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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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No. 1.

New Zealand, No. 14.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 15th January, 1917.

With reference to my despatch, No. 283, of the 22nd November, 1916, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a memorandum addressed 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 for the month of November. The amounts have been remitted to the High Commissioner for New Zealand in London for distribution.

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, 5th January, 1917.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor.

I HAVE to advise Your Excellency that the sum of £14,609 1s., being New Zealand's contribution for the relief of poor in Belgium under the Government scheme, for the month of November, has been transmitted by cable to the High Commissioner. This is £390 19s. less than the amount usually remitted monthly, one of the districts having contributed less than its quota to the scheme.

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

New Zealand Red Cross Fund:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Invercargill St. John Ambulance Association	250	0	0			
Napier Christmas Gifts to Troops Fund	1,000	0	0			
Eltham district residents	600	0	0			
Southland War Funds Association	5	0	0			
Marton Red Cross workers	97	10	0			
Hastings Red Cross workers	40	0	0			
Presbyterian Church of New Zealand	100	0	0			
Waipukurau Christmas Gifts Committee	270	0	0			
From quota contributions of patriotic societies... ..	1,500	0	0			
Pahiatua Ladies' Patriotic Committee	650	0	0			
Wanganui Girls' College	11	0	0			
Napier Christmas Gifts to Troops Fund	200	0	0			
Moutoa (Shannon Sick and Wounded) Soldiers' Fund ...	20	0	0			
Hunterville Countess of Liverpool Fund and Red Cross Guild	60	0	0			
Karori Women's National Reserve	20	0	0			
				4,823	10	0
Red Cross Fund (headquarters, Order of St. John, London):—						
Taihape Red Cross Society	100	0	0			
Nelson Red Cross Fund	556	9	9			
St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas, Wellington ...	100	0	0			
				756	9	9
Allies Relief Fund:—						
Southland War Funds Association				122	9	7
Belgians in England Relief Fund:—						
Dunedin <i>Evening Star</i> fund				155	0	0
Overseas Club Tobacco Fund:—						
J. Herbert Hankins, Overseas Club, Palmerston North ...				345	0	0
British Navy Relief Fund:—						
Manawatu Patriotic Society	82	3	4			
Waimangaroa Defence Rifle Club	0	5	0			
Otago Patriotic and General Welfare Association and Navy League	1,731	10	1			
Dunedin <i>Evening Star</i> fund	95	0	0			
Karamea Patriotic Committee	13	11	0			
Eltham Patriotic Committee	15	3	4			
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	1	17	2			
Eltham County Patriotic Committee	168	0	0			
				2,107	9	11
Queen Alexandra Fund:—						
Wairarapa Patriotic Association				100	0	0
Polish Relief Fund:—						
Lawrence Patriotic Fund	3	7	6			
Southland War Funds Association	9	5	0			
				12	12	6

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Prince of Wales' Fund :—							
Lawrence Patriotic Fund		3	6				
Mrs. J. Riddich, Wellington		0	10				
					3	16	0
Prisoners' Relief Fund :—							
Mrs. J. Riddich, Wellington				0	10	0	
Union Jack Club Fund :—							
Southland War Funds Association				25	0	0	
Belgian Relief Fund :—							
Sounds District Belgian Relief Fund		55	0				
Poor of Britain, &c., Relief Fund, Blenheim		10	0				
Otago Patriotic and General Welfare Association		374	0				
					439	0	0
Serbian Relief Fund :—							
Taihape and District Patriotic Society		5	0				
Lawrence Patriotic Fund		6	3				
New Plymouth Patriotic Fund		60	0				
Mrs. Forrest, Wellington		20	0				
Wellington Publishing Company's list		6	14				
Manawatu Patriotic Society		154	6				
Wanganui-Waitotara Patriotic Association		37	11				
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association		2	0				
					291	16	3
In addition the following amounts have been remitted to the Paymasters of the New Zealand Forces :—							
New Zealand Red Cross Fund :—							
Egypt—							
Marlborough Patriotic Fund				25	0	0	
France—							
Marlborough Patriotic Fund				75	0	0	
				£9,282 14 0			
Poor in Belgium Relief :—							
Monthly contribution under Government scheme (less £390 19s., as explained in first paragraph of this memorandum)				14,609	1	0	
				£23,891 15 0			

ARTHUR M. MYERS,
Acting Minister of Finance.

No. 2

New Zealand, No. 15.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 15th January, 1917.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your predecessor's despatch, No. 688, dated 31st August, 1916, forwarding copies of an Act to amend the Marriage of British Subjects (Facilities) Act, 1915, together with a copy of an explanatory memorandum on the subject.

2. Ministers have taken note of the observations made in paragraph 2 of the despatch, and have asked me to acquaint you that the necessary legislation to meet the position will be introduced at the first opportunity.

I have, &c.,
LIVERPOOL,
Governor.

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

No. 3.

New Zealand, No. 34.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 19th January, 1917.

I have the honour to inform you, in answer to the question raised in your predecessor's despatch, No. 856, of the 30th October, 1916, that the Government of New Zealand agrees to undertake full pension liabilities in respect of those of its officers who are lent for service in the field. This under-

taking, however, is not intended to apply in the case of officers proceeding from New Zealand to accept commissions in the Royal Flying Corps Special Reserve, as, in the opinion of my Ministers, the pay, allowances, and pensions in respect of such officers should be a matter for the Imperial Government.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,
Governor.

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

No. 4.

