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# KING GEORGE THE FIFTH MEMORIAL FUND BOARD.

(ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE KING GEORGE THE FIFTH MEMORIAL FUND BOARD) FOR THE PERIOD 1st APRIL, 1940, TO 31st MARCH, 1941.

*Presented in pursuance of Section 19 of the King George the Fifth Memorial Fund Act, 1938.*

DURING the year ended 31st March, 1941, the Board held four meetings, three in Wellington and one in Nelson. In accord with the aim of the Board a continued effort has been made to provide facilities throughout the Dominion to meet the needs of children who would benefit from health-camp treatment. The following is a review of the work undertaken in this connection:—

*Bay of Islands.*—Several suggestions concerning suitable sites in this district have been investigated with a view to providing a secondary camp for North Auckland to accommodate 50 children at an estimated cost of £5,000. However, for various reasons, the question of the site for this camp is still under consideration.

*Auckland.* Twenty acres of land situated about twelve miles from Auckland on the eastern shore of the Tamaki River and a little south of Bucklands Beach have been purchased for £3,000. This property has a long frontage to the tidal waters on the north and western boundaries. It is rich loam of a volcanic nature, in grass with scattered clumps of trees, while a great portion has a gradual slope to the north and down to the beach frontage, where there is a small inlet fringed with pohutukawa trees. Plans are being prepared to provide living and school-room accommodation for 100 children all the year round, with an additional 50 during the summer months. The estimated cost to complete the camp is £45,000.

*Port Waikato.*—This camp is vested in the Waikato Children's Health Camp League, which has entered into an agreement with the Board that in the event of the League going into liquidation the camp would become the property of the Board. Tenders were considered and approved for alterations and additions to the existing buildings at a cost of £4,183 4s.

*Tauranga.*—Negotiations are proceeding to acquire 16 acres of easy-sloping lakeside ground in this area for the construction of the only inland health camp in the North Island. The estimated cost of the buildings is £5,000, and when completed the camp will accommodate 50 children during the summer months.

*Gisborne.* An area of approximately 1½ acres of the Makaraka Domain has been vested in the Board for the purpose of constructing a secondary camp to accommodate 50 children from four to six months each year. The contract price for the building is £7,156, and a further sum of £600 has been allocated for the cost of the furniture and equipment. Every endeavour is being made to complete the work so that the camp will be ready for next summer.

*Wanganui.* At the request of the Wanganui Health Camp Trust Board, 17½ acres of land and the buildings thereon vested in the Trust were transferred to the Board upon the Board assuming responsibility for past and present rates and the subsequent maintenance of the property. The Board authorized the expenditure of £2,660 on alterations and equipment for the buildings. A conservative estimate of the value of this property is £7,000. The camp is designed to accommodate 50 children during the summer months.

*Otaki.* Forty-seven acres of Crown land and 61 acres of land given by Mr. Byron Brown have been vested in the Board as a site for a children's health camp. An expenditure of £19,000 has been authorized to carry out renovations and erect additional class-rooms and dining-room accommodation at this camp. This work, which should be completed before next summer camping season, will so extend the accommodation to provide for 100 children all the year round, with an additional 50 during the summer months.

A proposal is being investigated to lease the seaside sections of this property to ensure a permanent income to the Wellington Health Camp Association, which is responsible for its control and maintenance.

*Nelson.*—A lease for thirty-three years, with the right of renewal, of 5 acres of land belonging to the Cawthron Institute Trust Board at Stoke has been acquired by the Board. A secondary camp has been erected at a cost of £5,836 6s. 11d. The Board made an additional grant of £600 for the cost of furniture and equipment and authorized the payment of £700 to provide extras not included in the contract. The camp, which is ideally situated, was opened by the Chairman of the Board on Saturday, 8th March, 1941. It is designed to accommodate, from four to six months each year, 50 children to be drawn from the West Coast, Marlborough, and Nelson districts.

*"Glenelg," Christchurch.*—Since the purchase of this property little progress had been made to establish a permanent health camp for Canterbury. On account of difficulties in securing a guarantee that finance would be available for the maintenance of children, no competent authority offered to assume the control and management. The Board has endeavoured to settle local difficulties which have arisen. A deputation met and discussed the matter with the Christchurch Central Council, but no further progress can be reported. Early in March a fire swept through the grounds of the property, damaging the reservoirs and outbuildings. These have since been replaced.

*Roxburgh.*—This camp when completed will be equidistant from Dunedin and Invercargill. Three hundred and eighty-five feet above sea-level, it has an area of 17½ acres adjoining the Roxburgh Domain. A contract has been let for the construction of the buildings, which are designed to accommodate 50 children all the year round, with an additional 50 during the summer months. It is expected that this camp will be completed before the next camping season. The estimated cost of building, furniture, and equipment is £27,000.

*Omaru, Invercargill.*—This is a privately-owned summer camp used exclusively as a health camp to accommodate 50 children for two months each year. The Board, in addition to the grant of £400 last year, has approved the further expenditure of £501 4s. 11d. for the installation of a new lighting system, incinerator, drainage, and repairs to road.

The Board has also dealt with the following matters:—

*Fire-fighting.*—Investigations were made in connection with fire-fighting equipment, and it was decided to install fire-reels at health camps where an adequate water-supply was available.

