



Immigration to New Zealand

BURGEONING interest in genealogy and family history in recent years has been paralleled by a renewed interest in the sources and character of European and non-European migration to New Zealand from the late 18th century as shown by recent substantial publications, including D.H. Akenson's *Half the world from home: perspectives on the Irish in N.Z. 1840–1950* (1990); Charlotte Macdonald's *A woman of good character: single women as immigrant settlers in nineteenth century N.Z.* (1990); Rosalind McClean's thesis *Scottish emigration to N.Z. 1840–1880: motives, means and background* (1990); James Ng's *Windows on a Chinese past* (1993); and Tony Simpson's *The immigrants: the great migration from Britain to New Zealand 1830–1890* (1997).

Practically the only previous comprehensive survey was W.D. Borrie's thesis 'Immigration to N.Z. since 1854' (University of Otago, 1937) substantially republished as *Immigration to N.Z. 1854–1938* (Canberra, 1991), although a useful summary appeared in *An encyclopaedia of New Zealand* (Wellington, 1966). Immigration since 1900, in particular, awaits detailed analysis. In 1996 the Historical Branch of the Department of Internal Affairs began a major study of immigration from Britain to New Zealand in an effort, despite the paucity, inadequacy and destruction of much critical information, to identify the changing source and character of the most important British migratory streams to reach this country.

Data difficulties notwithstanding, immigration to New Zealand, especially since 1918, has attracted much comment and investigation, reflecting contemporary social and economic concerns and debates. This bulletin offers a sampling of the Library's wide-ranging holdings. Remember always to check details in secondary sources against primary sources.

Bibliographies

A number of useful bibliographies relating to immigration include:

Borrie, W.D. *The assimilation of immigrants in Australia and N.Z.: an annotated bibliography.* Canberra.

Dept of Labour: *Immigration and immigrants: a bibliography of the historical, demographic, social and economic aspects of immigration and immigrants in N.Z.* Wellington, 1975; revised 1980, 1982.

Hargreaves, R.P. & Heenan, L.D.B: *An annotated bibliography of N.Z. population.* Dunedin, 1972.

National Council of Churches in N.Z. *Bibliography on immigration: selected titles of books and papers relevant to the discussions of the inter-church committee on immigration.* Christchurch, 1970.

Ng, J. *The Chinese in N.Z.: a bibliography.* Dunedin, 1962.

Podstolski, J.H. *A bibliography of non-British immigration to N.Z.* Wellington, 1955.

Price, C.A. ed. *Australian immigration: a bibliography and digest.* Canberra. The Library holds No. 2, 1970; No. 3, 1975. Parts 1 and 2; and No. 4, 1979. No. 2 contains an

entry by I.H. Burnley entitled 'Survey of N.Z. literature on immigration'; and No. 3 an entry by A.D. Trlin entitled 'Bibliography of N.Z. immigration'.

Thompson, K.W. & Trlin, A.D. *Immigrants in N.Z.: a bibliography.* Wellington, 1975.

Trlin, A.D. & Spoonley, P. eds. *N.Z. international migration: a digest and bibliography.* Palmerston North, 1986–1992.

Journals

The Library holds a comprehensive collection of journals contains statistical information and many articles on various aspects of immigration, especially since 1945.

Two early periodicals are:

Australian and N.Z. Monthly Magazine, published in London. The Library holds Vol 1, Nos 1–6, 1842.

N.Z. Journal, published in London. The Library holds Nos 1–283 (1840–1850); 284–331 (1851–1852).

More recent journals include:

Comment

Commonwealth Survey

International Migration Review

Labour and Employment Gazette

N.Z. Commerce

N.Z. Economist

N.Z. Financial Review

N.Z. Financial Times

N.Z. Geographer

N.Z. Journal of Public Administration

N.Z. Manufacturer

N.Z. Monthly Review

N.Z. National Review

Quarterly Population Bulletin

Population

Round Table

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The bibliographies listed above, especially Hargreaves and Heenan (1972) and the Department of Labour (1975, 1980, and 1982), offer useful guides to the material available in these publications.

Public Record Office, London

The Hocken holds microfilm copies of archives of the N.Z. Company which occupy an important place in our early British immigration history. Among them are:

CO 208/268–269. N.Z. Company: Register of Cabin Passengers [1839–50] by the Company's Ships.

CO 208/272. N.Z. Company: Register of Emigrant Labourers Applying for a Free Passage to N.Z., Book 1 [July 1839–March 1842].

CO 208/273. N.Z. Company: Register of Emigrant Labourers Applying for a Free Passage to N.Z., Book 2 [March 1842–June 1850].

