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# DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION

(ANNUAL REPORT OF).

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

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SIR,—

Department of Immigration, Wellington, 18th July, 1912.

Herewith I have the honour to submit the annual report upon the immigration which has taken place into New Zealand from the United Kingdom during the year 1911–12.

I have, &c.,

JOHN STRAUCHON,

The Hon. the Minister of Immigration.

Under-Secretary.

## REPORT.

THE total number of arrivals from the United Kingdom during the year ended 31st March, 1912, was 12,250, consisting of 9,909 adults and 2,341 children. The majority of these persons made their own arrangements and paid the ordinary fare. The number who were granted passages to the Dominion at reduced rates and who embarked from the United Kingdom during the year was 3,300, consisting of 520 farmers and farm hands (representing 1,094 souls), 397 housewives rejoining their husbands (representing 1,186 souls), and 1,020 domestic workers. The schedule attached shows the various steamers and the number of assisted immigrants brought by each. The declared capital possessed by those assisted amounted to £24,088.

Nominations were accepted from persons in the Dominion for the passages of 1,925 persons, being 1,104 adults and 821 children, and the amount deposited towards the cost of these passages was £14,911.

Each vessel upon arrival was visited by the Immigration Officer, who reports as follows:—

“The arrivals during the past year were, in my opinion, of a good class, with the result that a fine and sturdy type of settler has been added to the population. I am convinced that the London office has exercised much discretion in its selection of persons. The scarcity of domestic workers still continues, and I have no hesitation in stating that every young woman who arrives in this capacity may have at least a dozen openings waiting for her. Various parties of domestics selected by the British Women's Emigration Society have been sent out during the year for the Hawke's Bay and Canterbury Associations. A large number of farmers and farm hands also have arrived in the Dominion, paying the ordinary fares, during the months from February to August.”

In regard to domestic workers, it was considered that when the reduced passage-rate was fixed at £2 16s., and the opportunity was given to residents of the Dominion to make arrangements for introducing young women of this class, more persons would have availed themselves of the advantage. So far, however, the Department is not aware of any doing so outside of the Canterbury and Hawke's Bay associations.

The Government decided last month that passages at reduced rates are to be granted to fifty girls who are not under seventeen years of age and who have been trained for domestic service in clergy orphanages and Masonic homes in the United Kingdom. If the experiment is successful with the first contingent the scheme can be extended. Arrangements will be made to place the girls under proper supervision upon their arrival, so that they will be provided with friendly advisers, who would exercise a watchful care over them after they have been placed in situations. The High Commissioner has been instructed to take the necessary steps to give the experiment a trial, and it is believed that, if proper care is taken, there is no reason but that it will have the result anticipated, and be the means of materially helping to supply the demand that now exists for domestic workers.

RETURN SHOWING THE NAMES OF VESSELS WHICH CARRIED PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1912; ALSO THE NUMBER OF PERSONS GRANTED PASSAGES, TOGETHER WITH THE AMOUNT OF CAPITAL POSSESSED BY THEM.

Date of Leaving.	Steamer.	Souls.	Adults.	Declared Amount of Capital.	Amount of Passage-money paid by High Commissioner.
1911.				£	£
April 1	Drayton Grange	1	1	...	4
" 13	Turakina	30	24½	95	147
" 27	Athenic	63	52½	84	310
May 6	Nairnshire	12	8	4	40
" 15	Tongariro	45	37½	113	221
" 25	Corinthic	66	55½	2,099	326
" 27	Sussex	3	3	6	24
June 9	Ruahine	103	81½	117	449
" 24	Arawa	73	55½	1,001	323
" 24	Surrey	18	14½	27	90
July 6	Ruapehu	41	32½	35	167
" 20	Tainui	165	135½	946	654
" 29	Kent	2	2	...	8
Aug. 3	Rotorua	129	103	1,932	508
Sept. 2	Ayrshire	2	2	4	16
" 8	Ionic	171	137½	2,043	698
" 12	Turakina	33	30	1,064	180
" 15	Athenic	168	144	1,108	710
" 29	Remuera	88	72½	873	386
Oct. 7	Morayshire	22	18½	16	86
" 12	Corinthic	95	83½	1,743	454
" 20	Tongariro	358	301½	1,792	1,573
" 24	Drayton Grange	7	7	12	52
" 27	Ruahine	55	49	498	292
Nov. 9	Arawa	54	48½	1,870	266
" 22	Somerset	39	29½	83	137
" 23	Ruapehu	26	26	234	156
Dec. 7	Tainui	88	78½	1,566	439
" 12	Mamari	491	409½	2,624	1,971
" 19	Banffshire	4	4	80	20
" 21	Rotorua	52	38½	240	203
1912.					
Jan. 4	Ionic	106	92	885	504
" 11	Sussex	13	11½	13	70
" 20	Turakina	60	46	168	236
Feb. 3	Athenic	176	141½	172	778
" 5	Surrey	25	20	5	84
" 16	Remuera	108	84	88	480
" 29	Corinthic	155	137½	222	857
Mar. 12	Kent	14	8½	2	39
" 15	Ruahine	82	63½	145	373
" 28	Arawa	57	45½	79	258
Totals		3,300	2,741½	24,088	14,589

SUMMARY OF PERSONS WHO EMBARKED FOR NEW ZEALAND FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM FROM 1ST APRIL, 1911, TO 31ST MARCH, 1912.

Farmers and Farm Hands.		Housewives and Children.			Total Number of Souls.
Single Men and Heads of Families.	Souls.	Domestics.	Heads of Families.	Souls.	
<i>Approved from Applications to High Commissioner.</i>					
394	806	922	...	...	1,728
<i>Nominated in New Zealand.</i>					
126	288	98	397	1,186	1,572
520	1,094	1,020	397	1,186	3,300

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