New Zealand, No. 46.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 30th January, 1917.

With reference to my despatch, No. 14, of the 15th instant, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a memorandum addressed 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 for the month of December, 1916.

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, 29th January, 1917.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor.

I HAVE to advise Your Excellency that the sum of £15,000, being New Zealand's contribution for the relief of poor in Belgium under the Government scheme, for the month of December, has been transmitted by cable to the High Commissioner.

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

Red Cross Fund (headquarters, Order of St. John, London):—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Waipukurau Red Cross Society	4	4	0			
Rangiwahia Red Cross Branch	30	0	0			
North Otago Red Cross Society	1,140	0	0			
Manaiā Red Cross Society	100	0	0			
Gisborne Citizens' Defence Committee	826	18	0			
Wellington District British Red Cross	11,161	8	4			
Canterbury British Red Cross	12,300	0	0			
Auckland British Red Cross	4,000	0	0			
Hastings British Red Cross	200	0	0			
Wellington Publishing Company's list	5	0	0			
Pongaroa Presbyterian Sunday School	1	0	0			
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	15	0	6			
Balclutha Patriotic Association	25	2	3			
Wanganui St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas	860	0	0			
				30,668	13	1
New Zealand Red Cross Fund:—						
Timaru Red Cross Society	750	0	0			
Hastings Women's National Reserve	50	0	0			
Wellington Women's Red Cross Committee	200	0	0			
Waipukurau Red Cross Society	100	0	0			
Presbyterian Church, New Zealand	175	0	0			
Marlborough Patriotic Fund	25	0	0			
Hawera Mayoress Emergency Committee	102	12	0			
Hawera Mayor's Patriotic Fund	29	14	2			
Quota contributions of patriotic societies for comforts	3,000	0	0			
				4,432	6	2
Overseas Club Tobacco Fund:—						
Palmerston North Overseas Club				75	0	0
British Navy Relief Fund:—						
Dunedin <i>Evening Star</i> list	45	0	0			
Manaiā and District Patriotic Society	650	0	0			
				695	0	0

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Queen Alexandra Fund:—						
Patea Ladies' Committee				200	0	0
Highland and Islands of Scotland Relief Fund				500	0	0
Belgian Children Christmas Appeal Fund:—						
Dominion Belgian Relief Fund				2,232	13	3
London Lord Mayor's Belgian Relief Fund:—						
Te Kaka Patriotic League... ..	8	14	6			
Pahiatua Belgian Relief Fund	49	10	6			
Oamaru Anglican Choir	17	4	6			
					75	9
						6
Russian Jewish War Relief Fund:—						
Wellington Zionist Literary and Debating Society				77	1	6
Belgian Relief Fund:—						
Poor of Great Britain, Ireland, and Belgium Relief Fund, Stratford				400	0	0
St. Dunstan's Hospital Fund:—						
Lower Hutt St. Dunstan's Fund Committee				265	10	0
In addition the following further amounts have been remitted to the Paymaster of the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces, Egypt:—						
New Zealand Red Cross Fund:—						
Timaru Ladies' Patriotic Society	5	0	0			
Stratford Red Cross Guild... ..	5	0	0			
Hunterville Countess of Liverpool Fund and Red Cross Guild	35	0	0			
P. Holt, Te Puriri, Papakura	15	0	0			
					60	0
						0
						0
				£39,681	13	6
Poor in Belgium Relief:—						
Monthly contribution under Government scheme				15,000	0	0
				£54,681	13	6

ARTHUR M. MYERS,
Acting Minister of Finance.

No. 5.

New Zealand, No. 59.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 10th February, 1917.

I have the honour to inform you that, in reply to your predecessor's despatch, No. 876, of the 3rd November last, relative to the question of the principles to be observed in connection with the remuneration of officers of oversea Prize Courts, my Ministers state that the matter has been fully considered, and that it is not proposed to pay any fees or remuneration to officers in New Zealand in connection with Prize Court proceedings.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

Governor

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

No. 6.

New Zealand, No. 65.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 13th February, 1917.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Bonar Law's despatch, No. 945, of the 30th November last, forwarding the audited accounts of the Pacific Cable Board for the year 1915-16.

2. My Government are gratified to observe that the statement shows a surplus of revenue over expenditure, more especially as from its inception New Zealand used all her influence in support of the Pacific cable scheme.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

Governor.

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

No. 7.

New Zealand, No. 67.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 16th February, 1917.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Bonar Law's despatch, No. 957, of the 5th November last, forwarding copies of instructions issued by the Board of Trade to Consuls, Superintendents, and officers in British possessions, and of a notice issued to masters of home-trade ships, in which attention is called to the importance of the insertion of the signatures of seamen on their discharge-certificates.

2. My Ministers inform me that, in accordance with the request contained in the circular, the instructions are being communicated to the Superintendents of Mercantile Marine in New Zealand.

I have, &c.,
LIVERPOOL,
Governor.

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

No. 8.

New Zealand, No. 68.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 16th February, 1917.

With reference to my despatch, No. 46, of the 30th January, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a memorandum, addressed 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 January, 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, 14th February, 1917.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor.

I HAVE the honour to advise Your Excellency that the sum of £14,698 19s. 8d., being New Zealand's contribution for the relief of poor in Belgium under the Government scheme, for the month of January, 1917, has been transmitted by cable to the High Commissioner. This is £301 0s. 4d. less than the amount usually remitted monthly, one of the districts having contributed less than its quota to the scheme.

