

THE FIRST THREE SHIPS.

In the shipping news in the "Lyttelton Times" of March 8, 1851, it is stated: "The Charlotte Jane, Randolph, and Sir George Seymour have all arrived at Sydney. The Charlotte Jane is about to sail for London, and has half her cargo on board. The Randolph is advertised for charter. The Sir George Seymour is going to Calcutta. The Charlotte Jane sailed for London from Sydney on April 16, 1851."

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CANTERBURY PILGRIMS.

THE FIRST TEN YEARS.

Mr R. C. Bishop, himself one of the "first four" shipmates, stated yesterday that Mr James Calder had some time ago given him a list of the arrivals of many of the early ships in Lyttelton covering the period 1850-1860. "This list," added Mr Bishop, "may remind many of those who arrived here during that period that we may still look upon ourselves as early pioneers and hope to shake hands on Saturday next."

The list is as follows:—

- 1850
 - Charlotte Jane, Alex. Lawrence master, 729 tons.
 - Randolph, W. N. Dale, 760 tons.
 - Sir George Seymour, Thos. Goodson, 850 tons.
 - Cressy, John B. Bell, 730 tons.
- The above four are the pioneer vessels of the province of Canterbury and arrived at Lyttelton in the following order:—
- December 10th—Charlotte, Jane and Randolph.
 - December 17th—Sir George Seymour.
 - December 27th—Cressy.

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- February 1st—Isabella Hercules, Peter Hunter, 618 tons.
- February 7th—Castle Eden, Thornton, tonnage not known. 930 tons.
- April 2nd—Travahore, I. Brown, 592 tons.
- June 6th—Duke of Bronte, J. Barclay, 423 tons.
- June 12th—Steadfast, T. Spencer, 534 tons.
- August 14th—Laluan, W. Scott, 547 tons.
- August 22nd—Bangalore, W. Morgan, 876 tons.
- August 30th—Dominion, W. L. Drake, 583 tons.
- September 19th—Lady Nugent, J. Parsons, 668 tons.
- September 26th—Duke of Portland, W. J. Corbett, 533 tons.
- October 10th—Mid Lothian, Jos. Gibson, 414 tons.
- October 22nd—Canterbury, T. Edwards, 709 tons, 175 passengers.
- November 11th—Sir George Pollock, T. Hurthers, 630 tons, 157 passengers.
- December 11th—Cornwall, W. Dawson, 580 tons, 111 passengers.
- December 20th—Fatima, A. Sprowl, 521 tons, 107 passengers.

- February 2nd—William Hyde, Appleyard.
- May 5th—Stag, H. N. Clark.
- August 2nd—Samarang.
- October 21st—Duke of Rutland, J. Alexander.

- January 21st—Duke of Portland, J. Alexander, 533 tons, 108 passengers.
- February 4th—Minoeca, Johnston, 692 tons, 131 passengers.
- May 7th—Hampshire, E. A. Reynell, 627 tons, 66 passengers.
- October 19th—John Taylor, Cowkett, 788 tons, 65 passengers.

- April 25th—Balmaguth, Smith, 461 tons, 64 passengers. (Crimean war this year.)

- January 1st—Royal Stuart, Jadman, 837 tons, 104 passengers.
- May 7th—Grasmere, J. Dyer, 455 tons, 107 passengers.
- August 20th—Caroline Agnes, Ferguson, 570 tons, 190 passengers.
- October 24th—Cashmere, Pearson, 640 tons, 146 passengers.

- January 5th—Isabella Hercules, W. Sewell, 570 tons, 144 passengers.
- July 4th—Sir Edwin Paget, Wycherley, 482 tons, 225 passengers.
- October 24th—Joseph Fletcher, J. Pook, 672 tons, 240 passengers.
- December 24th—Egmont, T. O. Gibson, 767 tons, 133 passengers.

- July 16th—Belisam, Rowatt, 398 tons, 5 passengers.
- October 5th—Glentauer, Bruce, 610 tons, 196 passengers.

Saturday
 Sept. 7th Left the English Mines in a boat for the ship "Randolph" at half past three o'clock. James came on board with me, he left about 1/2 past five and we sat down to dinner soon after. The "Charlotte Jane" set sail about eight o'clock, and we followed her example about 9 o'clock. We went off with a light breeze, Royals and Studding sail set. The Pilot left us about ten o'clock well laden with letters. Turned in at eleven and slept well. Sunday 8th Very fine all day, light fair wind, parted with the "Clon" in the morning. Had full service at 12 o'clock, two Clergymen Mr. Puckell and Mr. Williams officiating. In the afternoon symptoms of illness felt unwell myself and went to bed early. Slept very well. Sat. 26.. 42 - Aug 5.. 46. * James - an only brother, later Lt. Colonel Bridge; died at Cheltenham. Aug 10, 1905.