CO 208/274. Original applications for free passage and list of emigrants.

CO 208/275. Register and index to 272 and 273.

CO 208/277. Papers relating to German emigration [Nelson].

CO 215/140. Correspondence, outwards letters, emigration, 1839–1843.

Statistical Sources

Reliable and comprehensive data on immigration into New Zealand, certainly prior to 1871, are scarce. The difficulties were seriously compounded by the destruction in 1972 of original census data dating back to 1857. Some statistical information was published in the *Statistics of N.Z.* After 1871 the data available improve and can be found in appendices and papers published in the journals of proceedings of the various provincial councils, but especially in the *Appendices, Journals of the House of Representatives*. The D papers contained separate immigration returns. The *N.Z. Official Yearbooks*, from 1894, also offer some statistical information.

Two other useful sources are Wilcox, W. *International migrations, Vol.1, Statistics*. New York, 1929; and Carrier, N.H. & Jeffery, J.R. *External Migration: A Study of the Available Statistics*, London, 1953.

Statistics for the 20th century are more readily available and include the N.Z. Department of Statistics *N.Z. Permanent and long-term migration, time series statistics 1922–1979*, Wellington [1980]; and *Statistical reports on external migration*, Wellington, 1922–1932 (continued in *Population, migration and building statistics*).

Passenger Lists

Bulletin 14 contains details of passenger lists. It names major sources and the ships for which lists are held. The former include the New Zealand Company's *Emigration Lists 1839–1851*; the *Otago/Southland Assisted Passengers, 1872–1888* which give ages, marital status, place of origin (or possibly place of last residence), and occupation; and the *Passenger Lists to Otago 1869–1875*, drawn from the Otago Provincial Gazettes, which provide place of origin or last residence and occupation; *Paying Passengers to Otago 1871–1880* by P.Henderson and Company; and An Inventory of Holdings, 1839–1888, at the Auckland Public Library (1968). Unfortunately, a full set of passenger lists for ships carrying assisted migrants to Otago up to 1871 is not available. *Bulletin 14* gives a list of those ships for which passenger lists are available.

Two useful sources are T.M. Hocken's *Contributions*, in which Appendix F lists all passengers and ships arriving in Otago between 1848 and 1850, and V. Maxwell's *Settlers to Otago pre 1861*, Dunedin, 1989. The Hocken also holds a microform copy of National Archives Im 15/41–52, *Nominal index to passenger lists, January–May 1873*, and of a register of ships carrying assisted migrants to N.Z. over the period 1871–1887 (being a copy of National Archives immigration file Im 9/1).

Other useful sources include the Auckland Institute and Museum's *Inventory of passenger lists, nominal rolls . . . index of ships, 1839–1888* (Auckland, 1968). Further data relating to Auckland can be found in J.J. Craig's *Historical records of jubilee reunion of old colonists, including roll of pioneer settlers who arrived prior to 1843* (Auckland, 1893), and [F. Eadie's] *Roll of early settlers and descendants in the Auckland province prior to the end of 1852* [Auckland, 1940].

A recently published and very useful source is the *Passenger Lists, Victoria, AUS outwards to N.Z.* Prepared by the N.Z. Society of Genealogists, the first and last of three parts for lists are being published, in microfiche form, in three parts, 1852–1860, 1861–1865 and 1866–1870. At

the time of preparation of this bulletin the first and last parts had been published.

Voyage Accounts

Again *Bulletin 14* sets out the Library's holdings of voyage accounts. A recent work which includes some New Zealand sources is Hassam, A. *Sailing to Australia: shipboard diaries by nineteenth century British immigrants*, Manchester, 1994. *N.Z. Letters of Thomas Arnold the Younger . . .*, ed. by James Bertram, Auckland, 1966, has many shrewd observations.

Emigrants' Guides

A wide range of emigrants' guides offer interesting insights into many aspects of migration, including the selection of destination, the voyage to New Zealand, and settlement in the colony. Among them are:

Ashby, W. *N.Z., the land of health, wealth and prosperity*. London, 1889.

Bentley, E.L. *The settlers' guide to N.Z.* 1893.

Brees, S.C. *Guide and description of the panorama of N.Z.* London, 1849.

Bright, J. *Handbook for emigrants and others*. London, 1841.

Brodie, W. *Remarks on the past and present state of N.Z.* London, 1845.

Burton, J.H. *The emigrants' manual*. Edinburgh, 1851.

Clayden, A. *A popular handbook to N.Z.* London, 1885.

Cooper, I.R. *The N.Z. settlers' guide*. London, 1857.