The following contributions have also been remitted to the High Commissioner for distribution :—

Belgian Relief Fund :—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Shannon Belgian Relief and Patriotic Society	100	0	0			
Sounds District Belgian Relief Fund	55	0	0			
Otago Patriotic and General Welfare Society	379	0	0			
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	300	0	0			
Sounds District Belgian Relief Fund	50	0	0			
Poor of Great Britain, &c., Relief Fund, Blenheim	10	0	0			
				894	0	0
Belgians in England Relief Fund :—						
Dunedin <i>Evening Star</i> Fund				65	0	0
Belgian Children Christmas Appeal Fund (for payment to London Lord Mayor's Fund) :—						
From sundry contributors	247	3	2			
Poor of Great Britain, &c., Relief Fund, Christchurch	2,000	0	0			
				2,247	3	2

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Red Cross Fund (headquarters, Order of St. John, London):—						
Hawera St. John and Red Cross Committee	200	0	0			
Nelson Red Cross Fund	380	5	5			
Napier Patriotic Society	612	6	3			
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	74	10	1			
Hawera Patriotic and Wounded Soldiers' Committee	300	0	0			
Wellington Normal School pupils	7	9	9			
Taihape Red Cross Society	225	0	0			
County of Egmont Patriotic League (Women's Guild)	50	0	0			
Wellington Publishing Company's list	9	3	6			
Rongotea District Red Cross Guild	60	0	0			
Waipiro Bay Ladies' Patriotic Guild	100	0	0			
Waikanae and District Patriotic Society	5	19	8			
Wellington Publishing Company (Limited)	8	9	6			
Misses Tendall, Nicholls, and Coleridge, and Kelburn Readers	81	0	3			
				2,114	4	5
New Zealand Comforts Fund (formerly New Zealand Red Cross Fund):—						
Huntermville Countess of Liverpool Fund and Red Cross Guild	115	0	0			
Marlborough Patriotic Association	220	0	0			
H. J. Lancaster, Glen Oroua	29	10	0			
Hikutaiia Patriotic Committee	30	0	0			
From quota contributions of patriotic societies for com- forts for New Zealand sick and wounded	1,500	0	0			
Hastings Red Cross workers	150	0	0			
From sundry contributors for comforts for New Zealand sick and wounded—		£	s.			
In England	1,171	18	11			
At the front	224	17	6			
For general purposes	713	17	1			
				2,110	13	6
Edgar Jones	750	0	0			
Kaikoura Red Cross Branch	150	0	0			
Marton Red Cross shop	75	0	0			
Wanganui Girls' College Tennis Club	5	0	0			
Maungaturoto Patriotic Society	100	0	0			
				5,235	3	6
Queen Alexandra Fund:—						
Wairarapa Patriotic Association				100	0	0
British Navy Relief Fund:—						
Dunedin <i>Evening Star</i> list	35	0	0			
Napier Patriotic Society	338	13	3			
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	129	15	10			
<i>Ashburton Mail</i> list	387	18	8			
Westland Naval Fund Committee	19	11	9			
				910	19	6
Serbian Relief Fund:—						
Wanganui-Waitotara Patriotic Fund	24	1	0			
Sydney Dix, Wellington	3	15	6			
Southland War Funds Association	279	17	11			
Lawrence Patriotic Fund	5	17	6			
Napier Patriotic Society	32	17	10			
Mauriceville County Council	5	0	0			
Government Insurance Department's officers	1	5	0			
Taihape and District Patriotic Society	10	0	0			
Wellington <i>Evening Post</i> list	0	7	6			
Lawrence Patriotic Fund	6	4	0			
Waitara Young Ladies' Sewing Guild	20	0	0			
Wellington Publishing Company's list	0	15	0			
				390	1	3
Allies Relief Fund:—						
Southland War Funds Association				103	11	0
Prince of Wales' Fund:—						
Lawrence Patriotic Fund	4	5	6			
Napier Patriotic Society	223	1	6			
Wanganui-Waitotara Patriotic Association	50	0	0			
Lawrence Patriotic Fund	4	16	3			
				282	3	3
Overseas Club Tobacco Fund:—						
J. Herbert Hankins, President, Overseas Club, Palmers- ton North				75	0	0

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Polish Relief Fund :—						
Lawrence Patriotic Fund	4	7	0			
Southland War Funds Council	2	0	0			
Lawrence Patriotic Fund	4	4	0			
	<hr/>			10	11	0
New Zealand Expeditionary Forces Tobacco Fund :—						
Southland War Funds Association				0	16	0
<i>Chronicle's</i> New Zealand Expeditionary Forces Fund :—						
J. Baird, Otatara				0	10	0
Munitions Fund :—						
Wellington Publishing Company's list				0	10	0
Russian Prisoners' Relief Fund :—						
Southland War Funds Association				3	0	0
Belgian Children Relief Fund :—						
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	2	5	0			
Kelburn school-children	20	0	0			
	<hr/>			22	5	0
				<hr/>		
				£12,454	18	1
In addition the following amounts have been remitted to the						
Paymasters, New Zealand Forces :—						
New Zealand Comforts Fund :—						
Egypt—						
Stratford Red Cross Guild	5	0	0			
Hunterville Countess of Liverpool Fund and Red						
Cross Guild	35	0	0			
P. Holt	15	0	0			
Reefton Local Defence Fund	10	0	0			
	<hr/>			65	0	0
England—						
Stratford Red Cross Guild	5	0	0			
Maungaturoto Patriotic Society	100	0	0			
	<hr/>			105	0	0
Regimental Funds :—						
England—						
Marlborough Patriotic Fund				150	0	0
Egypt—						
Marlborough Patriotic Fund				50	0	0
	<hr/>			£12,824	18	1
Poor in Belgium Relief :—						
Monthly contribution under Government scheme (less						
£301 Os. 4d., as explained in first paragraph of						
this memorandum)				14,698	19	8
	<hr/>			£27,523	17	9
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ARTHUR M. MYERS,
Acting Minister of Finance.

