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NEW ZEALAND.

PATRIOTIC SOCIETY FUNDS.

AMOUNTS COLLECTED, DISBURSED, AND HELD BY SOCIETIES AT 31st DECEMBER, 1915,
AND STATEMENT RESPECTING ADMINISTRATION.

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SUMMARY.

War Funds collected by the Patriotic Societies of New Zealand up to the 31st December, 1915, the Amounts disbursed, and the Funds held by Societies at that Date for future Disbursement and Administration, compiled from Returns furnished by Societies to the War Funds Office of the Internal Affairs Department under the Provisions of the War Funds Act, 1915.

Provincial District.	Funds collected, including Relief of Allies, Provision for Sick and Wounded Soldiers and Dependants of Soldiers, Equipment and Comforts, Red Cross Work, and General Patriotic Purposes.	Administered Relief.	Equipment and Goods purchased for Forces.	Remitted Overseas direct or forwarded to Internal Affairs Department for Remission Overseas and other Special Purposes.	General Expenses.	Funds in Hand at 31st December, 1915.	Percentage of Expenses to Collections.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Auckland ...	511,505	3,996	12,824	108,264	5,892	380,529	1.2
Hawke's Bay ...	69,329	25	7,383	29,264	873	31,784	1.3
Taranaki ...	38,425	189	2,632	14,243	487	20,874	1.3
Wellington ...	343,774	1,671	17,640	62,442	9,076	252,945	2.6
Marlborough ...	20,082	341	2,001	4,592	171	12,977	0.9
Nelson ...	29,648	69	6,654	6,946	475	15,504	1.6
Westland ...	13,886	16	1,341	4,894	175	7,460	1.3
Canterbury ...	276,172	2,553	20,900	142,924	4,635	105,160	1.7
Otago ...	243,635	3,211	17,149	77,740	1,900	143,635	0.8
Southland ...	39,793	366	4,911	22,175	1,531	10,810	3.8
Totals ...	1,586,249	12,437	93,435	473,484	25,215	981,678	1.65

In addition to the amount collected by societies as shown in the summary, there have been large sums sent in to the Government from private donors and from the result of special collections, so that the actual cash collections recorded to the end of 1915 were as follows:—

Collected by societies	£ 1,586,249
Received by the Department of Internal Affairs for transmission abroad, hospital ships, New Zealand sick and wounded, and other special purposes (over and above amounts forwarded by Patriotic Societies)	43,590
Donated at the outbreak of the war to the New Zealand Government towards war expenses and special objects	159,137
Paid into the National War Funds Council	6,403
	<u>£1,795,379</u>
Estimated moneys in hands of collectors, newspaper funds, unreported balances in hands of societies in transit, &c.	50,000
Total amount of moneys collected...	<u>1,845,379</u>
Value of contributions of goods, stock, produce, &c., of which the Department of Internal Affairs had been notified	108,946
Total of actual and estimated contribution	<u><u>£1,954,325</u></u>

Since the date to which the foregoing figures have been made up there have been many special appeals by way of carnivals, art unions, and other functions to which the people have responded with undiminished liberality. The regular collection of funds is still being maintained by the various societies, and from the information obtained in respect of these activities it may be safely estimated that the patriotic contributions of the people of New Zealand, in cash and goods, have now amounted to over two millions pounds sterling.

As will be observed from the summary, the funds remaining in hand at the 31st December amounted to, in round figures, £981,000, to which should be added, say, £50,000 to £60,000 in transit, giving a total of over one million pounds available for relief and general purposes at that date. And if to this amount is added the amount contributed since December, it may be fairly assumed that the unexpended funds at the present date are approximately one and a quarter million.

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