

1917.  
NEW ZEALAND.

PATRIOTIC SOCIETY FUNDS.

AMOUNTS COLLECTED, DISBURSED, AND HELD BY SOCIETIES AT 31st MARCH, 1917,  
AND STATEMENT RESPECTING ADMINISTRATION; TOGETHER WITH STATEMENT  
OF CONTRIBUTIONS IN MONEY AND GOODS FORWARDED THROUGH THE GOVERN-  
MENT.

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SUMMARY.

*War Funds collected by the Patriotic Societies of New Zealand up to the 31st March, 1917, 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.	Collections and Donations (includ- ing Interest).	Direct Relief to Soldiers and their Dependants.	Equipment, Fare- wells, and Pre- sentations.	Comforts for Troops and Red Cross in- cluding St. John's Ambulance, Lady Liverpool, and Victoria Leagues.	Belgian Relief.	Other Allies.	Navy Relief.	Administrative Ex- penses.	Balance in Hand as at 31st March, 1917.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Auckland .. ..	600,825	33,466	20,186	40,297	54,709	11,159	26,575	7,582	406,851
Hawke's Bay .. ..	166,261	3,714	18,623	13,415	5,652	1,156	9,576	1,672	112,453
Taranaki .. ..	79,439	2,218	5,018	7,897	14,158	2,980	2,399	1,397	43,372
Wellington .. ..	637,944	20,713	11,988	143,765	32,751	15,955	10,539	21,462	380,771
Marlborough .. ..	44,726	981	771	7,821	6,909	161	2,605	371	25,107
Nelson .. ..	47,370	1,361	5,189	3,721	1,200	499	463	794	34,143
Westland .. ..	25,274	404	3,970	2,443	7,762	..	1,019	1,308	8,368
Canterbury .. ..	486,728	19,451	1,659	47,313	109,898	15,123	30,108	9,879	253,297
Otago .. ..	305,820	29,948	6,914	19,450	79,529	12,995	15,679	3,555	137,750
Southland .. ..	89,086	1,454	2,052	4,324	3,768	2,562	1,012	1,277	72,637
Defunct societies .. ..	25,715	16	625	2,234	2,449	14,293	5,282	777	36
Total .. ..	2,509,188	113,726	76,998	292,680	318,785	76,883	105,257	50,074	1,474,785

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 31st March, 1917, were as follows:—

Collected by societies as per summary .. .. .	£ 2,509,188
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) .. .. .	240,319
Donated at the outbreak of the war to the New Zealand Govern- ment towards war expenses and special objects .. .. .	159,137
Donated to the National War Funds Council .. .. .	15,330
Dominion schools contribution to Belgian Children's Fund .. .. .	18,364
Total amount of moneys collected... .. .	2,942,338
Value of contributions of goods, stock, produce, &c., of which the Department of Internal Affairs had been notified .. .. .	298,335
Government contribution and subsidy to Belgian relief .. .. .	228,145
Total contribution in money and goods notified to Department .. .. .	£3,468,818

NOTE.—Moneys and goods contributed by private individuals or institutions and forwarded direct are not ascertainable.

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