No. 9.

New Zealand, No. 73.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 24th February, 1917.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your predecessor's despatch, No. 971, of the 8th December, enclosing copies of a new edition of the regulations issued by the Board of Trade relating to the examination of engineers in the mercantile marine.

2. Ministers advise me that any alterations in the New Zealand regulations which may be necessary in order to coincide with the new edition issued by the Board of Trade will be made at an early date.

I have, &c.,
LIVERPOOL,
Governor.

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

No. 10.

New Zealand, No. 90.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 23rd March, 1917.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your predecessor's despatch, No. 836, of the 20th October last, transmitting copies of His Majesty's Proclamation of the 7th September with regard to claims by British subjects residing in the United Kingdom, or any country or place outside His Majesty's dominions and protectorates, against enemy Governments and enemy persons, and the mandatory return of British property in enemy territory.

2. My Ministers have taken steps to have the substance of the aforementioned despatch and enclosures thereto published in the form of special regulations under the War Regulations Act, 1914.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

Governor.

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

No. 11.

New Zealand, No. 92.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 26th March, 1917.

With reference to my despatch, No. 68, of the 16th February, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a memorandum addressed 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 February, 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, 22nd March, 1917.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor.

I HAVE to advise Your Excellency that the sum of £13,422 5s., being New Zealand's contribution for the relief of poor in Belgium under the Government scheme, for the month of February, has been transmitted by cable to the High Commissioner. This is £1,577 15s. 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:—

Belgian Relief Fund:—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Otago Patriotic and General Welfare Association	...	1,390	0	0			
Poor of Britain, &c., Relief Fund, Blenheim	...	10	0	0			
Otago Patriotic and General Welfare Association	...	561	0	0			
					1,961	0	0
Belgian Children Christmas Appeal Fund:—							
E. J. Shepherd, Kaeo	...	0	8	0			
Puahue Sunday-school children	...	1	0	0			
Peggy and Dick Keen, Otare	...	0	2	6			
Nelson <i>Colonist</i> list	...	21	14	5			
Mrs. Mary Hamilton, sen., Winton	...	0	10	0			
G. S. Clarke, Kihikihi	...	0	16	2			
Waverley Patriotic Committee	...	7	12	6			
Kaitieke School Committee concert	...	9	0	6			
Mrs. E. Hildred, Tariki	...	1	0	0			
<i>Wairarapa Age</i> Company's list	...	15	6	1			
E.M.K., 30 Marion Street, Wellington	...	0	4	0			
Mrs. Winnie Roper, Matakana	...	0	10	0			
Mrs. E. A. Galbraith, Invercargill	...	0	10	0			
Sanson St. Thomas Sunday-school scholars	...	2	14	0			
Otane Patriotic League	...	65	8	9			
Nelson <i>Colonist</i> list	...	10	13	1			
Dominion Belgian Relief Fund	...	799	4	10			

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Belgian Children Fund :—						
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	11	0	0			
Takaka Patriotic League	6	7	9			
Feilding and District Patriotic Society	18	1	4			
				35	9	1
New Zealand Comforts Fund :—						
Wairoa Red Cross Fund	475	0	0			
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	1	1	8			
New Plymouth Red Cross Society	250	0	0			
Waipu Caledonian Society	33	6	8			
H. Hume, Wellington	1	1	0			
Hunterville Countess of Liverpool Fund and Red Cross Guild	77	0	0			
J. P. Maxwell, Wellington	5	0	0			
Wellington Red Cross shop	300	0	0			
Hawera Patriotic and Wounded Soldiers' Committee	400	0	0			
Marton Red Cross workers	50	0	0			
N.Z.R. Contingent Equipment Committee	200	0	0			
Edendale Red Cross Society	80	0	0			
Hunterville Countess of Liverpool Fund and Red Cross Guild	70	1	5			
Seatoun Red Cross Guild	27	14	0			
Miss Sybil Nathan	78	0	0			
Masterton ladies	80	0	0			
				2,128	4	9
Red Cross Fund (headquarters, Order of St. John, London) :—						
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	134	7	10			
Canterbury Centre, Red Cross Society	2,700	0	0			
Wellington Centre, Red Cross Society	710	13	1			
Invercargill St. John Ambulance Association	4,600	0	0			
Taumarunui Patriotic Association	171	3	0			
Wairarapa Girls' Red Cross Brigade	150	0	0			
Otago Centre, Red Cross Society	813	16	10			
Taihape Red Cross Society	75	0	0			
St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas	250	0	0			
				9,605	0	9
British Navy Relief Fund :—						
Manawatu Patriotic Society	18	11	0			
North Otago Patriotic Fund, Oamaru	92	16	8			
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	26	12	0			
Wanganui-Waitotara Patriotic Association	39	2	10			
Mania and District Patriotic Society	43	8	8			
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	588	8	6			
Southland Navy League	154	1	9			
				963	1	5
St. Dunstan's Hospital Fund :—						
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association				157	10	0
Serbian Relief Fund :—						
Mrs. C. Cathie, Karori	2	0	0			
Eltham County Patriotic Committee	20	1	4			
Wellington Publishing Company's list	3	4	9			
Wanganui-Waitotara Patriotic Association	16	0	0			
Post and Telegraph Department's officers, Blenheim	1	0	0			
Alf. Tyer, Featherston	5	0	0			
Otago Patriotic and General Welfare Association	74	8	3			
Lawrence Patriotic Fund	3	13	6			
				125	7	10
Polish Relief Fund :—						
Post and Telegraph Department's officers, Blenheim	1	0	0			
Otago Patriotic and General Welfare Association	139	1	0			
Lawrence Patriotic Fund	4	3	6			
				144	4	6
Prisoners' Relief Fund :—						
Mrs. C. G. Wilson, Mangaweka				30	10	0
Belgians in England Fund :—						
Dunedin <i>Evening Star</i> fund				40	0	0
Overseas Club Tobacco Fund :—						
J. Herbert Hankins, Palmerston North				90	0	0
Queen Alexandra Fund :—						
Wairarapa Patriotic Association				100	0	0
				16,317	3	2

