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## NEW ZEALAND.

## DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION

(ANNUAL REPORT UPON THE OPERATIONS OF THE).

*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.*

SIR,—

Department of Immigration, Wellington, 12th July, 1906.

In accordance with your direction, I have to submit the following report upon the number and class of immigrants who have arrived in New Zealand from the 1st April, 1905, to the 31st March, 1906; and also upon the general scope of the working of the Immigration Department in New Zealand and of the Emigration Department under the High Commissioner in London.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. C. KENSINGTON, Under-Secretary.

The Hon. the Minister of Immigration, Wellington.

## REPORT UPON IMMIGRATION.

It may not be out of place to preface the report by a few remarks upon (a) the general scope of the Department's work in New Zealand, and (b) upon the work performed by the High Commissioner in London, upon whom devolves the onerous duties of selecting the emigrants from the United Kingdom and granting to them assisted passages.

(a.) The Immigration Department's duties in New Zealand have hitherto been confined to receiving and answering all correspondence received from the High Commissioner, and also answering the numerous inquiries from persons anxious to bring out relatives from the United Kingdom. It has also recorded the amounts paid to the shipping companies as against the parliamentary votes, and has arranged direct with persons anxious to bring out their relatives, receiving the amounts deposited for the passages, and then advising the High Commissioner. Since the close of the financial year a new departure has been taken—viz., the sending of an experienced officer on board the steamers upon arrival to, in conjunction with an officer from the Labour Department, afford immigrants information and assistance.

(b.) *The High Commissioner's Responsibilities.*—Upon the High Commissioner in London devolves the whole of the arduous work and responsibility of selecting the emigrants, and of making known the resources of New Zealand by advertisements liberally distributed throughout the United Kingdom, by issuing pamphlets and leaflets setting forth the advantages New Zealand offers, and by arranging for lantern exhibits and lectures wherever advisable. The High Commissioner also insists upon the emigrants being of good physique, and healthy in body and mind. In passing I would mention that he has been eminently successful both as to the class of emigrants sent from the shores of Great Britain and in their general physique and high character.

That New Zealand has benefited very largely by the High Commissioner's judicious selections the following statistics will show:—

*Statement showing the Number of Persons who have received Passages at Reduced Rates for Twelve Months from 1st April, 1905, to 31st March, 1906.*—Number of souls, 2,469; number of statute adults, 2,076; capital in possession of passengers, £110,204; income derivable by passengers, £1,960; amount of money contributed by Government to shipping companies, in addition to sums paid by passengers, £8,304.

This is supplemented by a detailed statement attached hereto, giving, for each steamer, the same particulars as are given in the above statement. Subjoined is also a summary showing the number of persons approved by the High Commissioner to whom assisted passages would be granted, under the separate headings of "farmers," "artisans," and "miscellaneous," totalling altogether 3,291 souls. The number accounted for as having actually embarked for the same period is 2,469 souls, leaving a balance of 822 persons who either changed their minds or embarked at a later date.

#### NAVIES FOR NEW ZEALAND.

Much has been written in the public Press upon the subject of granting assisted passages to navvies. It is therefore interesting to note that for the past financial year the High Commissioner approved of 150 applicants and declined 170, whilst only 44 actually embarked.

#### ASSISTED PASSAGES GRANTED TO RELATIVES.

For some considerable time it has been made evident that help was needed to enable families to reunite in New Zealand. Husbands who had preceded their families, and who were making good progress, though finding it naturally uphill work at first, were anxious to bring out their wives and children. Brothers wished to bring out brothers, and other relations were anxious to be reunited. The Government therefore decided that these persons should be allowed to pay either the £10 or £12 for each adult (according to the berthing accommodation required) to the Under-Secretary for Immigration at Wellington, furnishing at the same time the full names, ages, and addresses of their relatives. The High Commissioner is then advised to grant them assisted passages, provided they are in good health.

