

Enclosure in No. 8.

The Rev. Mr. OGG to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Wellington, 29th October, 1878.

By the last mail *via* San Francisco I received a letter from a man, William Sinclair, a master shipwright, residing at Miramichi, New Brunswick, Canada, stating that he and his family, and along with him a number of Canadian axemen and joiners, would like to try their fortunes in New Zealand, and inquiring if he and a party, with their wives and families, could have free passages to New Zealand from Plymouth, if they could pay their own way from America to that port.

Mr. Sinclair is a man of great respectability, a native of the Island of Stronsay, Orkney, and possessed of considerable influence among the working classes in his locality. Would the Government grant a free passage from Plymouth to Sinclair and a party from Canada, proper guarantees being given that the immigrants from that colony should be of the proper stamp.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES S. OGG,

Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Wellington.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration.

No. 9.

The Hon. J. MACANDREW to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, N.Z., 6th November, 1878.

In acknowledging the receipt of your monthly report for August, I have the honor to call your attention to the fact of inferior vessels being employed in the conveyance of emigrants to this colony. I refer especially to the "Edwin Fox" and the "Adamant," which are old, and not of the class of ships belonging to the New Zealand Shipping Company.

The Government think that at present charter rates, and the large number of superior vessels available, you should not experience much difficulty in securing vessels of a superior description to those above referred to.

I have, &c.,

J. MACANDREW,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

(for the Minister for Immigration.)

No. 10.

The Hon. J. MACANDREW to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, N.Z., 8th November, 1878.

I have the honor to enclose for your information copies of the under-mentioned documents relating to the ship "City of Auckland," which was unfortunately wrecked at Otaki, on the West Coast of this Island, on the night of the 22nd October.

1. Report of Under Secretary for Immigration.
2. Report of Surgeon-superintendent.
3. Lists of births and deaths during the voyage.

You will learn with regret that the immigrants by this vessel are, as a whole, not very favourably reported upon, and that a great deal of trouble and annoyance was caused by the misconduct of many of the single men. It is needless for me to impress upon you again the desirability of the greatest care being exercised in the selection of immigrants, and that due regard should be given to their characters, as well as to their physical qualifications.

With regard to the nationalities, I must refer you to Mr. Stout's letter of the 3rd October,* in which the proportions of persons to be sent from England, Ireland, and Scotland respectively, are given. And the Government desire that you will strictly adhere to those instructions, which I again repeat for your information: "Assume that the total number of emigrants to be sent is fourteen—then, if seven came from England and Wales, four from Ireland, and three from Scotland, the proportion would be fair."

I find that the nationalities of the 245 immigrants by the "City of Auckland" were as follows:—English, 88; Irish, 118; Scotch, 28.

I desire to call your attention to the necessity of greater care being exercised in the medical examination and inspection of the immigrants; as in this vessel there was a dangerous lunatic amongst the single men. I do not mean to say that each immigrant should undergo so minute an examination as though he or she were being passed for life insurance; but it appears to me that, were the agents, surgeons, depôt masters, matrons, and others employed in the selection and despatch of emigrants fully alive to their duties, many undesirable persons would be prevented from emigrating to this colony. I find that in one case, of S— R—, who was to have come out in the "Waitangi," the colony was saved the burthen of maintaining a girl reported to be "deficient in ordinary mental capacity," through the timely interference of the Surgeon-superintendent, Dr. Ross. These cases of lunacy are alarmingly upon the increase amongst immigrants to this colony, and I must desire you to give the question your earnest consideration. Another case has occurred amongst the immigrants by the "Rakaia," which arrived at this port on the 8th ultimo, a single woman named B— M— having been committed to the Lunatic Asylum on the 31st ultimo.

Another class of undesirable persons who take advantage of the Immigration Regulations is that of single women who come on board the vessel *enceinte*, and are confined before the voyage is over. It would appear that there should be little or no difficulty in detecting cases of this nature, if the