The following additional amounts have been forwarded to Paymasters for expenditure through military officers:—

New Zealand Comforts Fund:—

Egypt—				
Hunterville Countess of Liverpool Fund and Red Cross Guild	...	...	...	£ 48 1 6
Stratford Red Cross Society	...	...	...	5 0 0
Regimental Funds:—				
England—				
Southland War Funds Association	...	...	...	100 0 0
				£16,470 4 8
Poor in Belgium Relief:—				
Monthly contribution under Government scheme (less £1,577 15s., as explained in first paragraph of this memorandum)	...	...	...	13,422 5 0
				£29,892 9 8

ARTHUR M. MYERS,
Acting Minister of Finance.

No. 12.

New Zealand, No. 96.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 28th March, 1917.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, Dominions No. 11, of the 5th January, relative to cases which have occurred in which enemy subjects have been repatriated from British oversea ports as medically unfit, whom on their arrival in the United Kingdom the medical authorities have not considered to be within the schedule of disabilities.

2. My Ministers inform me that no medically unfit male enemy subjects have been repatriated from this Dominion, but that they will be pleased to adopt the suggestion made in your despatch in the event of any such repatriations.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,
Governor.

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

No. 13.

New Zealand, No. 99.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 11th April, 1917.

I have the honour to inform you that the attention of my Ministers has been given to your predecessor's despatch, No. 737, of the 15th September last, on the subject of the examination of masters and mates in the mercantile marine.

2. I am now advised that it has been decided to revise the New Zealand regulations in order to bring them into line with the amended Board of Trade regulations, and that copies of the revised regulations, when made, will be forwarded to the Board of Trade.

3. The Dominion Government concur in the suggestion made in paragraph 2 of the despatch under reply—as to the advantage which would be gained if Examiners of Masters and Mates in the self-governing dominions were to visit Great Britain for the purpose of studying the methods adopted in the Board of Trade examinations—and, acting upon the suggestion, Ministers propose to send Captain Whiteford, one of the Examiners in this Dominion, to England as soon as arrangements can be made.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,
Governor.

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

No. 14.

New Zealand, No. 108.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 12th April, 1917.

In reply to your despatch, Dominions No. 92, of the 7th February, I have the honour to inform you that I am advised by my Ministers that parcels for Turkish and Bulgarian prisoners of war in New Zealand will be admitted free of duty as requested. Ministers state that this has always been the practice in New Zealand, irrespective of the nationality of the prisoners of war, the authority being drawn from the Field Service Pocket-book, 1914, page 229, paragraph 16.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

Governor.

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

No. 15.

New Zealand, No. 110.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 19th April, 1917.

With reference to the late Mr. Chamberlain's circular despatch of the 8th December, 1898, I have the honour to inform you that the quantities of gold and silver entered for export from New Zealand for the year ending 31st December, 1916, were as follows :—

Gold : 292,620 oz., equal to 9,101·71 kilograms, valued at £1,199,212.

Silver : 787,053 oz., equal to 24,480·85 kilograms, valued at £85,111.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

Governor.

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

No. 16.

New Zealand, No. 111.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 19th April, 1917.

I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers have given their consideration to the proposal described in the Board of Trade memorandum of the 25th August, 1916, a copy of which accompanied your predecessor's despatch, No. 691, of the 4th September, 1916, in regard to the organizing of an exhibition of goods of British manufacture to visit the principal cities of the overseas dominions, and that the following is the substance of their reply :—

- (a.) The New Zealand Government would be pleased to arrange for the proper care of the exhibition and to defray expenses incurred in this Dominion.
- (b.) It does not appear likely that the exhibition could be shown in more than one or two cities. If two could be arranged, Wellington and Christchurch would probably be the most suitable.
- (c.) The Minister of Customs has agreed to waive all tariff charges, and steps will be taken to secure concessions for the carriage of the exhibit by sea.
- (d.) There does not appear to be any difficulty in regard to suitable buildings for the exhibit.
- (e.) The Government are prepared to do all in their power to make the exhibition a success during its New Zealand visit, and, if ample notice is given as to the probable date of its arrival in this Dominion, the necessary steps will be taken to secure this desirable result.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

Governor.

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

No. 17.

New Zealand, No. 116.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 21st April, 1917.

