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NEW ZEALAND.

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, 1941, TO 31st MARCH, 1942.

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

DURING the year the Board held meetings in Wellington, Gisborne, and Christchurch. As forecast in the last report, considerable progress has been made to ensure that children are catered for who are in need of health-camp treatment. The following summarizes the work undertaken :—

Bay of Islands.—The question of a site for this camp is still under consideration.

Pakuranga.—The legal formalities in connection with the transfer of this property to the Board have been completed. A survey has been made and plans and specifications prepared in readiness for the Building Controller's authority to proceed with this health camp for Auckland. The buildings have been planned so that the administrative and recreation blocks are between the dormitories, which will accommodate twenty-five children in each. The staff quarters and school are at either end of the main building. A contract has been let to sink a bore which will give an independent and adequate supply of water to the camp. The entrance road runs parallel and close to the south boundary of the property, with the main entrance at the rear of the building. This approach will do away with the definite traffic hazard should the entrance road have been constructed through the playgrounds and gardens at the front of the main building. Negotiations are proceeding for the installation of electric-supply lines, grading of access road, and fencing the property.

Port Waikato.—Grants to this privately-owned camp were made on condition that a property valued at £625 and owned by the Waikato Children's Camp League, situated at Okete, was transferred to the Board. The use of this property as a health-camp site no longer existed, and to enable the Board to deal with the property a restriction was removed by the inclusion of a clause in the Local Legislation Act, 1941.

A further grant of £250 was made for the cost of lining and flooring the play-room.

All the alterations and additions were completed in November and ready for the summer camp.

Taupo.—Further negotiations have been undertaken in connection with the transfer to the Board of 16 acres of the Taupo Domain for the purpose of building the only inland camp in the North Island. Section-owners abutting the Domain lodged an objection to the transfer and have suggested alternative sites. The objection and alternative sites are being investigated.

Gisborne.—As contemplated in the last report, the camp was completed in time for the camping season and was officially opened on 11th October, 1941, by the Chairman, supported by members of the Board. The children benefiting by this camp come from as far north as Whakatane and as far south as Wairoa.

In addition to the contract, the Board has finalized arrangements with the Borough Council for the extension of water and electricity to the camp.

Further alterations and additions estimated to cost £1,400 have been authorized, but are awaiting the approval of the Building Controller.

Wanganui.—Towards the middle of the year satisfactory arrangements were made to lease this camp for the duration of the war and three months thereafter. Provision was made for suitable accommodation elsewhere for children who would normally be sent to Wanganui for treatment.

Otaki.—On 1st November, 1941, the Chairman officially opened the extensive alterations and additions, which include a school, new dining-room, and recreation hall. This work was completed without closing the camp and within the contract price. On investigation after the official opening the erection of a swimming-pool and installation of a steam laundry plant was approved.

To overcome sand-drift the Board authorized formation, grading, and sealing work to the entrance road and environs of the main building, as well as extensive levelling-work. The executive controlling the camp has also erected a large sun-shelter in memory of their late Matron, Miss O. M. Gould.

At the direction of the War Cabinet, this camp has been leased to the Wellington Hospital Board as an emergency hospital during the critical war period.

Nelson.—Since this camp was opened last year the Board has installed a fire-fighting and supply-water main, replaced electric range with an Aga cooker, carried out alterations and additions to the value of £286, and equipped the camp with beds and mattresses. The Board has under consideration a suggestion from the Cawthron Institute concerning the removal of trees which are considered a source of danger to life and property. Also the necessity for carrying out river protection work to stop erosion.

Glendy.—On 9th December, 1941, the Board made a comprehensive tour of the grounds and buildings, and investigations were carried out concerning fire-escapes and general lay-out of grounds. After a conference with the Christchurch Central Council a decision was reached to proceed with the plans and specifications, and these are now awaiting the approval of the Building Controller before the alterations are carried out to provide accommodation for fifty children all the year, with an additional fifty during the summer months.

Pursuant to a requisition from the Board of Health, the Heathcote County Council have built at the rear of the Board's property a reservoir which will provide the camp with an all-purposes water-supply and leave the supply of the existing reservoirs in case of emergency. The Heathcote County Council have asked the Board to release the easement under which the Board is entitled to free water. It has been decided not to release the easement at present, but, in view of the amount the Heathcote County Council has spent in putting in a satisfactory water scheme, to reconsider the Council's proposals five years from the date the new reservoir comes into operation.

Roxburgh.—This camp was officially opened by the Chairman on the 6th November, 1941, in the presence of a large assemblance of residents from Otago and Southland. Owing to the exceptional climatic conditions found in Central Otago, the original plans were altered to substitute concrete for fibrolite sheeting on the exterior walls. A swimming-pool, caretaker's cottage, garage, and sun-room have been added to the camp, while the water-supply problem is under consideration with the Borough Council.