*Memorial Plaques.*—A design for the King George V Memorial plaque has been approved, and sculptors have been asked to submit prices for reproduction in brass and plaster.

*Management and Control.*—Owing to difficulty which has arisen in the control and management an instruction was issued to the Dominion Advisory Committee that the Board would not approve grants for the construction of any permanent or secondary camp until an undertaking was received from a competent authority that it would be responsible for the management and control of such health camp.

*Contracts for the Erection of Health Camps.*—The Board decided to leave the planning of health camps to local organizations under the supervision of the Health Department, but in all cases the letting of the contract was to be finalized by the Board.

*Supervision of Expenditure.*—During the year a report was received from the Inspecting Accountant of the Health Department in connection with the expenditure of the Board's funds, which revealed that in one instance the grants were not being used as the Board intended, and stricter supervision is now being exercised over expenditure of the various health-camp executives.

*Privately-owned Camps.*—Where camps are used exclusively as health camps and are the property of the local health-camp executive, the Board has received an undertaking that in the event of the camp going into liquidation the rules are so amended as to protect the interests of the Board.

*School-room Accommodation.*—A deputation from the Board waited on the Director of Education with a view to obtaining a grant for school-room accommodation and furniture for the permanent and secondary camps. The Education Department has agreed to purchase the school-room furniture and loan it to the Board for use at permanent health camps.

*Finance.*—The total disbursements for the year were £18,864 6s. 6d., and the interest on investments and donations amounted to £5,197 13s. 4d., thus leaving a balance in the Fund of £157,505 16s. 11d. The Receipts and Payments Account, Income and Expenditure Account, and Balance-sheet as at 31st March, 1941, are attached hereto.

A. H. NORDMEYER, Chairman.  
E. A. DOBBIE, Secretary.

2nd August, 1941.

## KING GEORGE THE FIFTH MEMORIAL FUND.

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1941.

(Shown to nearest pound.)

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	<i>Payments.</i>	£	£
Cash held in Treasury, 1st April, 1940 .. .. .	2,551	Gisborne Health Camp—		
Donation .. .. .	1	Maintenance .. .. .	1	
Interest on investments .. .. .	5,198	Construction of buildings .. .. .	1,818	1,819
Sale of investments .. .. .	52,000			
		“ Glenclyg ” Health Camp—		
		Maintenance .. .. .	18	
		Construction of buildings .. .. .	213	231
		Nelson Health Camp—		
		Maintenance .. .. .	1	
		Construction of buildings .. .. .	4,813	4,814
		Otaki Health Camp—		
		Maintenance .. .. .	88	
		Construction of buildings .. .. .	3,995	4,083
		Roxburgh Health Camp—		
		Maintenance .. .. .	2	
		Construction of buildings .. .. .	3,434	3,436
		Wanganui Health Camp—		
		Maintenance .. .. .	164	
		Construction of buildings .. .. .	996	1,160
		Omaui Health Camp : Grant .. .. .	911	
		Port Waikato Health Camp : Grant .. .. .	2,400	
		Memorial plaques : Design .. .. .	10	
		Balance held by Treasury, 31st March, 1941 .. .. .	40,885	
	<u>£59,750</u>			<u>£59,750</u>

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1941.

(Shown to nearest pound.)

<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	<i>Income.</i>	£	£
Maintenance—		Interest on Investments .. .. .	5,198	
Gisborne Health Camp .. .. .	1	Less accrued, 31st March, 1940 .. .. .	1,686	
“ Glenclyg ” Health Camp .. .. .	19		3,512	
Nelson Health Camp .. .. .	1	Plus accrued, 31st March, 1941 .. .. .	1,233	4,745
Otaki Health Camp .. .. .	88	Donation .. .. .	1	
Roxburgh Health Camp .. .. .	2			
Wanganui Health Camp .. .. .	164			
Grants—				
Omaui Health Camp .. .. .	911			
Port Waikato Health Camp .. .. .	2,400			
Memorial plaques : Design .. .. .	10			
Excess of income over expenditure .. .. .	1,150			
	<u>£4,746</u>			<u>£4,746</u>

## BALANCE-SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1941.

(Shown to nearest pound.)

<i>Liabilities.</i>	£	<i>Assets.</i>	£
Accumulated funds, 1st April, 1940 .. .. .	179,357	Cash held in Treasury .. .. .	40,886
Plus additions for year—	£	Inscribed stock .. .. .	116,620
Wanganui .. .. .	7,000		£
Otaki .. .. .	6,300	Lands and buildings .. .. .	6,500
	<u>13,300</u>	Plus assets handed over to Board : Wanganui	
	192,657	Health Camp .. .. .	7,000
Plus excess of income over expenditure .. .. .	1,150	Plus assets handed over to Board : Otaki	
		Health Camp .. .. .	6,300
			<u>19,800</u>
		Buildings under construction—	
		Cost to date .. .. .	14,801
		Equipment .. .. .	467
		Interest accrued .. .. .	1,233
	<u>£193,807</u>		<u>£193,807</u>

I hereby certify that the Receipts and Payments Account, Income and Expenditure Account, and Balance-sheet have been duly examined and compared with the relative books and documents submitted for audit, and correctly state the position as disclosed thereby.—CYRIL COLLINS, Controller and Auditor-General.

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