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DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION

(ANNUAL REPORT ON).

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

SIR,—

Department of Immigration, 5th July, 1927.

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 1926-27.

I have, &c.,

H. D. THOMSON, Under-Secretary.

The Hon. W. Nosworthy, Minister of Immigration, Wellington.

REPORT.

THE immigration policy as laid down in 1921 has been carried out practically in its entirety, the only variation being that for the past year it was found necessary to increase the annual quota from 10,000 to 13,500. Strange as it may seem, the reason for this increase in numbers was the same as that which caused the decrease in last year's figures—namely, the congestion brought about by the shipping strike of 1925. This congestion became so great that at the beginning of 1926 there were some four thousand approved migrants awaiting embarkation, and as at that time nominations were being received at the rate of one hundred per week, or, in other words, 13,000 souls per annum, it will be seen how necessary it was for the Government to increase the numbers to the maximum of 13,500 for the year ending the 31st March, 1927, it being considered that this quota could be absorbed without disturbing the economic or industrial conditions of the Dominion. In normal years the allotment of berthing-accommodation by the shipping companies to the New Zealand Government amounts to between eight and nine thousand berths, but as the position at this time had become abnormal it was necessary to arrange for extra steamers to make special trips; five such trips were made during the year, carrying in all 3,022 migrants. This number in reality practically represents the increase on last year's figures.

During the year a new passage-rate agreement was entered into with the Imperial Government, which had the effect from the 1st December, 1926, of still further reducing the fares for assisted migrants from the United Kingdom to New Zealand. The following scale will show the current rates, and also the contributions by the Imperial and the New Zealand Governments:—

SCALE OF PASSAGE RATES, SHOWING CONTRIBUTIONS BY IMPERIAL AND NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENTS.

Class.	Imperial Government Contribution to each Migrant.	New Zealand Government Contribution to each Migrant.	Amount payable by Migrant.	Total Fare.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Children under three years of age ..	4 2 6	4 2 6	Free	8 5 0
Children over three years but under twelve years	8 5 0	8 5 0	Free	16 10 0
Women and girls over twelve years but under forty years of age (including domestics)	16 10 0	16 10 0	Free	33 0 0
Boys over twelve years but under nineteen years of age	16 10 0	16 10 0	Free	33 0 0
Single men over nineteen years (including farm labourers)	11 0 0	11 0 0	11 0 0	33 0 0
Married men and women (including widows and widowers with children)	11 0 0	11 0 0	11 0 0	33 0 0

The Imperial contribution is made under the Empire Settlement Act, 1922, section 2, subsection (b), and since the placing upon the statute-book of this Act the New Zealand Government has received in grants £328,810, in loans £11,215; whilst the migrants have received in loans £8,987, making in all a total of £340,025. So far as the migrants' loan-money is concerned, it comprises 1,044 individual

loans, of which number 507 have been fully paid off, 365 are being paid off, 18 have been written off, and instalments outstanding on the remaining 154 have not yet become due. These figures go to show that the Government has availed itself of the provisions of the Empire Settlement Act, and that the result of the repayments of these loans is an indication that these migrants have been satisfactorily absorbed.

The number of assisted migrants that arrived in the Dominion during the past year shows an increase of 48 per cent. on the previous year's figures—in fact, the total is the largest since the year 1880: of this total 37 per cent. were men, 30 per cent. women, and 33 per cent. children, and nearly all have been readily and satisfactorily absorbed. Included in the men's total are 14 per cent. of farmers, farm labourers, and miners, and as these go direct to the farms and the mines for their occupation it will be seen that only 23 per cent. of the total number of migrants come into competition for other occupations in the labour-market—truly a very small percentage; and, as these were all nominated migrants, positions awaited them upon arrival in practically all cases. It is pleasing to record the manner in which the nominators have carried out their obligations in regard to maintenance and employment for their nominees. In a few cases, where the nominators found themselves unable to carry out their obligations through circumstances over which they had no control, the Department has always come to the rescue, to the satisfaction of the new-comers.

Children and Juveniles.—There is no doubt that this class of migration under proper conditions is of immense advantage both to the migrants themselves and to the Dominion. They grow up from tender years accustomed to New Zealand conditions, and if placed upon the land they have not nearly so great an inclination to drift back to the towns as have older immigrants whose habits have been formed by previous environment. On the other hand, the Dominion, by training the children in its schools and placing the youths on the land according to its own conditions, gains citizens of the true New Zealand spirit. During the past five years approximately fifteen thousand migrants under this heading have come to the Dominion. Included in this total are 1,400 juveniles who have been brought out under the following special land schemes, and they are doing exceedingly well:—

Public and secondary school boys' scheme	..	..	..	..	630
Salvation Army scheme	..	..	..	..	403
Flock House boys	..	..	..	..	266
Flock House girls	..	..	..	..	36
Fellowship of British Empire Exhibition Scholarship at Ruakura State Farm	..	..	..	..	12
Church of England boys	..	..	..	..	53
Total	..	..	..	..	1,400

It is indeed pleasing for me to be able to state that five boys under the public and secondary schools scheme have purchased farms of their own, and several parents, together with their families (who were preceded by their sons under this scheme), have taken up permanent residence in the Dominion. Reports from the organizations controlling the other juvenile schemes, as to progress, &c., are entirely satisfactory.