The property has been fenced, trees planted along the boundary, and ornamental shrubs placed about the grounds. Scheme 13 men have been employed to lay out the grounds and gardens, which with further cultivation will considerably reduce maintenance-costs.

The Board also dealt with the following matters :—

Caretaker Gardeners.—The Board decided that the amount remaining in the Fund, after all payments have been made to complete the authorized building programme, be used solely for maintenance of buildings and not for the payment of caretaker's wages while camps are not in occupation.

Insurance of Board's Property.—All property belonging to the Board is covered by fire and war risks insurance.

Memorial Plaques.—Memorial plaques in bronze for erection on gates or exterior of buildings and in hard plaster in colour to harmonize with the architectural surroundings in the interior of buildings are ready for distribution to the various camps.

Education Department Subsidy.—The Education Department has refunded to the Board the cost of erecting school-rooms at Otaki, Gisborne, and Roxburgh. The Department also loaned school-room furniture, to the value of approximately £800, to the executives controlling the camps.

Maintenance of Building-costs.—The Advisory Committee asked for a ruling on items covered by maintenance of building-costs and payable from the Fund. The Board decided that, since executives controlling health camps are required to provide a caretaker when the camp is not occupied, such items as window and door jambs and minor repairs can be carried out by the caretaker.

Stocktaking.—Annual stocktaking of the Board's property has been carried out. All furniture and equipment bought by the Board was on hand and being well cared for by the executives controlling the camps. Executives have been advised that replacement of articles destroyed or damaged is the responsibility of the body vested with the control and management.

Valuation of Board's Property.—At the request of the Board the Valuer-General has furnished the Board with a valuation of the property bought or acquired by the Fund.

Finance.—The total disbursements for the year were £55,315 0s. 11d., and the interest on investments, together with donations and miscellaneous receipts, amounted to £12,082 9s. 11d. thus leaving a balance in the Fund of £114,273 5s. 11d.

The Receipts and Payments Account, Income and Expenditure Account, and Balance-sheet as at the 31st March, 1942, are annexed hereto.

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

9th July, 1942.

KING GEORGE THE FIFTH MEMORIAL FUND.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1942.

(Shown to nearest pound.)

| <i>Receipts.</i> | | £ | <i>Payments.</i> | | £ |
|--|-------|----------------|--|-------|----------------|
| Cash held in Treasury, 1st April, 1941 | .. .. | 40,886 | Pakuranga Health Camp— | .. .. | .. .. |
| Donations | .. .. | 8,288 | Purchase of land | .. .. | 3,048 |
| Miscellaneous receipts (refunds, &c.) | .. .. | 296 | Construction of buildings | .. .. | 1,218 |
| Interest on investments | .. .. | 3,498 | Gisborne Health Camp— | .. .. | .. .. |
| Sale of investments | .. .. | 20,000 | Maintenance | .. .. | 14 |
| | | | Construction of buildings | .. .. | 5,093 |
| | | | Equipment | .. .. | 732 |
| | | | “Glenelg” Health Camp: Maintenance | .. .. | 421 |
| | | | Nelson Health Camp— | .. .. | .. .. |
| | | | Maintenance | .. .. | 55 |
| | | | Construction of buildings | .. .. | 1,995 |
| | | | Equipment | .. .. | 1,347 |
| | | | Otaki Health Camp— | .. .. | .. .. |
| | | | Maintenance | .. .. | 100 |
| | | | Construction of buildings | .. .. | 12,992 |
| | | | Equipment | .. .. | 810 |
| | | | Roxburgh Health Camp— | .. .. | .. .. |
| | | | Maintenance | .. .. | 72 |
| | | | Construction of buildings | .. .. | 21,676 |
| | | | Equipment | .. .. | 3,466 |
| | | | Wanganui Health Camp: Maintenance | .. .. | 44 |
| | | | Port Waikato Health Camp: Grant | .. .. | 2,033 |
| | | | Okete property: Maintenance | .. .. | 1 |
| | | | Memorial plaques | .. .. | 198 |
| | | | Health Department: Adjustment | .. .. | .. .. |
| | | | Balance held in Treasury, 31st March, 1942 | .. .. | 17,653 |
| | | <u>£72,968</u> | | | <u>£72,968</u> |

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1942.

