

Enclosure in No. 36.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Waitangi."

THE Commissioners report the arrival of this ship on the 7th instant, after a passage of ninety-one days. The health of the immigrants had been good throughout the voyage. There were three births and four deaths (all under two years) during the passage. All the compartments were clean (the single men's unusually so), and the light and ventilation ample. The bath appliances in the single women's compartment had worked very well: care should however be taken that the outfall pipe from the bath or closet should not be in a line above any of the 'tween-deck ports. The latter part of article 7 of the revised charter was not complied with, as there was no bath-room or requisite appliances for bathing on the upper deck for men. The provisions had been served out in accordance with the dietary scale, the quality was excellent, and no complaints of any kind were made. The immigrants appeared well suited for the requirements of the colony. The Commissioners have much pleasure in recommending the payment of full gratuities, and the further employment of the surgeon-superintendent should he desire it.

WM. DONALD.
JOHN F. ROUSE.
FREDK. D. GIBSON.
J. E. MARCH.

Lyttelton, 13th December, 1875.

No. 37.

The Hon. C. C. BOWEN to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 19.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 13th January, 1876.

I have the honor to forward herewith the Commissioners' report upon the ship "Christian McAusland," which arrived at the Bluff upon the 29th August last. This document, unaccompanied by the usual certificates, only reached me upon 14th December, through some official carelessness, into which I am now causing inquiry.

I have, &c.,

C. C. BOWEN,

(in the absence of the Minister for Immigration).

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Enclosure in No. 37.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Christian McAusland."

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Invercargill, 23rd September, 1875.

We have the honor to report that the ship "Christian McAusland," from Glasgow, with immigrants, arrived at the Bluff on 29th August. On arriving at the ship we found that there were two cases of scarlatina on board, and the vessel was at once placed in quarantine by the Health Officer. On the 3rd and 4th September the single men and single women were forwarded to Invercargill, and the families sent to the Quarantine Barracks at the Bluff. As there had been no cases amongst the former, the latter only were kept there, where they still remain. Proper care was taken to fumigate the clothes of the immigrants who were forwarded to Invercargill, and due precautions taken in order to prevent the spread of the disease. The number of immigrants who arrived by the "Christian McAusland" was 330 souls—equal to 276 statute adults. Fourteen deaths and five births occurred during the voyage. Having inspected the ship, we found her, on the whole, well fitted, with the exception of the married people's quarters, where the divisions between the bunks were not sufficiently high to secure privacy. The compartments were clean; and the immigrants expressed the greatest satisfaction with the treatment they received on the voyage. At the time of inspection no complaint was made against the captain or crew; but we are informed by the Immigration Officer that certain charges have been made subsequently against the captain on the ground of intemperance. The matter is being investigated, and will be reported upon by Mr. Pearson, the Immigration Officer. All the officers appear to have been remarkably diligent and efficient in the discharge of their duties. Dr. Simpson was highly spoken of by the captain, officers, and passengers for his remarkable care and attention during the voyage; and we have confidence in recommending him for future engagement, should opportunity occur. We would call special attention to the chief officer, whose assiduity, care, and attention during the voyage most materially contributed both to the safety of the ship and comfort of the passengers. The provisions were good, and the condenser provided an ample supply of good water. The hospital in the married women's quarters was not, however, well situated, and the "issuing-room" was both too small, and also not in a good position.

We have, &c.,

WALTER H. PEARSON.
W. P. GRIGOR.
THOS. THOMSON.

His Honor the Superintendent of Otago.

No. 38.

The Hon. C. C. BOWEN to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 21.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 13th January, 1876.

I have the honor to transmit copies of the following documents relative to the ship "Peter Denny," which arrived at the Bluff upon the 26th October ultimo. I may observe that these only
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