Restriction.—In view of the economic conditions ruling at the commencement of the present year it was necessary for a reconsideration of the volume of immigration, and it was decided that during the forthcoming winter months the number of assisted migrants should be reduced to a minimum.

The total number of arrivals in New Zealand from the United Kingdom and Ireland during the year ended 31st March, 1927, was 14,943 (8,457 males and 6,486 females). Out of the total number of persons arriving—namely, 14,943—11,239 were assisted to New Zealand by the Imperial and New Zealand Governments. The number of assisted immigrants is made up of persons nominated from New Zealand and of persons themselves applying for assisted passages in London.

During the year the following steamers brought out assisted immigrants:—

Vessel.	Date of Arrival.	Number of Assisted Immigrants.	Vessel.	Date of Arrival.	Number of Assisted Immigrants.
Corinthic ..	7/4/26	297	Tekoa ..	24/10/26*	1
Suffolk ..	17/4/26*	1	Ruahine ..	31/10/26	257
Remuera ..	19/4/26	338	Port Bowen ..	11/11/26*	1
Ionic ..	7/5/26	370	Tainui ..	14/11/26	299
Hororata ..	17/5/26	595	Jervis Bay ..	23/11/26*	1
Mahana ..	21/5/26	756	Arawa ..	25/11/26	380
Ruapehu ..	25/5/26	237	Medic ..	27/11/26*	1
Arawa ..	4/6/26	173	Mataroa ..	13/12/26	380
Ruahine ..	14/6/26	216	Athenic ..	21/12/26	399
Tainui ..	16/7/26	344	Rotorua ..	24/12/26	200
Athenic ..	2/8/26	371	Corinthic ..	9/1/27	337
Rotorua ..	7/8/26	237	Remuera ..	10/1/27	263
Corinthic ..	24/8/26	363	Pakeha ..	28/1/27	591
Largs Bay ..	24/8/26*	1	Rimutaka ..	2/2/27	226
Rimutaka ..	1/9/26	334	Ionic ..	8/2/27	298
Remuera ..	5/9/26	330	Hororata ..	1/3/27	509
Ionic ..	23/9/26	368	Tamaroa ..	7/3/27	260
Ruapehu ..	5/10/26	224	Ruapehu ..	14/3/27	237
Hororata ..	11/10/26	571	Ruahine ..	19/3/27	93
Oronsay ..	16/10/26*	1			
Tamaroa ..	16/10/26	379	Total ..	..	11,239

* Date of sailing.

Vessel.	Date of Arrival.	Nominated.			Applied.			Totals combined.		
		Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Total.
Corinthic ..	7/4/26	73	61	57	191	64	37	5	106	297
Suffolk ..	17/4/26*	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Remuera ..	19/4/26	112	105	117	334	..	1	..	4	338
Ionic ..	7/5/26	139	87	112	338	4	28	..	32	370
Hororata ..	17/5/26	209	159	214	582	13	..	..	13	595
Mahana ..	21/5/26	215	196	306	717	2	37	..	39	756
Ruapehu ..	25/5/26	83	63	84	230	4	1	2	7	237
Arawa ..	4/6/26	34	39	73	146	..	27	..	27	173
Ruahine ..	14/6/26	89	57	63	209	7	..	..	7	216
Tainui ..	16/7/26	95	72	95	262	46	36	..	82	344
Athenic ..	2/8/26	92	81	104	277	72	22	..	94	371
Rotorua ..	7/8/26	66	64	83	213	9	15	..	24	237
Corinthic ..	24/8/26	112	74	117	303	32	28	..	60	363
Largs Bay ..	24/8/26*	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Rimutaka ..	1/9/26	116	72	85	273	59	2	..	61	334
Remuera ..	5/9/26	88	90	135	313	17	..	..	17	330
Ionic ..	23/9/26	106	92	117	315	27	26	..	53	368
Ruapehu ..	5/10/26	65	66	69	200	3	21	..	24	224
Hororata ..	11/10/26	195	140	221	556	15	..	..	15	571
Oronsay ..	16/10/26*	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Tamaroa ..	16/10/26	133	87	113	333	20	26	..	46	379
Tekoa ..	24/10/26*	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1
Ruahine ..	31/10/26	78	84	87	249	7	1	..	8	257
Port Bowen ..	11/11/26*	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Tainui ..	14/11/26	113	79	99	291	8	..	..	8	299
Jervis Bay ..	23/11/26*	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Arawa ..	25/11/26	110	113	112	335	14	31	..	45	380
Medic ..	27/11/26*	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Mataroa ..	13/12/26	120	89	111	320	24	36	..	60	380
Athenic ..	21/12/26	131	125	142	398	1	..	..	1	399
Rotorua ..	24/12/26	68	61	68	197	2	1	..	3	200
Corinthic ..	9/1/27	86	94	119	299	9	29	..	38	337
Remuera ..	10/1/27	86	67	84	237	25	1	..	26	263
Pakeha ..	28/1/27	215	149	209	573	18	..	..	18	591
Rimutaka ..	2/2/27	71	63	73	207	18	1	..	19	226
Ionic ..	8/2/27	91	83	71	245	20	33	..	53	298
Hororata ..	1/3/27	172	137	168	477	32	..	..	32	509
Tamaroa ..	7/3/27	67	68	72	207	23	30	..	53	260
Ruapehu ..	14/3/27	60	66	83	209	7	21	..	28	237
Ruahine ..	19/3/27	35	27	30	92	1	..	..	1	93
Totals	..	3,527	2,914	3,693	10,134	605	491	9	1,105	11,239