In many cases where the whole amount could not be deposited owing to lack of means, amounts have been received upon account, and undertakings accepted to pay the balances at stated times. These promises, I am glad to say, have all been honourably kept. Passages for 120 statutory adults have been sanctioned under this arrangement, the amount deposited with this office in Wellington being £1,175 18s. 6d.

#### GENERAL.

In January last the Chairman of the Emigration Committee of the Imperial Government, Mr. Henry Lambert, arrived upon a short visit to New Zealand after having made an extensive tour of the several States of Australia. An endeavour was made to make his visit as pleasant as the short time at his disposal permitted, and also to enable him to obtain a general idea of the colony's capabilities as a field for emigration from the United Kingdom.

Mr. Lambert's visit also led to the sending to the Emigration Office, London, of a larger amount of useful information.

#### SECOND EDITION OF "IMMIGRANTS' GUIDE AND SETTLERS' HANDBOOK."

The first edition of this work having been found very serviceable, a second edition, on different lines, is now in print and will shortly be ready for issue by the Lands Department. Some 15,000 copies will at once be sent to the High Commissioner for distribution in the United Kingdom.

RETURN showing the NAMES of the VESSELS which carried Passengers at Reduced Rates from the United Kingdom for the Year ending 31st March, 1906; and also the NUMBER of PERSONS granted Passages, together with the Amount of Capital possessed by them.

Date of Leaving.	Steamer.	Number of Souls.	Number of Statute Adults.	Declared Amount of Capital.	Income.	Amount paid to Shipping Companies.
1905.				£	£	£
April 6	Karamea	35	30½	5,280	...	122
" 11	Ayrshire	2	2	350	...	8
" 20	Kaikoura	7	7	375	...	28
May 4	Aotea	60	49½	3,045	150	198
" 18	Rimutaka	42	32½	2,741	...	129
" 24	Rippingham Grange	3	3	100	...	12
June 1	Ionic	177	148	9,322	452	592
" 11	Essex	14	10½	200	...	42
" 15	Tongariro	47	37½	2,016	70	151
" 29	Athenic	125	110	6,558	213	440
July 11	Drayton Grange	9	8	300	...	32
" 13	Turakina	68	55½	2,040	95	222
" 27	Corinthic	175	144	7,220	202	576
Aug. 10	Paparoa	73	65	2,838	117	260
" 24	Kumara	138	113	4,844	14	452
Sept. 8	Ruapehu	26	23	851	...	92
" 11	Morayshire	19	16½	310	...	66
" 21	Gothic	119	99½	4,407	49	398
Oct. 6	Rimutaka	24	20	782	...	80
" 8	Wakanui	1	1	50	...	4
" 11	Banffshire	17	15	840	...	60
" 21	Ionic	293	244	14,303	23	976
Nov. 2	Tongariro	24	21½	615	...	86
" 11	Somerset	21	16¾	275	...	67
" 16	Athenic	314	271¼	12,968	110	1,085
" 30	Turakina	70	58¾	3,230	...	235
Dec. 11	Ayrshire	36	30¼	1,015	...	121
" 16	Aotea	29	26¼	1,485	77	105
" 30	Paparoa	52	43	2,400	140	172
1906.						
Jan. 11	Corinthic	129	104¾	6,261	248	419
" 11	Essex	5	3½	490	...	14
" 25	Ruapehu	45	39½	2,962	...	158
" 27	Suffolk	1	1	50	...	4
Feb. 8	Gothic	44	38	1,394	...	152
" 11	Dorset	8	4¼	220	...	17
" 22	Rimutaka	64	52½	3,097	...	210
March 3	Drayton Grange	2	2	110	...	8
" 8	Ionic	107	89	3,890	...	356
" 22	Tongariro	44	38¾	970	...	155
Totals	...	2,469	2,076	110,204	1,960	8,304

SUMMARY OF PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN APPROVED FROM THE 1ST APRIL, 1905, TO THE 31ST MARCH, 1906.—Farmers: Single Men and Heads of Families, 423—976 souls. Artisans: Single Men and Heads of Families, 534—1,257 souls. Miscellaneous: Single Men and Heads of Families, 457—1,058 souls.

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