

for that purpose, and to which the Imperial and Dominion Governments contributed in proportion to the number of graves of their dead.

In addition to maintenance, structural repairs were completed on the New Zealand Battle Exploit Memorials at Longueval (Somme) and Chunuk Bair (Gallipoli).

WAR FUNDS.

The activities of the various patriotic organizations throughout the Dominion have for some years been of a routine nature. With the passage of time, however, the need and calls for relief are shown to be increasing, due in the main to the breakdown of ex-soldiers who were discharged as fit.

There are still fifty-seven societies open and they administer assets amounting in the aggregate to £738,867 14s. 2d. In addition, the National War Funds Council has £136,735 7s. 10d. under its control. Details are as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Twenty-eight incorporated societies .. .. .	519,418	6	0
Seven Red Cross Organizations .. .. .	106,330	4	2
Three Blind Soldiers' and Veterans' Homes Funds .. ..	72,639	14	10
Fourteen unincorporated societies .. .. .	8,930	6	4
Six Returned Soldiers' Clubs (one is part of an incorporated society)	31,549	2	10
	738,867	14	2
National War Funds Council .. .. .	136,735	7	10
	£875,603	2	0

Although the total appears to be high, it should be noted that a large proportion of the assets are represented by loans to soldiers, disabled soldiers' homes, farm property (Flock House), and other fixed assets, and that for various reasons a considerable number of loans will eventually require to be written off.

The experience of the years seems to show that the policy of conservation of funds has been a wise one, and that relief for ex-soldiers will be needed for some considerable time to come.

TOTALIZATOR INSPECTION.

The practice of having a representative at each totalizator meeting has been continued. While a number of clubs are adhering to the "Win and Place" system of investments, others have reverted to the one-pool system. Some clubs are not availing themselves of the days allotted to them, and these days are being loaned to other clubs.

RAFFLES.

Four hundred and eighty-six licenses under the authority of section 42 of the Gaming Act, 1908, were issued during the year. Of these 406 were for works of art, 63 for small amounts of alluvial gold, and 7 for alluvial gold to the value of £4,000.

The following table discloses the financial results of the seven large alluvial-gold art unions. The aggregate net profit amounted to £64,059 8s. 7d. after making provision for lottery duty, totalling £14,944 10s.

License No. and Name.	Gross Sales.			Commission on Sales.			Expenses.			Prizes.	Net Proceeds.			Lottery Duty.			Net Profit.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
23. Luck at Last ..	22,405	5	0	3,360	15	9	2,898	3	10	4,000	12,146	5	5	2,240	10	6	9,905	14	11
24. My Lucky Chance ..	21,346	0	0	3,201	18	0	2,746	5	10	4,000	11,397	16	2	2,134	12	0	9,263	4	2
25. Better Times ..	21,066	17	6	3,151	0	8	2,749	4	6	4,000	11,106	12	4	2,100	13	9	9,005	18	7
26. Happy Moments ..	19,510	10	0	2,926	11	6	2,744	14	1	4,000	9,839	4	5	1,951	1	0	7,888	3	5
27. Smiling Thru ..	22,958	7	6	3,443	15	2	2,938	19	5	4,000	12,575	12	11	2,295	16	9	10,279	16	2
28. Lucky Surprise ..	21,433	5	0	3,214	19	9	2,900	10	11	4,000	11,317	14	4	2,143	6	6	9,174	7	10
29. Golden Chance ..	20,704	15	0	3,105	14	3	2,986	7	9	4,000	10,612	13	0	2,070	9	6	8,542	3	6
Totals ..	149,365	0	0	22,404	15	1	19,964	6	4	28,000	78,995	18	7	14,936	10	0	64,059	8	7

Of the net profits, £34,500 was distributed to local Mayor's or other officially recognized central funds for the relief of distress, and £13,300 was paid to a number of organizations rendering social relief in some form or other, whilst the balance was allotted to various bodies carrying on services of community value.

FIRE BRIGADES ACT.

The City of Nelson was declared to be a fire district, and the number of Fire Boards now operating stands at 54. Legislation was enacted to enable the Borough of Martinborough to become a fire district, subject to the proposal being carried by the ratepayers, although the population was less than is ordinarily required by statute.

EXPLOSIVES AND DANGEROUS GOODS.

*Licenses.*—Importation licenses were as follows: Gelignite, 657,350 lb.; blasting-gelatine, 12,500 lb.; gelatine dynamite, 10,200 lb.; A2 monobel, 233,700 lb.; quarry monobel, 10,000 lb.; samsonite, 266,650 lb.; blasting-powder, 31,250 lb.; blasting-pellets, 42,500 lb.; sporting-powder, 8,550 lb.; detonators, 1,500,000; E.D. fuses 310,000; fireworks, 58,531 lb.

Other licenses were (corresponding figures for the previous year in parentheses): Conveyance, 234 (234); sale, 581 (590); storage, 394 (374).