* Sailing-date.

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSISTED PASSENGERS BY DISTRICTS.

District.				Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Auckland .. .. .	..	..	..	1,228	1,089	1,335	3,652
Canterbury .. .. .	..	..	..	371	433	389	1,193
Hawke's Bay .. .. .	..	..	..	166	177	178	521
Marlborough .. .. .	..	..	..	11	15	13	39
Nelson .. .. .	..	..	..	147	126	155	428
Otago .. .. .	..	..	..	338	327	370	1,035
Southland .. .. .	..	..	..	114	100	147	361
Taranaki .. .. .	..	..	..	145	95	110	350
Wellington .. .. .	..	..	..	1,513	970	885	3,368
Westland .. .. .	..	..	..	99	73	120	292
Totals .. .. .	..	..	..	4,132	3,405	3,702	11,239

FARM LABOURERS PER EACH VESSEL SHOWING NOMINATED AND APPLIED.

Vessel.	Date of Arrival.	Nominated.			Applied.			Total.		
		Men.	Wives.	Total.	Men.	Wives.	Total.	Men.	Wives.	Total.
Corinthic	7/4/26	9	..	9	63	..	63	72	..	72
Ionic	7/5/26	7	..	7	2	..	2	9	..	9
Hororata	17/5/26	5	..	5	2	..	2	7	..	7
Mahana	21/5/26	5	..	5	1	..	1	6	..	6
Ruapehu	25/5/26	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1
Ruahine	14/6/26	2	..	2	7	..	7	9	..	9
Tainui	16/7/26	6	..	6	42	2	44	48	2	50
Athenic	2/8/26	5	..	5	71	1	72	76	1	77
Rotorua	7/8/26	4	..	4	9	..	9	13	..	13
Corinthic	24/8/26	3	..	3	32	1	33	35	1	36
Rimutaka	1/9/26	8	..	8	58	2	60	66	2	68
Remuera	5/9/26	7	..	7	15	..	15	22	..	22
Ionic	23/9/26	2	..	2	27	2	29	29	2	31
Ruapehu	5/10/26	1	..	1	3	..	3	4	..	4
Hororata	11/10/26	3	..	3	15	..	15	18	..	18
Tamaroa	16/10/26	1	..	1	20	1	21	21	1	22
Tekoa	24/10/26*	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	1
Ruahine	31/10/26	1	..	1	7	1	8	8	1	9
Port Bowen	11/11/26*	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1
Tainui	14/11/26	3	..	3	8	..	8	11	..	11
Arawa	25/11/26	7	..	7	14	1	15	21	1	22
Mataroa	13/12/26	4	..	4	24	2	26	28	2	30
Athenic	21/12/26	3	..	3	1	..	1	4	..	4
Rotorua	24/12/26	3	..	3	2	1	3	5	1	6
Corinthic	9/1/27	..	..	..	9	..	9	9	..	9
Remuera	10/1/27	..	..	..	25	1	26	25	1	26
Pakeha	28/1/27	..	..	..	18	..	18	18	..	18
Rimutaka	7/2/27	..	..	..	18	1	19	18	1	19
Ionic	8/2/27	..	..	..	20	3	23	20	3	23
Hororata	1/3/27	..	..	..	32	..	32	32	..	32
Tamaroa	7/3/27	..	..	..	23	3	26	23	3	26
Ruapehu	14/3/27	..	..	..	7	..	7	7	..	7
Ruahine	19/3/27	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	1
Totals .. .. .	..	91	..	91	577	22	599	668	22	690

* Date of sailing.