(Shown to nearest pound.)

| <i>Expenditure.</i> | | £ | <i>Income.</i> | | £ | £ |
|-----------------------------------|-------|----------------|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|----------------|
| Maintenance— | .. .. | .. .. | Interest on investments | .. .. | 3,498 | .. .. |
| Gisborne Health Camp | .. .. | 14 | Less accrued, 31st March, 1942 | .. .. | 1,233 | .. .. |
| “Glenelg” Health Camp | .. .. | 421 | | | 2,265 | .. .. |
| Nelson Health Camp | .. .. | 55 | Plus accrued, 31st March, 1942 | .. .. | 1,144 | .. .. |
| Otaki Health Camp | .. .. | 100 | | | 3,409 | .. .. |
| Roxburgh Health Camp | .. .. | 72 | Donations | .. .. | 8,288 | .. .. |
| Wanganui Health Camp | .. .. | 44 | Miscellaneous receipts (refunds, &c.) | .. .. | 296 | .. .. |
| Okete property | .. .. | 1 |  |  | .. .. | .. .. |
| Grants: Port Waikato Health Camp | .. .. | 2,033 |  |  | .. .. | .. .. |
| Excess of income over expenditure | .. .. | 9,253 |  |  | .. .. | .. .. |
| | | <u>£11,993</u> |  |  | .. .. | <u>£11,993</u> |

BALANCE-SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1942.

(Shown to nearest pound.)

| <i>Liabilities.</i> | | £ | £ | <i>Assets.</i> | | £ | £ |
|---|-------|-----------------|-------|---|--------|--------|-----------------|
| Accumulated funds: Balance, 1st April, 1941 | .. .. | 193,807 | .. .. | Cash held in Treasury | .. .. | 17,653 | .. .. |
| Plus additions donated during year— | .. .. | .. .. | .. .. | Inscribed stock | .. .. | 96,620 | .. .. |
| Okete property | .. .. | 625 | .. .. |  |  | .. .. | .. .. |
| Roxburgh | .. .. | 110 | .. .. | Land and buildings, 1st April, 1941 | 19,800 | .. .. | .. .. |
| Gisborne | .. .. | 50 | .. .. | Less transfer to equipment | 1,500 | .. .. | .. .. |
| Otaki | .. .. | .. .. | .. .. |  |  | 18,300 | .. .. |
| Land | .. .. | 1,261 | .. .. | Plus assets handed over to or purchased | .. .. | .. .. | .. .. |
| Furniture | .. .. | 750 | .. .. | by Board— | .. .. | .. .. | .. .. |
| | | 2,796 | .. .. | Land and buildings: Okete property | 625 | .. .. | .. .. |
| Plus excess of income over expenditure, as | .. .. | .. .. | .. .. | Land— | .. .. | .. .. | .. .. |
| per Income and Expenditure Account | .. .. | 9,253 | .. .. | Roxburgh | 110 | .. .. | .. .. |
| | | <u>205,856</u> | .. .. | Gisborne | 50 | .. .. | .. .. |
|  |  |  | .. .. | Otaki | 1,261 | .. .. | .. .. |
|  |  |  | .. .. | Pakuranga | 3,048 | .. .. | .. .. |
|  |  |  | .. .. |  | 5,094 | .. .. | .. .. |
|  |  |  | .. .. | Plus buildings completed during | .. .. | .. .. | .. .. |
|  |  |  | .. .. | year— | .. .. | .. .. | .. .. |
|  |  |  | .. .. | Nelson | 6,809 | .. .. | .. .. |
|  |  |  | .. .. | Gisborne | 6,911 | .. .. | .. .. |
|  |  |  | .. .. | Wanganui | 996 | .. .. | .. .. |
|  |  |  | .. .. |  | 14,716 | .. .. | .. .. |
|  |  |  | .. .. | Plus buildings under construction— | .. .. | .. .. | .. .. |
|  |  |  | .. .. | Pakuranga | 1,218 | .. .. | .. .. |
|  |  |  | .. .. | “Glenelg” | 163 | .. .. | .. .. |
|  |  |  | .. .. | Otaki | 16,569 | .. .. | .. .. |
|  |  |  | .. .. | Roxburgh | 25,110 | .. .. | .. .. |
|  |  |  | .. .. |  | 43,060 | .. .. | .. .. |
|  |  |  | .. .. | Equipment— | .. .. | .. .. | .. .. |
|  |  |  | .. .. | “Glenelg” | 50 | .. .. | .. .. |
|  |  |  | .. .. | Gisborne | 732 | .. .. | .. .. |
|  |  |  | .. .. | Nelson | 1,347 | .. .. | .. .. |
|  |  |  | .. .. | Otaki | 1,976 | .. .. | .. .. |
|  |  |  | .. .. | Roxburgh | 3,466 | .. .. | .. .. |
|  |  |  | .. .. | Memorial plaques | 198 | .. .. | .. .. |
|  |  |  | .. .. | Wanganui* | 1,500 | .. .. | .. .. |
|  |  |  | .. .. |  | 9,269 | .. .. | .. .. |
|  |  |  | .. .. | Interest accrued, 31st March, 1942 | .. .. | 1,144 | .. .. |
| | | <u>£205,856</u> | .. .. |  |  | .. .. | <u>£205,856</u> |

* £1,500 transferred from “Lands and Buildings.”

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 G. COLLINS, Controller and Auditor-General.

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