With reference to previous telegraphic correspondence relative to the question of the shipment of rabbits from this Dominion to the United Kingdom, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a memorandum which has been addressed to me on the subject by my Acting Prime Minister, and on which my telegram of the 20th instant was based.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

Governor.

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

Enclosure.

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 16th April, 1917.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor.

THE Acting Prime Minister presents his compliments to His Excellency, and begs to acknowledge the receipt of the telegram of the 17th ultimo, regarding canned rabbits, from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies. It is regretted that the Government has been unable to make a mutual arrangement with rabbit-canners for carrying out the request contained in that telegram, owing to the present f.o.b. value of canned rabbits being considerably in excess of 8s. per dozen 2 lb. tins.

His Excellency is respectfully referred to the Acting Prime Minister's memorandum of the 22nd February, in which it was shown that the high values of rabbit-skins had considerably appreciated values of rabbits generally; and it will be further gathered from that memorandum that the price stated therein for canned rabbits—viz., about 8s. per dozen tins—was contingent upon the New Zealand Government requisitioning rabbit-skins in addition to frozen and canned rabbits. This proposal was not acceptable to the Board of Trade, and, having in view the fact that the season's work is now in operation, to now revert to it would entail very serious dissatisfaction among all connected with the business, seeing that forward contracts for supplies have been made.

His Excellency's Ministers have been and are fully desirous of meeting the wishes of His Majesty's Government in this matter, and are not in sympathy with the creation of high market values for rabbits, seeing that they constitute a pest in the Dominion, but the position is now strongly influenced by the high ruling market conditions for skins, and, as a result, for frozen and canned carcasses, and by the fact that the considerable number of persons engaged in the industry created by the exportation of rabbits and rabbit-skins have to meet the increased cost of living consequent upon the war.

Exporters' statements indicate that under existing conditions, cost of labour and of material for canning, they consider they should receive 11s. per dozen tins f.o.b. A corresponding price for frozen rabbits would be 22s. per crate f.o.b., covering all grades.

In view of the position as regards refrigerated shipping-space, His Excellency's Ministers respectfully suggest that the Imperial Government, after consideration of the position as set forth in this and previous memoranda, finally fix f.o.b. prices at which it is willing to purchase both canned and frozen rabbits. The New Zealand Government will then notify those concerned that it is prepared to purchase at these prices.

W. H. HERRIES,

For Acting Prime Minister.

No. 18.

New Zealand, No. 122.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 7th May, 1917.

I have the honour to inform you, in reply to your despatch, Dominions No. 108, of the 13th February last, that the Government of New Zealand make no objection to the imposition of the war tax mentioned in the despatch in respect of letters and postal packets from the Turks and Caicos Islands and of letters from the Cayman Islands.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

Governor.

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

No. 19.

New Zealand, No. 131.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 7th May, 1917.

With reference to my despatch, No. 92, of the 26th March, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a memorandum addressed

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

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
St. Dunstan's Hospital Fund :—						
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association...	30	6	9			
Hunterville Relief Fund ...	27	18	0			
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association...	27	0	0			
	<hr/>			85	4	9
Prisoners' Relief Fund :—						
Auroa Ladies' Sewing Guild ...	5	0	0			
Otago Patriotic and General Welfare Association ...	31	0	0			
Wanganui-Waitotara Patriotic Association ...	25	0	0			
	<hr/>			61	0	0
Belgian Children Christmas Appeal Fund :—						
Mrs. John Thwaites ...	2	0	6			
Manaiā residents ...	3	5	6			
Pahiatua Mayor's Fund ...	4	3	8			
Mrs. E. Morison, Invercargill ...	0	5	8			
Tuparoa Native School children ...	5	0	0			
Mrs. E. P. Binns, Feilding ...	0	13	0			
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association ...	3	4	10			
	<hr/>			18	13	2
Red Cross Fund (headquarters, Order of St. John, London) :—						
W. Wells, Hikoekoea ...	15	17	4			
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association ...	1	16	0			
New Plymouth Red Cross Society ...	250	0	0			
Canterbury British Red Cross Society ...	6	0	0			
Waipukurau Red Cross Society ...	50	0	0			
Otago Red Cross Society ...	30	0	0			
Kohinui School Committee ...	7	2	1			
Lower Hutt Borough Council ...	1	11	0			
Wellington College ...	100	0	0			
Marima Domain Board ...	10	0	0			
	<hr/>			472	6	5
Belgian Children Relief Fund :—						
Manaiā and District Patriotic Society ...	29	2	6			
Wanganui-Waitotara Patriotic Association ...	89	10	9			
Manaiā and District Patriotic Society ...	9	13	4			
Feilding and District Patriotic Society ...	13	17	9			
Patea and District Patriotic League ...	33	9	1			
Feilding and District Patriotic League ...	0	4	0			
	<hr/>			175	17	5
Serbian Relief Fund :—						
Mauriceville County Council ...	5	0	0			
Post and Telegraph officers, Blenheim ...	1	0	0			
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association ...	5	10	0			
Lawrence Patriotic Fund ...	4	14	6			
Government Insurance Department's officers ...	0	15	0			
Miss Marea Milesi, Wellington ...	1	11	0			
Wairoa District School ...	2	7	2			
Mauriceville County Council ...	2	10	0			
Wanganui-Waitotara Patriotic Association ...	31	8	9			
Wairarapa Patriotic Association ...	50	0	0			
Anglican Church Vestry, Blenheim ...	3	11	9			
Taihape and District Patriotic Society ...	5	0	0			
	<hr/>			113	8	2
British Navy Relief Fund :—						
Rangitikei Patriotic Society ...	10	0	0			
Wairarapa Patriotic Association ...	109	10	0			
Otago Patriotic and General Welfare Association ...	23	15	10			
	<hr/>			143	5	10
Belgians in England Relief Fund :—						
Dunedin <i>Evening Star</i> list ...	40	0	0			
Barnardo Homes War Relief Fund :—						
Wanganui-Waitotara Patriotic Association ...	20	0	0			
Overseas Club Tobacco Fund :—						
J. Herbert Hankins, Palmerston North ...	75	0	0			
	<hr/>			12,527	13	3

