

No. 61.

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

(No. 132.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 29th May, 1876.

I have the honor to forward herewith copy of the Immigration Commissioners' report upon the ship "Caitloch," which arrived at Port Chalmers upon the 30th April ultimo.

In accordance with your letter to Captain Phillips, of 31st January, a gratuity of £25 has been paid to that officer.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,

H. A. ATKINSON.

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COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Caitloch."

SIR,—

Port Chalmers, 2nd May, 1876.

The ship "Caitloch" arrived in Port from London on the 30th April, having made a passage of eighty-four days. There were twenty-three single men for the province of Canterbury on board, for whom the ship "Countess of Kintore" had no room. Having made the usual inspection, we found the accommodation provided for these immigrants in the fore part of the 'tween-decks properly fitted and sufficiently ventilated. The immigrants arrived in good health, and expressed themselves as fully satisfied with their treatment on the voyage. They speak in the highest terms of Captain Phillips' kindness and attention to them, and, taking into consideration that he had to act the part of a medical man during the voyage, we would recommend that he be paid a gratuity commensurate with the duties he had to perform.

We have, &c.,

COLIN ALLAN.

JOHN DRYSDALE.

WM. THOMSON.

His Honor the Superintendent of Otago.

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

(No. 133.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 29th May, 1876.

I have the honor to transmit the following documents relative to the ship "Fernglen," which arrived at Nelson upon the 21st April ultimo:—1. Immigration Commissioners' report. 2. Surgeon-superintendent's report. 3. Certified list of births and deaths. 4. Letters from the Immigration and Health Officers at Hokitika, noting the satisfactory appearance of the immigrants landed there.

I have, &c.,

H. A. ATKINSON.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

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COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Fernglen."

SIR,—

Nelson, 5th May, 1876.

We have the honor to report the arrival, on the 21st April, of the ship "Fernglen," 818 tons, W. Frazer, master, having sailed from London on 18th January, with 189 souls on board, equal to 162 statute adults. One birth occurred during the voyage. There has been no sickness. The immigrants speak in the highest terms of the treatment they have received at the hands of the captain, the surgeon in charge (Dr. Haines, late of H.M.s. "Basilisk"), and all the officers. This is the best-found ship that has arrived at this port with immigrants, being light, roomy, dry, and cleanly, much of the latter being due to the keeping a passage free between the berths and the sides of the ship—provisions ample in quantity and of superior quality, the supply of water almost unlimited. One case of lunacy, a married man with a family, was under treatment: soon after the vessel anchored he jumped overboard and would have lost his life, had it not been for the gallant conduct of Dr. Haines, who plunged in and kept him afloat by the aid of a buoy, till a boat was lowered to his assistance. This act, occurring at the outer anchorage, five miles from shore, on a rough day, was at imminent risk of his own life, and to which we beg to draw special attention.

No organized fire-drill had been carried out during the voyage.

We have, &c.,

LEONARD BOOR.

JAMES S. CROSS.

C. ELLIOTT.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration.

No. 63.

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

(No. 144.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 2nd June, 1876.

I have the honor to transmit copies of the following documents, relative to the ship "Countess of Kintore":—1. Immigration Commissioners' report. 2. Report of the surgeon-superintendent. 3. Certified list of the births and deaths.