Earp, G.B. *The emigrants' guide to N.Z.* London, 1848.

Earp, G.B. *N.Z.: its emigration and goldfields*. London, 1853.

Earp, G.B. *Handbook for intending emigrants to the southern settlements of N.Z.* London, 1856.

Fitton, E.B. *N.Z.: its present condition, prospects and resources*. London, 1856.

Great Britain Emigrants Information Office. *N.Z. Handbook*. London, 1915.

Jameson, R.G. *N.Z., South Australia, and New South Wales*. London, 1841.

Matthew, P. *Emigration fields: North America, the Cape, Australia and N.Z.: describing these countries and giving a comparative view of the advantages they present to British settlers*. Edinburgh, 1839.

N.Z. Department of Lands and Survey. *The immigrants' guide and settlers' handbook*. Wellington, 1902, 1906.

Smith, S. *The settlers' new home: or, whether to go and whither, being a guide to emigrants in the selection of a settlement and the preliminary details of the voyage . . . in two parts*. London, 1850.

Terry, C. *N.Z.: its advantages and prospects as a British colony*.

Ward, J. *Information relative to N.Z. compiled for the use of colonists*. London, 1840.

More recent and official publications of this kind include: A.N.Z. Bank. *N.Z. prospects: information for intending emigrants*. 1962 (revised edition).

Hardwick, J.M.D. *Opportunity in N.Z.* London [1955].

Department of Labour. *N.Z.: prospects of settlement*. Chessington, 1966.

N.Z. Immigration Division. *Living in N.Z.*, Wellington [1972?].

N.Z. Immigration Division. *A new life in a young country: the N.Z. Government's immigration schemes*, Wellington 1971.

N.Z. Immigration Division. *Services for settlers: a N.Z. directory*, Wellington, 1982.

Pamphlets and Articles

The Library holds many pamphlets and separately printed articles on the subject of immigration. Examples are:

- Barnett, A.A. *Information for emigrants proceeding to N.Z.* London [1874].
- Barry, J. *N.Z. as a field for emigration.* London, 1879.
- Bohn, F. 'The immigration problem across the Pacific: how Australia and N.Z. have solved the problem for themselves and marvel at the American attitude', in *American Federationist* 30, 1923.
- Bridges, E.T. 'Emigration to N.Z.', in *St James Magazine* 35, 1874, 286–300.
- Buller, J. *N.Z., the future England of the southern hemisphere.* Wellington, [1857].
- Capper, H. *Where to emigrate and how.* London, 1850.
- Chambers, W. & R. 'Emigration to Van Diemens Land and N.Z.', in *Chambers Information for the People*, 20, April, 1841, 305–320.
- Clayden, A. *The England of the Pacific.* London, 1979 (2nd ed).
- Handbook of information for emigrants to N.Z., Australia, Canada, the United States, British Columbia and the Red River settlements.* Glasgow, 1870.
- Hursthouse, C.F. *Emigration fields contrasted—the diggings—practical hints on emigration to N.Z.* London, 1853.
- Hursthouse, C.F. *The N.Z. handbook.* London, [1874] (12th ed).
- 'Immigration to N.Z. 1854–1880: the struggle of the remote islands of the Antipodes', in *Journal of the Royal Australian Historical Society* 30, 1944, 299–325.
- Stead, G.G. *Immigration and N.Z.'s progress.* [Dunedin], 1890.
- Stones, W. *N.Z., the land of promise and its resources.* [London, 1862] (5th ed).

Immigration Policy

Immigration policy has been the subject of extensive debate, some dispassionate and analytical, some polemic and emotive. The debate on Asian immigration during the 1996 election was of the latter tradition. Discussion of immigration matters has carried on practically since the beginnings of European settlement. The Library contains material of both kinds relating to matters of policy, including a much relating to Asian immigration and to the population panics of the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s:

- Belshaw, H. *Immigration: problems and policies.* Reprinted from the *N.Z. Financial Times*, Wellington, 1952.
- Calvert, G.N. *The future population of N.Z.* 1946.
- Castle, A.F. *A case for immigration.* Wellington, 1936.
- Citizens Association for Racial Equality. *Seminar on N.Z.'s immigration policy, proceedings.* Auckland, 1968.
- Dominion Settlement Association. *Proceedings of a dominion conference on migration convened by the Wellington Chamber of Commerce, Sept. 24th and 25th, 1925.* Wellington, 1925.
- Dominion Settlement & Population Association. *Populate—or perish! Report of the Dominion conference on population, Wellington, 22nd July, 1947.* Wellington, 1947.
- Dominion Conference on Migration.* Wellington, 1925.
- Fraser, A. *A case for immigration.* Wellington, 1936.
- Greene, A. *Awake! Arouse yourselves! Arise! The nation's peril N.Z.'s need.* Wellington, 1929.
- Hally, C.T. 'Immigration policy of N.Z.' Reprinted from

