including the master, mate, and purser.

We have, &c.,

H. ELLIS.

T. M. PHILSON, M.D.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington, N.Z.

No. 74.

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

(No. 56.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 9th March, 1875.

I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of the following documents relative to the ship "Waimate," which arrived at Lyttelton upon the 25th January :—

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

I have, &c.,

H. A. ATKINSON.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Enclosure in No. 74.

IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS' REPORT ON Ship "Waimate."

Lyttelton, 27th January, 1875.

THE Commissioners report the arrival of this ship on the 25th instant, after a passage of eighty-eight days. The health of the immigrants had been good throughout the voyage. Four births had occurred and seven deaths, namely, one adult and six children, representing two and a half adults. All the compartments were clean, but the light and ventilation in the single-women's compartment was not sufficient. The provisions had been served out in accordance with the dietary scale, and the quality was good. Some complaints were made as to the cooking; on inquiry, the Commissioners ascertained that this was mainly owing to the fact that the boilers were not supplied with proper false bottoms, in consequence of which the food was occasionally burnt. In the single-women's compartment the bath got out of order (and was removed three weeks before arrival) through one of the pipes bursting.

The class of immigrants was very good, but the Commissioners observed in the single-women's hospital a young woman who was reported by the surgeon to have become paralyzed. His report is as follows :—"Soon after starting, I found one of the single girls named H— G— suffering from loss of voice of two years' duration, not at all a fit subject for emigration; and towards the middle of the passage, notwithstanding the care and trouble bestowed on her, she became paralyzed in one side, and was landed in that state." The young woman had to be sent to the hospital.

The immigrants spoke in high terms of the treatment they had received from the captain, surgeon-superintendent, and officers of the ship. The Commissioners recommend the payment of full gratuities, and the further employment of the surgeon should he desire it.

WM. DONALD.

JOHN F. ROUSE.

J. E. MARCH.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 75.

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

(No. 57.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 9th March, 1875.

I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of the following documents relative to the ship "Wild Deer," which arrived at Port Chalmers upon the 20th January :—

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

I have, &c.,

H. A. ATKINSON.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.