

Jersey has always been outward-looking, with large-scale two-way migration. In the 1600s hundreds of Jersey natives settled in the American colonies. In the late 1700s Jersey fishermen established substantial settlements in what is now Newfoundland and Quebec, and by 1837 over 1,000 Jersey people had settled in Canada. Migration of Jersey people to Australia came later, in the 1850s and 1860s, and was prompted by the discovery of gold.

In the 1870s there was a very different type of migration – this time to New Zealand. Over 500 people emigrated from Jersey to New Zealand between 1872 and 1875. Most were simply economic migrants, tempted to leave Jersey, which was in the middle of a prolonged recession, and attracted to New Zealand by free or heavily subsidised passage.

This book explains the factors that led to this migration, analyses the characteristics of the migrants, describes the mechanics of the migration including long and in some cases dangerous crossings and gives details of some of the migrants – eminent and less eminent. It concludes with a listing of all the known migrants between 1872 and 1875.

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