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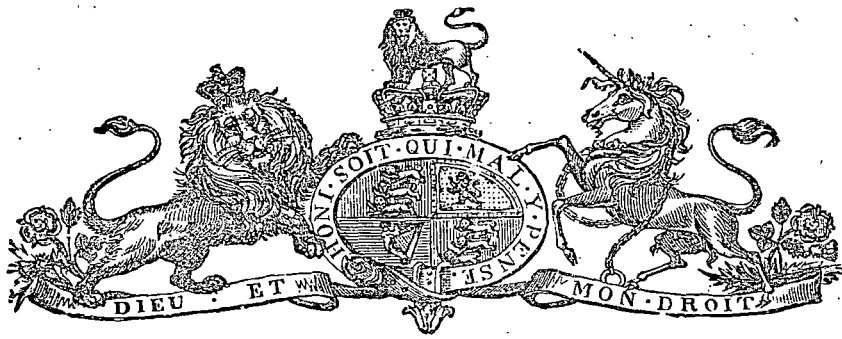
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

BOARD OF IMMIGRATION.

REPORT FOR 1870.

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Immigration Office, 7th November, 1871.

SIR,

THE Board of Immigration have the honor to submit their Annual Report on Immigration for the year ending 31st December, 1870, with the subsequent proceedings of the Board to the present date.

The total number of Immigrants introduced during the year under the Bounty System was 342; of these 301 arrived from Germany, 21 from England, 18 from Ireland, and 2 from Scotland.

Of these 102 were male adults, 103 female adults, 64 male children, and 73 female children.

The several occupations of the Immigrants are detailed in Table No. 3, which accompanies this Report.

The total passage money for the 342 souls introduced amounted to £4156, from which the sum of £1555 has to be deducted as the price of the Tickets, leaving the cost to the Board £2601.

Under the 7th Section of the 31st Vict. No. 26, the Board have issued 17 Certificates entitling the holders to select on account of themselves and their families 1030 acres of the waste lands of the crown.

These Certificates were claimed on account of 18 male and 10 female adults and 32 children.

Under the 5th Section of the same Act, 5 Land Order Warrants have been issued entitling the holders to select 279 acres of the waste lands of the crown.

These Land Order Warrants represent the immigration of 7 male adults, 4 female adults, and 10 children.

Mr. Frederick Buck, the Agent of the Board in Germany, despatched two vessels from Hamburg to Hobart Town, the *Victoria* and the *Figaro*, which arrived respectively on the 20th August and 26th October.

The female domestic servants were rapidly engaged; and, as a rule, appear to have given satisfaction.

The farming men also obtained employment, though not so easily as could have been desired; their ignorance of the language and customs of the Colonists, and the general depression under which the Colony laboured, tended to check the demand for their services, and many remained for a considerable time in the *Depôt*.

Some of the tradesmen obtained engagements at once, but, as a rule, it was more difficult to find suitable employment for them than for the agricultural labourers.

The Board originally intended and desired to introduce from Germany Immigrants of the "Small Farmer" class, who, paying their own passages, would land here with some little means in their possession, and as holders of Land Orders under the 5th Section of the Act of Parliament 31st Vict. No. 26, would have settled down and formed the nucleus of an extended immigration from that country.

Mr. Buck, however, found that it would not be possible at the commencement to induce the class referred to to select Tasmania for their future home, chiefly on account of the expense of the passage; he was, therefore, obliged to fall back upon the Bounty System, with the hope and expectation that subsequently, when the Emigrants by the first ships wrote to their friends, they would hold out such inducements as would lead many to emigrate under the Land Order Warrant System.

The delay that occurred in disposing of the Immigrants by the *Victoria* induced the Board in October last to instruct Mr. Buck to cease issuing Bounty Tickets pending further instructions, and in November they wrote informing him of their decision to discontinue the Agency after the 31st December.

In March, however, the Board received letters from Mr. Buck in reply, stating that it would be impossible for him to carry out the Board's instructions for the closing of the Agency, as by the law of Prussia he was compelled to provide for the transport of all Emigrants with whom he had entered into engagements prior to receiving the Board's instructions, and that under these circumstances he would be compelled to dispatch one more vessel.