The following additional amounts have been forwarded to Paymasters for expenditure through military officers:—

New Zealand Comforts Fund:—

Egypt—

Stratford Red Cross Guild	£	s.	d.
...	10	0	0

Regimental Fund:—

England—

Marlborough Patriotic Fund	£	s.	d.
...	150	0	0

Egypt—

Marlborough Patriotic Fund	£	s.	d.
...	50	0	0

			£12,737	13	3
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Poor in Belgian Relief:—

Monthly contribution under Government scheme (less £1,719 3s. 8d. as per first paragraph of this memorandum)

...	£	s.	d.
...	13,180	16	4

			£25,918	9	7
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ARTHUR M. MYERS,
Acting Minister of Finance.

No. 20.

New Zealand, No. 138.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 7th June, 1917.

With reference to my despatch, No. 131, of the 7th May, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a memorandum addressed 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 April, 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, 23rd May, 1917.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor.

I HAVE to advise Your Excellency that the following contributions have been remitted to the High Commissioner for distribution as under:—

Belgian Relief Fund:—

Sounds District Belgian Relief Committee	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
...	...	...	...	60	0	0

New Zealand Comforts Fund:—

Wellington Surprise-bag Committee	£	s.	d.
...	500	0	0

Wellington Red Cross Society	£	s.	d.
...	96	15	7

Hunterville Countess of Liverpool Fund and Red Cross Guild	£	s.	d.
...	100	10	11

Marton patriotic shop	£	s.	d.
...	167	0	0

Taihape Red Cross Society	£	s.	d.
...	275	0	0

Timaru Red Cross Society	£	s.	d.
...	4,000	0	0

R. and J. Carter, Saddle Hill	£	s.	d.
...	10	0	0

Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	£	s.	d.
...	500	0	0

Hon. John Fisher	£	s.	d.
...	3	0	0

Enoka Rukuata	£	s.	d.
...	3	0	0

Wairarapa Girls' Red Cross Brigade	£	s.	d.
...	1,000	0	0

Wellington Red Cross shop committee	£	s.	d.
...	300	0	0

Invercargill Red Cross Branch	£	s.	d.
...	30	0	0

Dannevirke Red Cross Society	£	s.	d.
...	50	0	0

Presbyterian Church of New Zealand	£	s.	d.
...	100	0	0

Taihape Red Cross Society	£	s.	d.
...	1,500	0	0

J. E. Cassidy, Government Insurance Department	£	s.	d.
...	47	19	0

Wellington Red Cross shop	£	s.	d.
...	300	0	0

Waipu Caledonian Society	£	s.	d.
...	23	10	0

New Brighton Red Cross Committee	£	s.	d.
...	100	0	0

C. O. T. Rutherford, North Canterbury	£	s.	d.
...	16	13	4

New Plymouth Red Cross Society	£	s.	d.
...	300	0	0

Hawera Red Cross Society	£	s.	d.
...	300	0	0

			9,723	8	10
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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Red Cross Fund (headquarters, Order of St. John, London):—						
Wellington Red Cross Society	223	16	0			
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	124	0	0			
Waipukurau Central Agricultural and Pastoral Association	200	0	0			
	<hr/>			547	16	0
Prisoners' Relief Fund:—						
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	339	3	5			
Waipukurau Red Cross Society	50	0	0			
Mrs. J. Earles, Wanganui...	5	0	0			
	<hr/>			394	3	5
British Navy Relief Fund:—						
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association				56	0	0
St. Dunstan's Hospital Fund:—						
Wanganui-Waitotara Patriotic Association				100	0	0
Overseas Club Tobacco Fund:—						
J. Herbert Hankins, Palmerston North				300	0	0
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				£11,181	8	3
In addition the following amounts have been remitted through the Defence Department:—						
Regimental Fund:—						
England				50	0	0
New Zealand Comforts Fund:—						
Egypt				5	0	0
				<hr/>		
				£11,236	8	3
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The usual remittance under the Government's scheme for relief of the poor in Belgium has not been made for April pending receipt of further information from London respecting the possibility of satisfactorily applying the money under present conditions.

ARTHUR M. MYERS,
Acting Minister of Finance.

No. 21.

New Zealand, No. 161.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 20th June, 1917.

With reference to your despatch, No. 990, of the 18th December last, and to your despatch, No. 34, of the 3rd March, relative to the grant of permanent commissions in the Indian Army to officers of the Expeditionary Forces from the dominions, I have the honour to enclose the accompanying copy of a memorandum on the subject which was addressed to me by the Acting Prime Minister, and on which my telegram of the 12th instant was based.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,
Governor.

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

Enclosure.

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 11th June, 1917.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor.

