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NETHERLANDS CONSUL - Dutch Immigration to Australia.

Accompanied by his wife and daughter, the Consul-General for the Netherlands in Australia, and New Zealand (Mr. P. E. Teppema) passed through Fremantle yesterday on the mailboat Cathay from the Eastern States. He was met by the Consul for The Netherlands in Western Australia (Sir Edward Wittenoom).

Mr. Teppema said he had noted a wonderful development of Australia's trade during his ten years residence' in Sydney.

He would be absent from Australia for nine months, and he would lay before his Government matters relating to migration and trade' development. There were only about 500 Dutch people in Australia and the Dutch Government was not anxious to increase the number of Dutch migrants until more settled migration policies were adopted in the various States. It was recognised that Dutch migrants must settle on the land, and not in the Australian Cities.