

to me by the Acting Minister of Finance, to which is appended a statement showing contributions by the people of New Zealand to various war funds during the month of March, 1917.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

Governor.

The Right Hon. Walter H. Long, M.P.,  
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

### Enclosure.

Minister's Office, Finance Department, Wellington, 21st April, 1917.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor.

I HAVE to advise Your Excellency that the sum of £13,180 16s. 4d., being New Zealand's contribution for the relief of poor in Belgium under the Government scheme, for the month of March, has been transmitted by cable to the High Commissioner. This is £1,719 3s. 8d. less than the amount usually remitted monthly, two of the districts having contributed less than their quota to the scheme.

In addition, the following contributions have been remitted to the High Commissioner for distribution as under:—

			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Belgian Relief Fund:—								
Belgian Consul, Christchurch	...	...	11	8	0			
Marlborough Relief Fund	...	...	510	0	0			
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	...	...	64	13	7			
Belgian Consul, Christchurch	...	...	254	12	4			
Poor of Britain, &c., Relief Fund, Blenheim	...	...	10	0	0			
Stratford Poor of Britain, &c., Relief Fund	...	...	225	0	0			
Otago Patriotic and General Welfare Association	...	...	1,377	0	0			
						2,452	13	11
Polish Relief Fund:—								
Post and Telegraph Department's officers, Blenheim	...	...	1	0	0			
Lawrence Patriotic Fund	...	...	4	12	0			
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	...	...	3	10	0			
						9	2	0
Prince of Wales' Fund:—								
Lawrence Patriotic Fund	...	...	4	2	6			
Hunterville Relief Fund	...	...	28	14	0			
Kiwitea County Council	...	...	70	0	0			
Lawrence Patriotic Fund	...	...	4	16	6			
						107	13	0
New Zealand Comforts Fund:—								
New Zealand Ladies' Golf Union Clubs	...	...	13	10	6			
Hon. John Fisher	...	...	3	0	0			
Enoka Rukuata	...	...	3	0	0			
H. Kroll, Seacliff	...	...	0	10	0			
Taihape Working Women's Club	...	...	60	0	0			
H. Hume, Wellington	...	...	1	1	0			
Southland War Funds Association	...	...	10	0	0			
Marton Patriotic shop	...	...	135	0	0			
Geraldine Home and Empire League	...	...	100	0	0			
Taihape Red Cross Society	...	...	200	0	0			
Marlborough Patriotic Fund	...	...	100	0	0			
New Plymouth Red Cross Society	...	...	250	0	0			
Waimate Red Cross Society	...	...	2,500	0	0			
Timaru Red Cross Society	...	...	1,000	0	0			
North Canterbury Red Cross Society	...	...	1,500	0	0			
Shannon Belgian Relief and Patriotic Society	...	...	25	0	0			
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	...	...	700	0	0			
H. Hume, Wellington	...	...	1	1	0			
Wairoa Red Cross Fete Committee	...	...	57	12	4			
Wellington Red Cross shop, Lambton Quay	...	...	500	0	0			
Wellington Red Cross Society	...	...	1,000	0	0			
Hon. John Fisher	...	...	3	0	0			
Enoka Rukuata	...	...	3	0	0			
Dunedin <i>Evening Star</i> list	...	...	10	3	9			
Havelock North Red Cross Society	...	...	100	0	0			
Patea and District Patriotic League	...	...	4	10	0			
New Zealand Society of Accountants	...	...	200	0	0			
Samoa Medical Department	...	...	13	0	0			
Miramar Ladies' Golf Club Patriotic Cake-room	...	...	135	0	0			
Rev. Comrie, Treasurer, Presbyterian Church of New Zealand	...	...	125	0	0			
						8,753	8	7