- Migration News* 14, 1–2, 1965.
- Hunt, A.L. *Which shall it be? National suicide or The Brighter Britain of the South, N.Z.'s vital need—greater population.* Wellington, 1936.
- Hunt, A.L. *The sands of time are running out: N.Z.'s vital need, greater population.* Wellington, 1958.
- Jesson, B.E. *Too many Poms: a republican appraisal of immigration.* Pokeno, [1973].
- Kippenberger, H. *N.Z.'s position very grave, may already be too late.* Wellington, 1950.
- Mander, A.E. *To alarm N.Z.* Wellington, 1936.
- N.Z. Immigration Advisory Council. *Review of immigration policy, immigration policy announcements, 2 October 1973 to 7 May 1974.* Wellington, 1974.
- N.Z. Institute of International Affairs. *Immigration into N.Z. Report of a study group.* Wellington, 1950.
- N.Z. University Students Association. *Whom shall we admit? Proposals for a controlled culturally diverse and assisted immigration policy.* Wellington [1965?].
- Northey, R.J. & Lythe, B. *How white is our immigration policy?* [Auckland, 1972].
- Polson, W.J. *A suggested immigration policy.* [Wanganui, 1925].
- Review of immigration policy: policy announcements 2 October 1973 to 7 May 1974.* Wellington, 1974.
- Roy, W.T. 'N.Z.'s immigration policy and external affairs'. Reprinted from *International Migration Review* 1, 1, Fall 1966, 33–43.
- Seminar on N.Z.'s immigration policy.* Auckland, 1968.
- Sinclair, H.I. *Population—N.Z.'s problem.* Dunedin, 1944.
- Vernant, J. *The refugee in the postwar world.* London, 1953.
- Walsh, F.P. *How many immigrants? Serious situation is developing in the nation. A report on the subject of N.Z.'s immigration policy by the president of the N.Z. Federation of Labour.* [Wellington, 1959?]
- Walshaw, R.S. *Migration to and from the British Isles: problems and policies.* London, [1941].

Theses and Postgraduate Essays

The Library holds theses, dissertations and long essays on historical aspects of immigration, most of them containing useful bibliographies:

- Borrie, W.D. 'Immigration to N.Z. since 1854'. University of Otago, 1937.
- Boyd, L.A. 'The Immigration Restriction Amendment Act 1920', University of Otago, 1977.
- Buckingham, P.D. 'The report of the Chinese Immigration Committee, 1871, with respect to some aspects of public opinion in Otago Province'. University of Otago, 1974.
- Clarke, S.J. 'The voyage to Otago, 1870s', University of Otago, 1990.
- Davie, O.R. 'Chinese immigration into N.Z., 1878–1881', University of Otago, 1969.
- Fay, J. 'The Chinese Immigrants Act, 1881'. University of Otago, 1973.
- Forgie, A. 'Anti-Chinese agitation in N.Z., 1887–1889: its results and causes'. University of Otago, 1969.
- Gillespie, G.G. 'The pensioner settlements. [Province of Auckland]'. University of Otago, 1954.
- Gordon, L.G. 'Immigration into Hawkes Bay, 1858–1876', Victoria University of Wellington, 1965.
- Grigg, A.R. 'Attitudes in N.Z. to Scandinavian immigration 1870–1876'. University of Otago, 1973.
- Kay, G. 'Seddon and Asian immigration legislation, 1896–9'. University of Otago, 1973.
- Leckie, J.V. 'They sleep standing up: Gujaratis in N.Z. to

- 1945'. University of Otago, 1981.
- McClellan, R. 'Scottish Emigrants to N.Z. 1840–1880: Motives, Means, and Background'. Edinburgh University, 1990.
- McNeur, J. 'The Chinese in N.Z.'. University of Otago, 1930.
- Millar, R.D. 'Early reactions and attitudes to Chinese immigrants in Otago, 1866–1870'. University of Otago, 1972.
- Morris, J. 'The assisted immigration to N.Z. 1871–1879: a statistical study'. University of Auckland, 1973.
- O'Connor, P.W.J. 'Asian immigration to N.Z. 1896–1899: the attempts by the N.Z. Government to halt Asian immigration and the role of the imperial authorities in curbing and modifying this legislation'. University of Otago, 1972.
- Perkins, G.J. 'A study of anti-Asian legislation and attitudes in N.Z.', 1880–1890. University of Otago, 1973.
- Rigby, B.R. 'The N.Z. Government and the restriction of Asian immigration in the years 1894–1897'. University of Otago, 1969.
- Salmon, F.E. 'Assisted immigration to Otago, 1870–1876'. University of Otago, 1970.
- Williams, J.V. 'A study of the Gujerati community in N.Z. against the background of immigration legislation to 1930'. University of Otago, 1976.
- Willis, M. 'The Chinese question 1896–99: a study in conflict'. University of Otago, 1974.

