

No. 20.

The Hon. H. A. ATKINSON to the Agent-General.

(No. 55.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 7th March, 1876.

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for your information, copy of correspondence, with his with his Honor the Superintendent of Westland, respecting immigration to that province.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,

H. A. ATKINSON.

Enclosure 1 in No. 20.

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

(No. 34.)

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Hokitika, 22nd January, 1876.

I have the honor to bring under your notice the fact that when the special settlement at Jackson's Bay was first established, orders were sent home for one hundred and fifty families of English, Scotch, and Irish, but as yet I have received no advices of any of the above nationalities having been shipped, and, with the exception of the German families which were sent down, we have had scarcely any immigrants for the settlement. I strongly recommended sending some of the English agricultural labourers, but have received no advice as yet of any having been shipped. Mr. Holloway, who I understand is now acting for the Government in England, when he was in Westland, fully concurred in the desirability of establishing this settlement at Jackson's Bay, and promised to afford every assistance in selecting immigrants. The best season for locating immigrants is now commencing, and it will be a serious drawback to the progress of the settlement if no immigrants arrive. I would strongly urge that an effort should be made to insure our getting a supply of suitable persons as above indicated. If these cannot be obtained at once, I am quite willing that some more German families should be sent, and, as telegraphed by the Immigration Officer a few days ago, I shall be glad if thirty families from the "Shakespeare" can be forwarded. The German families already located are getting on very well.

I have, &c.,

J. A. BONAR,

Superintendent.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

Enclosure 2 in No. 20.

The Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Westland.

(No. 15.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 15th February, 1876.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 34, of 22nd ultimo, with regard to the supply of immigrants for Jackson's Bay Special Settlement.

I have received no advice from the Agent-General as to what steps he has taken to carry into effect the instructions to send out a number of persons specially selected for this settlement. I received a telegram in August last, which being incorrectly transmitted, conveyed the impression that he was executing the order, but upon the copy of the original coming to hand the error was made apparent. I accordingly communicated with him upon the subject by the last mail, but should otherwise have taken an earlier opportunity of again urging his attention to the matter. I must express my regret that this delay should have occurred, but I hope to be able to forward you a fair number of families from the ships expected shortly to arrive.

I have, &c.,

H. A. ATKINSON.

His Honor the Superintendent, Westland.

Enclosure 3 in No. 20.

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

(No. 35.)

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Hokitika, 22nd January, 1876.

I have the honor to bring under your notice the fact that the number of immigrants who have been forwarded to this province has as yet been very limited, and that we would gladly receive at least fifty per month for Hokitika and Greymouth.

I would also beg to bring under your notice that it is extremely undesirable that foreigners, such as the Italians last sent down, who are quite unable to make themselves understood in an English community, should be sent to this province. The class of immigrants that are required here should be, as near as possible, strong, able-bodied labourers, and the number of families should be limited. The demand for female domestic servants is still very great, as almost none of this class have as yet reached us. I shall be glad if this want could be supplied in some manner.

I have, &c.,

J. A. BONAR,

Superintendent.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.