This last vessel will leave Hamburg in September, and it is understood that she will bring almost entirely agricultural labourers, with a few female domestic servants.

The Board have been in communication with the Emigrant and Colonists Aid Corporation (limited), of 84, Lombard-street, London, with the view of availing themselves of a proposal by the Corporation to act as Agents for the Board in the United Kingdom; and the Corporation having accepted the Agency on the terms offered by the Board, it is hoped that before long the action taken may lead to the introduction of a suitable class of Immigrants with sufficient means to commence operations on their own account under the provisions of the Act 31 Vict. No. 26.

The Corporation have been supplied with a set of the County Maps and other Charts, and all statistical information relating to the Colony and its resources likely to prove of service to intending Emigrants.

The Board have also been in communication with a Mr. Isaac Whitesmith, of Glasgow, on the subject of a proposed Co-operative Emigration Association, and that gentleman contemplates the selection of Tasmania as the first field for the operations of the Society.

Mr. Whitesmith has been supplied by the Board with a large amount of information relating to the Colony, including Maps, &c., and has been strongly recommended to arrange for the dispatch of a body of pioneers in order that they, becoming personally acquainted with the resources of the Colony, might report upon its suitability as a field for Co-operative Emigration upon the plan proposed by Mr. Whitesmith.

By a recent mail, however, a communication has been received from Mr. Whitesmith, which leads the Board to infer that the scheme is not as yet sufficiently matured to render the above-mentioned suggestion practicable, but he advocates the establishment of Iron and Woollen Manufactories, to accomplish which he now urges as a preliminary necessity that the colonists should invest a considerable amount of capital in Shares in the Association: as yet, however, no Prospectus has been received explaining the objects and mode of operation proposed.

Mr. Whitesmith also seeks special privileges as regards the acquisition of land not contemplated by the existing Waste Lands Act.

The Board have purchased two editions of 10,000 each of a Pamphlet prepared by Mr. H. M. Hull, the Clerk of the House of Assembly, entitled "Practical Hints to Emigrants intending to proceed to Tasmania."

The Pamphlet contains a great deal of valuable information respecting the Colony; and the Board have forwarded copies to a great number of individuals, both public and private, whom they considered likely to make use of or disseminate the contents. They have supplied the Emigrant and Colonists Aid Corporation with a large number for distribution among their Country Agencies, and have also sent several hundreds to Mr. Whitesmith and to the Chairman of the Tasmanian Main-Line Railway Company.

The available balance at the disposal of the Board on the 31st December last amounted to £10,317, which on the 30th June last was reduced to £9523.

Appended are five tabulated Returns prepared by the Immigration Agent, referring to the operations of the Board under the Bounty System, and two relating to the transactions under the Act of Parliament 31 Vict. No. 26.

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The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

No. 1.

RETURN of IMMIGRANTS introduced into TASMANIA at the Public Expense during the Year ended 31st December, 1870.

Under Bounty Regulations of 1st January, 1868.	IMMIGRANTS INTRODUCED, WITH AMOUNT OF MONEY PAID.																TOTAL COST OF PASSAGE.	TOTAL SOULS ARRIVED.	
	Married.		Single.		Total.	Rate.	Cost.	Children 3 and under 12.			Rate.	Cost.	Children under 3 years of age.			Rate.			Cost.
	M.	F.	M.	F.		£	£	M.	F.	TOTAL.	£	£	M.	F.	TOTAL.	£			£
Hobart Town	57	56	41	39	193	16	3088	43	51	94	8	752	16	18	34	—	60	3900	321
Launceston	1	2	3	6	12	—	192	4	3	7	—	56	1	1	2	4	8	256	21
TOTAL.....	58	58	44	45	205	—	3280	47	54	101	—	808	17	19	36	—	68	4156	342

Total Passage Money	£	4156
Deduct Amount of Deposit on—	{	
	59 Family Tickets.....	890
	44 Male Tickets.....	440
	45 Female Tickets.....	225
		<u>1555</u>
Cost to the Board.....	£	<u>2601</u>

N.B.—58 Families, introducing 255 souls, cost the Board £1862, being at an average of £32 2s. 1d. per Family.

