

Of course, without some more definite statement before me, I cannot estimate the "continuous pressure" which the Agent-General alleges it has been necessary to use, in order to get us to "provide tonnage for the conveyance of 12,000 tons of railway iron in some seven months;" but I respectfully submit that the annexed schedule of cargo carried for the Government, under our present contract, does not indicate any lack of resource or ability to supply tonnage, in addition to the ordinary requirements of our very large trade. And I may add that we have never received from Sir Julius Vogel such full and frank information of the contemplated tonnage requirements as the Government has always afforded to the Company here; and, with great deference, I submit that it should be an instruction to the Agent-General, as it was a usage with his predecessor, to give to our London agent the very earliest intimation of the probable requirements in tonnage. I am certain such a course would be in the interest of the Government.

I have, &c.,

H. SELWYN SMITH,

General Manager.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 9.

MEMORANDUM of GOVERNMENT CARGO carried under Contract dated May, 1878, by the New Zealand Shipping Company (Limited).

Sailed.	Ship.	From	To	Arrived.	CARGO.	
					Measurement.	Rails and Plant.
1878.					Feet.	Tns. ct. qr. lb.
May 10	Rokeby Hall	London	Port Chalmers	Aug. 21	...	26 2 0 0
" 21	Patata	"	Lyttelton	Sept. 1	...	350 12 0 4
" 31	Orari	"	Wellington	" 16	10,576	53 6 2 26
" ...	Inglewood	"	Port Chalmers and Bluff	Aug. 28	7,637	60 10 2 24
June 14	Pareora	"	Auckland	Sept. 17	1,889	107 1 3 1
" 29	Rakaia	"	Wellington	Oct. 8	12,461	8 14 1 11
July 13	Waitangi	"	Lyttelton	" 13	...	144 8 3 21
" 13	Wairoa	"	Wellington	" 17	86	...
" 13	City of Auckland	"	Napier	" 22	About	150 0 0 0
August 1	Mataura	"	Port Chalmers	" 28	...	24 8 0 10
" 3	Rangitikei	"	Lyttelton	Nov. 17	682	68 8 0 2
" 17	Loch Fleet	"	Auckland	" 21	427	10 1 3 2
" 20	Coruna	"	Wellington	Dec. 13	3,638	159 12 2 13
" 29	Opawa	"	Lyttelton	" 7	102	86 9 3 14
" 31	Waipa	"	Port Chalmers	" 10	66	...
Sept. 10	Hurunui	"	Lyttelton	" 13	2,203	136 16 1 10
" 11	Otaki	"	Wellington	" 10	525	...
" 16	Clan Fergusson	"	Auckland	" 18	67	...
October 1	Piako	"	Lyttelton	March 5	96	221 17 1 0
" 4	Times	"	"	Jan. 11	6,214	...
" 4	Fernglen	"	Wellington	" 2	337	53 13 1 7
" 20	Easterhill	"	Port Chalmers	Feb. 4	5,319	...
" 26	Waikato	"	Lyttelton	Jan. 18	4,914	...
" 29	Duke of Athol	"	Wellington	" 29	605	...
Nov. 7	Mendoza	"	Napier	Feb. 26	...	95 12 3 12
" 17	Arethusa	Cardiff	Lyttelton	March 13	...	1,796 13 3 4
" 21	Lorraine	London	Wellington	" 1	4,100	79 12 1 27
Dec. 3	Loch Fergus	"	"	Feb. 28	3,599	23 13 1 11
" 5	Benares	"	Port Chalmers	March 12	202,370	82 18 0 2
" 12	Gloria	Middlesboro'	Wellington	April 16	...	1,101 15 3 19
" 17	Albatross	Cardiff	Bluff	" 11	...	1,321 15 1 19
" 28	Clan Campbell	London	Wellington	April 20	2,789	194 12 1 20
Jan. 9	Carmelo	"	Auckland	" 28	5,588	6 9 0 12
" 9	East Lothian	"	Port Chalmers	" 8	8,024	131 12 0 2
Feb. 4	Stad Haarlem	"	Wellington	" 13	...	612 4 0 2
" 8	Columbus	"	Port Chalmers	May 28	3,412	19 17 2 18
" 20	Western Belle	"	Wellington	" ...	867	23 11 3 3
" 26	Loch Dee	"	Auckland	June 11	282	...
March 7	Glen Caladh	"	"	" 23	...	244 9 3 18
Feb. 26	Loch Ken	"	Wellington	" 4	11,321	166 2 1 6
March 8	Spirit of the Dawn	"	Port Chalmers	" 23	682	57 14 0 0
" 7	Angerona	Cardiff	"	"	1,381 13 2 14
Jan. 6	Coriolanus	London	Lyttelton	April 6	1,155	262 5 2 8
March 5	Waimate	"	"	June 10	683	90 3 2 20
Feb. 4	Red Gauntlet	"	"	" 17	845	90 10 3 6
March 19	Adelaide	"	"	" ...	38	...
April 1	Minister of Marine	"	Auckland	" ...	3,242	1,458 0 2 19
					40)306,841	
					7,671 tons 2qr.	10,903 3 0 17

NOTE.—I cannot immediately ascertain the quantities carried under this contract by the ships sailing under Messrs. Shaw, Savill, and Co's flag, which tonnage was arranged by this Company.

H. SELWYN SMITH,

General Manager.