RETURN SHOWING DISTRICTS TO WHICH FARM LABOURERS WERE BOOKED.

Vessel.	Date of Arrival.	Auckland.	Canterbury	Hawke's Bay.	Marlborough.	Nelson.	Otago.	Southland.	Taranaki.	Wellington.	Westland.	Total.
Corinthic ..	7/4/26	17	3	..	..	..	8	..	..	44	..	72
Ionic ..	7/5/26	4	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	9
Hororata ..	17/5/26	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	7
Mahana ..	21/5/26	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	6
Ruapehu ..	25/5/26	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ruahine ..	14/6/26	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	9
Tainui ..	16/7/26	5	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	42	..	50
Athenic ..	2/8/26	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	73	..	77
Rotorua ..	7/8/26	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	13
Corinthic ..	24/8/26	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	33	..	36
Rimutaka ..	1/9/26	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	61	..	68
Remuera ..	5/9/26	2	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	16	..	22
Ionic ..	23/9/26	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	..	31
Ruapehu ..	5/10/26	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	4
Hororata ..	11/10/26	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	14	..	18
Tamaroa ..	16/10/26	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	18	..	22
Tekoa ..	24/10/26*	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ruahine ..	31/10/26	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	9
Port Bowen ..	11/11/26*	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Tainui ..	14/11/26	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	8	..	11
Arawa ..	25/11/26	3	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	15	..	22
Mataroa ..	13/12/26	3	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	23	..	30
Athenic ..	21/12/26	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	4
Rotorua ..	24/12/26	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	6
Corinthic ..	9/1/27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	9
Remuera ..	10/1/27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	..	26
Pakeha ..	28/1/27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	18
Rimutaka ..	2/2/27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	19
Ionic ..	8/2/27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	..	23
Hororata ..	1/3/27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	..	32
Tamaroa ..	7/3/27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	..	26
Ruapehu ..	14/3/27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	7
Ruahine ..	19/3/27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Totals ..	..	57	24	6	..	..	19	4	6	574	..	690

* Date of sailing.

DOMESTICS WHO ARRIVED PER EACH VESSEL AND DISTRIBUTION BY DISTRICTS, ALSO NOMINATED AND APPLIED DOMESTICS.

Vessel.	Date of Arrival.	Auckland.	Canterbury.	Hawke's Bay.	Marlborough.	Nelson	Otago.	Southland.	Taranaki.	Wellington.	Westland.	Total.	Nominated.	Applied.	Total.
Corinthic ..	7/4/26	12	7	4	..	2	4	..	..	15	..	44	8	36	44
Ionic ..	7/5/26	10	3	2	1	..	2	..	..	16	..	34	6	28	34
Mahana ..	21/5/26	6	2	4	..	..	3	2	1	24	1	43	6	37	43
Arawa ..	4/6/26	13	6	..	1	..	3	..	1	8	1	33	6	27	33
Tainui ..	16/7/26	12	5	1	..	..	3	..	..	13	..	34	1	33	34
Athenic ..	2/8/26	6	6	2	..	2	5	1	1	11	..	34	13	21	34
Rotorua ..	7/8/26	4	3	..	..	..	1	..	2	10	..	20	5	15	20
Corinthic ..	24/8/26	5	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	27	..	27	27
Ionic ..	23/9/26	12	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	13	..	34	10	24	34
Ruapehu ..	5/10/26	8	5	..	..	..	4	..	..	12	1	30	9	21	30
Tamaroa ..	16/10/26	12	3	3	..	..	..	2	..	9	..	29	4	25	29
Arawa ..	25/11/26	6	6	5	1	..	4	..	1	16	..	39	9	30	39
Mataroa ..	13/12/26	10	13	1	..	2	4	..	1	12	..	43	9	34	43
Corinthic ..	9/1/27	8	10	5	..	..	5	2	..	9	..	39	10	29	39
Ionic ..	8/2/27	12	5	5	..	2	2	..	1	13	..	40	10	30	40
Tamaroa ..	7/3/27	13	2	3	..	..	3	1	1	16	1	40	13	27	40
Ruapehu ..	14/3/27	11	2	3	..	..	1	1	..	8	..	26	5	21	26
Totals ..	..	160	84	42	3	8	47	9	9	223	4	589	124	465	589

DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL BOYS BY DISTRICTS.

Auckland ..	..	102	Southland ..	..	10
Canterbury ..	..	11	Taranaki ..	..	55
Hawke's Bay ..	..	4	Wellington ..	..	27
Marlborough	6	Westland	2
Nelson	7			
Otago	11	Total	235

OCCUPATIONS AS PER INDIVIDUAL BOATS.

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