Immigration of Specific Groups

Studies on the immigration and assimilation of specific groups include:

- Akenson, D.H. *Half the World from Home; Perspectives on the Irish in N.Z. 1860–1950*. Wellington, 1990.
- Bender, H. & Larsen, B. eds. *Danish Emigration to N.Z.*, 1990.
- Burnley, I.H. *From southern Europe to N.Z.: Greeks and Italians in N.Z.* Kensington, 1972.
- Buick, L. *The French at Akaroa: An adventure in colonisation*. Wellington, 1928.
- Campbell, P.C. *Chinese coolie emigration to countries within the British Empire*. London, 1923.
- Donaldson, G. *The Scots overseas*. [1966].
- Laracy, E. & H. *The Italians in N.Z. and other studies*. Auckland, 1973.
- Lindsaar, P. *Estonians in N.Z.: a statistical and chronological survey*. Sydney, 1961.
- Lochore, R.A. *From Europe to N.Z.: an account of our continental European settlers*. Wellington, 1951.
- Pearce, G.L. *The Scots of N.Z.* Auckland, 1976.
- Pobog-Jaworowski, J.W. *Polish settlers in Taranaki 1876–1976*. [Wellington, 1976].
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- Anti-Asiatic League of Palmerston North. *Rule book*. [Palmerston North, c1905].
- Kelly, J.L. *The racial problem. A menace to civilisation. 'Our coloured brother' considered in various aspects*. Auckland, 1911.
- Lionel, Terry. *The shadow*. Auckland, 1904.
- Macdonald, T.F. *Reasons for a white race movement*. Wellington, 1926.
- Reeves, W.P. *The exclusion of aliens and undesirables from Australia and N.Z.* [1901].
- White N.Z. League. *Citizens of the future are the children of today*. Auckland, 1926.

White N.Z. League. *Don't fail to read this appeal*. Wellington, 1927.

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- Fong, N.B. *The Chinese in N.Z.: a study in assimilation*. Hong Kong, 1959.
- MacKenzie, N. ed. *The legal status of aliens in Pacific countries*. Oxford, 1937. A chapter by G.H. Scholefield examines Asian immigration in N.Z.; another, by T.D.H. Hall, deals with the status of aliens in N.Z.
- Matthews, P. *N.Z.'s Chinese minority: a preliminary report*. Auckland, 1946.
- Ng, J. *Windows on a Chinese past*. Dunedin, 1993.
- Ngata, A.T. ed. *N.Z. Affairs*. Christchurch, 1929. Chapter V, by T.D.H. Hall, 'N.Z. and Asiatic immigration', outlines the history of legislation relating to Asians.
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- Amnesty Aroha. *Submission to government*. 1976 [concerning overstayers].
- De Bres, J. *Migrant labour in the Pacific*. Wellington, 1974.
- De Bres, J. & Campbell, R. *Worth their weight in gold*. Auckland, 1975.
- De Bres, J. *The overstayers, illegal migration from the Pacific to N.Z.* Auckland, 1976.
- Taylor, K.J. *Migration and the Pacific Islands*. Wellington, 1981.

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- Bolitho, H. & Mulgan, J. *The Emigrants. Early travellers to the Antipodes*, London, [1939].
- Borrie, W.D. *Immigration to–1938*. Canberra, 1991.
- Buckland, G. *God's own country. A study of immigrants in N.Z. society*. Auckland, 1972.
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- Constantine, S. ed. *Emigrants and empire*. Manchester, 1990.
- Drummond, Alison. *Married and gone to N.Z. Being extracts from the writings of women pioneers*, Hamilton, 1960.
- Duncan, W.G.K. & Janes, C.V. eds. *The future of immigration into Australia and N.Z.* Sydney, 1937.
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- Marriott, J.A.R. *Empire settlement*. London, 1927.
- Monk, Una ed. *New horizons. A hundred years of women's migration*, London, 1963.
- Price, C.A. *The great white walls are built: restrictive immigration to North America and Australasia, 1836–1888*. Canberra, 1974.
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