B. TRAVERS SOLLY, *Immigration Agent.*

No. 2.

NATIVE COUNTRIES and RELIGIONS of IMMIGRANTS arrived during the Year ended 31st December, 1870.

	Married.		Single.		Children.		Total Souls.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
England	2	3	1	4	6	5	9	12
Ireland	1	1	4	9	1	2	6	12
Scotland	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	1
Germany	55	54	38	31	57	66	150	151
Other Countries	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	58	58	44	45	64	73	166	176
Protestant	54	55	39	35	59	70	152	160
Roman Catholic	4	3	5	10	5	3	14	16
Other Religions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	58	58	44	45	64	73	166	176

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No. 3.

OCCUPATIONS of IMMIGRANTS introduced during the Year ended 31st December, 1870.

MALES.	
Farmers	6
Farm Servants	48
Carpenters	8
Bricklayers	8
Miners	2
Gardener	1
Groom and Coachman	4
Blacksmiths	2
Quarryman	1
Coopers	2
French Polisher	1
Tailors	3
Shoemakers	2
Shepherds	4
Millers	2
Ropemakers	3
Wheelwrights	2
Basketmakers	2
Plasterer	1
Candlemaker	1
Salesman	1
FEMALES.	
Domestic Servants	49
Laundresses	3
Needlewomen	2

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No. 4.

RETURN of LIABILITIES of the Board of Immigration on OVERDUE and OUTSTANDING BOUNTY TICKETS, under the Regulations of the 21st December, 1858, and 1st January, 1868, on 31st December, 1870.

	FAMILY TICKETS.	SINGLE.		AMOUNT.	
		Male.	Female.	£	£
Under Regulations of 21st December, 1858— Overdue	11	20	46	£	£ 595
Under Regulations of 1st January, 1868— Overdue	—	1	2	20	
Outstanding	3	10	10	195	215
	3	11	12		£810

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No. 5.

RETURN of LIABILITIES of Government for Repayments on OVERDUE BOUNTY TICKETS under the Bounty Regulations of 24th January, 1854; 1st March, 1856; and 1st July, 1856; on the 31st December, 1870.

	TICKETS OVERDUE.			TOTAL LIABILITIES.
	Family Tickets.	Man and Wife Tickets.	Single Tickets.	
Under Regulations of 24th January, 1854, chargeable against the General Revenue....	58	—	136	£ 698
Ditto 1st March, 1856, chargeable against the Board of Immigration.....	30	—	67	351
Ditto 1st July, 1856.....	—	—	12	60
	88	—	215	1109

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No. 6.

RETURN showing the Names of Applicants and the Number of Acres granted by Certificate under the 7th Section of the 31st Vict. No. 26, during the Year 1870.

Name of Applicant.	Date of Certificate.	Number of Acres granted.
C. G. Ramsey	19 January	50
Charles Nicholls	11 February	80
W. Winter	11 March	60
William Allard	16 March	30
James Cave Ross	30 March	80
Daniel Doogan	30 March	30
G. A. H. Fulton	19 May	30
T. K. J. Fulton	19 May	30
John Chisholm	12 July	90
S. Smith Travers	6 August	130
Gilbert C. Elliott	10 August	70
David Chapman, jun.....	3 September	30
W. C. Chapman.....	3 September	30
Robert Hebden	10 November	80
N. R. Cross	16 November	40
L. C. Andressen.....	28 November	120
C. G. Weber	30 November	50
TOTAL	1080

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No. 7.

RETURN of LAND ORDER WARRANTS issued under the 5th Section of the Act of Parliament 31st Vict. No. 26, with Names of Recipients, Date of Issue, and Acreage.

Name.	Date of Issue.	Acreage.
	1870.	
Clement, Thomas	29 March	18
Roberts, Sarah	29 March	18
Walker, Henry Hirst	11 April	72
Slater, John	8 August	153
Gomolka, Hugo.....	10 August	18
TOTAL	279

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