

The Right Hon. the Premier, Wellington. Wanganui, 5th May, 1900.
I HAVE no objection to a grant in aid of the Famine Fund, but I fear we are establishing precedents for similar cases that might in future cause private assistance to be curtailed.

A. D. WILLIS.

The Right Hon. the Premier, Wellington. Wellington, 7th May, 1900.
I AGREE to what Government resolve to do in regard to Canadian question, provided grant not in excess of two thousand pounds, as colony may yet require its money for colonial necessities. I do not approve of any more public subscriptions being started.

WITHEFORD.

The Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier. Westport, 2nd May, 1900.
Re Canadian fire relief: Your memorandum somewhat indefinite. If you mean Government contributing from Consolidated Revenue, suppose in face of large expenditure already incurred on military contingents. If you mean free transmission of contributions subscribed by public I have no objection. However, property destroyed by fire will probably be well insured. Consider Indian Famine Relief Fund more deserving of your benevolence if Treasury is overburdened with surplus cash.

R. MCKENZIE.

REPLIES FROM MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Right Hon. the Premier, Wellington. Picton, 7th May, 1900.
I APPROVE of substantial assistance being given from Consolidated Fund to the famine-stricken millions in India.

BAILLIE.

The Right Hon. the Premier, Wellington. Richmond, 8th May, 1900.
THE appeal from the Viceroy of India on behalf of the famine-stricken districts should, I feel, be met by a suitable grant from the Consolidated Fund of the colony.

J. W. BARNICOAT, M.L.C.

The Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Wellington. Dunedin, 7th May, 1900.
IN my opinion, the reasons for assisting the people of Canada apply with even greater force for aiding the famishing people of India. An amount equal to that granted in the former case should be given. The claims of common humanity demand it. The prosperity of the colony will warrant it. A thoughtful concern for the condition of the people of India, accompanied with help, will do much to consolidate Imperial interests in the country.

WM. BOLT.

Molesworth Street, Wellington, 7th May, 1900.
The Right Hon. the Premier, Wellington.
APPROVE of colony giving practical assistance to relieve Indian famine.

J. A. BONAR.

The Right Hon. the Premier, Wellington. Christchurch, 7th May, 1900.
I APPROVE of aid being sent to India from Consolidated Fund.

CHARLES C. BOWEN.

The Right Hon. the Premier, Wellington. Invercargill, 7th May, 1900.
I THINK, as Indian Fund has been taken up by general public, and is being freely supported, there is every prospect of liberal donations going from New Zealand without assistance from public purse. Already over five hundred pounds subscribed Southland and over two thousand five hundred Dunedin, with money yet coming in. Action Government in contributing Ottawa Fund, and thus removing it from competition with Indian Fund, has very practically assisted the latter.

HENRY FELDWICK.

The Right Hon. the Premier, Wellington. Wellington, 6th May, 1900.
REPLY to urgent memorandum: Away from town when your first memorandum arrived. Returned this evening (Saturday). I agree with the former; also with proposal to help the famine-stricken of India in the way several members suggest—viz., that the aid should be given from the consolidated revenue.

F. H. FRASER.

The Right Hon. the Premier, Wellington. Dunedin, 7th May, 1900.
I AM in favour of the Government granting assistance to the famine-stricken people of India. Feel confident that the country will approve your action.

HUGH GOURLEY.

Molesworth Street, Wellington, 7th May, 1900.
The Right Hon. the Premier, Wellington.
I APPROVE of the colony contributing ten thousand pounds to the Indian Famine Relief Fund.

MORGAN S. GRACE.

The Right Hon. the Premier, Wellington. Tuakau, 7th May, 1900.
Re Indian famine: Certainly pay out of Consolidated Fund a contribution. It is the best way to get at those who have no charitable feelings.

B. HARRIS.

The Right Hon. the Premier, Wellington. Wellington, 5th May, 1900.
WILLINGLY support the suggestion to render as much assistance as possible to the famine-stricken in India, and would urge that, if the suggestion is acted upon, the Government should at once send a shipload of produce from the colony to India.

J. E. JENKINSON.