

restrictions need expect no favours, regardless of how important such individuals or firms may be in the business world. The time has come when all must realize that the war is not limited to combating the enemy on the battlefields in France, but must be carried into our everyday transactions of life, and that our business practice must be remoulded where necessary to meet existing conditions.

It is unnecessary to mention other desirable results which may be obtained by this import control, such as the gathering of trade information, or the conservation of tonnage by elimination of non-essentials.

No anxiety need be felt by importers that there will be any serious restriction on the importation of necessary articles, if the transaction does not involve dealing with an enemy or ally of an enemy, or otherwise giving him aid or comfort. If the importer endeavours diligently and in a spirit of co-operation to comply with the requirements of the War Trade Board, no loss, and but slight inconvenience, need be anticipated.

Blank applications for import licenses may be procured at the Bureau of Imports at Washington, or at any of the

branch offices of the War Trade Board. These are to be made out by the applicant, and forwarded to the Bureau of Imports, War Trade Board, Washington, where they will receive prompt attention. If importers are diligent in applying for these licenses before the arrival of the goods no difficulty will arise.

Special consideration will be given cases where goods are in transit or at the port of arrival ready for entry. Certain general licenses will be granted to expedite the ordinary flow of business, and still not interfere with the accomplishment of the results sought. Chief among these will be a general license for the present for all shipments of all commodities not exceeding one hundred (100) dollars in value. This will avoid any serious interruption of local commerce across the Canadian and Mexican borders.

All the rules and regulations of the Bureau of Imports under the previous import Proclamation will remain in force unless specifically revoked.

VANCE C. McCORMICK,

Washington, 17th February, 1918. Chairman.

Immigration and Emigration Returns.

RETURN of IMMIGRATION to and EMIGRATION from the DOMINION of NEW ZEALAND during the MONTH of APRIL, 1918, showing the Places from which Persons arrived and to which they departed, and the Ports of Arrival and Departure.

ARRIVALS FROM AND DEPARTURES TO DIFFERENT PLACES.

Countries.	ARRIVALS.					DEPARTURES.				
	Adults.		Children.		Total Persons.	Adults.		Children.		Total Persons.
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	
United Kingdom .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	75	73	5	4	157
Australian Commonwealth	491	432	65	67	1,055	451	479	62	50	1,042
Cook Islands	1	..	..	..	1	13	1	1	..	15
Niue .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	2	7
Fiji	30	18	6	8	62	15	22	4	3	44
Norfolk Island .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	6	8	3	2	19
Canada	5	4	1	2	12	27	13	1	1	42
United States	8	2	..	..	10	8	6	4	4	22
Hawaii	2	1	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	1
Friendly Islands	4	6	3	6	19	2	6	3	1	12
Samoa	30	7	2	..	39	4	9	..	2	15
Foreign Pacific Islands (undefined)	4	3	..	..	7	3	..	..	..	3
Totals, April, 1918	575	473	77	83	1,208	607	619	84	69	1,379
Totals, April, 1917	860	488	88	84	1,520	941	701	94	74	1,810

The excess of the departures from New Zealand over the arrivals therein during the month of April, 1918, was therefore 171 persons, as against 290 in the corresponding month of 1917.

ARRIVALS AT AND DEPARTURES FROM DIFFERENT NEW ZEALAND PORTS.*

Ports.	ARRIVALS.					DEPARTURES.				
	Adults.	Children.	Males.	Females.	Total Persons.	Adults.	Children.	Males.	Females.	Total Persons.
Auckland	349	67	225	191	416	457	69	248	278	526
Wellington	699	93	427	365	792	725	79	423	381	804
Dunedin .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	2	3
Invercargill .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	41	5	19	27	46
Totals, April, 1918	1,048	160	652	556	1,208	1,226	153	691	688	1,379
Totals, April, 1917	1,348	172	948	572	1,520	1,642	168	1,035	775	1,810

CHINESE (included above).

		Arrivals.			Departures.		
		Males.	Females.			Males.	Females.
At Auckland .. ..	..	3	..	From Auckland .. ..	..	1	..
„ Wellington .. ..	..	9	..	„ Wellington .. ..	..	29	7
		12	..			30	7

NOTE.— Figures of arrivals and departures do not include members of Expeditionary Forces.

* It is important to mention that, in the returns from which this table is made up, immigrants to the Dominion are all counted at the first port of arrival, and emigrants at the final port of departure.

Census and Statistics Office,
Wellington, 7th May, 1918.

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