The Acting Prime Minister presents his compliments to His Excellency the Governor, and with reference to code telegram to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated the 30th May, 1917, and to Government House despatch No. 1259/17, begs to request that the Indian Government may be informed that arrangements have now been made to nominate from the New Zealand Expeditionary Force seven officers for temporary and seven non-commissioned officers for permanent commissions in the Indian Army next and each subsequent July, and seven officers and seven non-commissioned officers for permanent commissions next and every January following, making a total of twenty-one permanent and seven temporary commissions per annum.

It is regretted that a more even distribution of nominations throughout the year cannot be arranged, as it would conflict with the desire of the War Office for immediate supply and with workable and satisfactory system of selection.

J. ALLEN,
Acting Prime Minister.

No. 22.

New Zealand, No. 166.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 26th June, 1917.

A.—2, 1918,
No. 1.

With reference to your predecessor's despatch, No. 911, of the 16th November last, relative to statistics of enemy property in New Zealand, and property in enemy territory belonging to persons, firms, and companies resident or carrying on business in New Zealand, I have the honour to transmit to you the returns enumerated below, which have been compiled in the form indicated in Mr. Bonar Law's despatch, No. 10, of the 6th January, 1916 :—

(1.) Property in New Zealand belonging to persons, firms, and companies resident or carrying on business in enemy territory.

(2.) Property in enemy territory belonging to persons, firms, and companies resident or carrying on business in New Zealand.

2. The above-mentioned returns, as will be seen, are made up to the 31st March, 1917, and consequently supersede the statistics which accompanied my despatch, No. 226, of the 13th September, 1916, and which were made in accordance with War Regulations issued by means of a New Zealand Order in Council dated the 3rd April, 1916.

3. As no regulations have yet been gazetted in pursuance of your predecessor's despatch, No. 836, of the 20th October, 1916, on the subject of claims against enemy Governments and enemy persons, the returns under heading No. 2 have still been treated as voluntary, and have been placed under the headings shown in Mr. Bonar Law's despatch, No. 10, of the 6th January, 1916.

4. The statistics shown under heading No. 1 indicate the net amount, the Public Trustee's charges having been deducted; but there have been no charges made so far on the returns shown under heading No. 1.

I have, &c.,

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

Enclosure.

NO. 1.—RETURNS OF ENEMY PROPERTY OWNED IN NEW ZEALAND BY ENEMIES RESIDENT OR CARRYING ON BUSINESS IN ENEMY TERRITORY

(As at 31st March, 1917).

1. Dividends, interest, or share of profits due from any person, firm, or company in the Dominion to any person or body of persons resident or carrying on business in enemy countries...	£	s.	d.
	11,789	16	3
2. Sums which but for the war would have been payable and paid in the Dominion or colony in respect of Government securities and other securities mentioned in section 1 of the Trading with the Enemy (Amendment) Act, 1915		Nil.	
3. Shares, stock, debentures, debenture stock, or other obligations of companies incorporated in the Dominion held for or by enemies, and as to interests of enemies in partnerships in the Dominion showing each enemy partner's capital and interest or share of profits	4,327	18	0
4. Real and personal property (other than shares, &c., in companies and partnership interests under 3) held in the Dominion by or on behalf of enemies	242,474	13	3
5. Property held in the Dominion for safe custody on behalf of enemy subjects, such as securities, deeds, personal belongings, jewellery, or cash		7	0 0
6. Income received from property already recorded under 4 and 5 <i>supra</i> (companies and firms do not have to record income under 3, as they have to pay it to the Public Trustee under 1)	2,592	5	5
7. Bank deposits and bank balances in the Dominion due to or on behalf of enemies (returns to be made by debtor, or, as the case may be, the person or bank holding the deposit or balance, but not by companies or firms whose return under 3 should include these particulars)	23,481	18	1
	<u>£283,199</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>

No. 2.—VOLUNTARY RETURNS OF PROPERTY IN ENEMY TERRITORY AND IN INTERNED SHIPS MADE BY PERSONS, FIRMS, AND COMPANIES RESIDENT OR CARRYING ON BUSINESS IN NEW ZEALAND

(As at 31st March, 1917).

1. Particulars of debts (including bank balances) due from enemies (including persons in territory occupied by enemies) to British persons or firms resident or carrying on business in the Dominion	£	s.	d.
	32,201	17	0
2. Particulars of property other than debts and bank balances held by enemies (including persons or firms resident or carrying on business in the Dominion)	1,020	3	0
3. Particulars of luggage detained in enemy countries (including country occupied by enemies) and belonging to British persons or persons residing or carrying on business in the Dominion			Nil.
	<u>£33,222</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Alien enemies have registered claims under 1 to the amount of £665 16s. 2d.

No. 23.

New Zealand, No. 168.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 5th July, 1917.

I have the honour to inform you that I regret to report the death, at Dunedin, on the 17th February last, of the Honourable Sir George McLean, Knight Bachelor.

The late Sir George McLean was for many years prominently associated with the public affairs of this Dominion, and had been a member of the Legislative Council since the year 1881. I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,
Governor-General.

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

No. 24.

New Zealand, No. 171.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 5th July, 1917.

With reference to my despatch, No. 138, of the 7th June, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a memorandum addressed to me by the 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 May, 1917. I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,
Governor-General.

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

Enclosure.

Minister's Office, Finance Department, Wellington. 2nd July, 1917.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor-General.

I HAVE to advise Your Excellency that the following contributions have been remitted to the High Commissioner for distribution as under:—

New Zealand Comforts Fund:—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Miss S. Nathan, Wellington	31	0	0			
Inglewood Ladies' Patriotic League	165	9	1			
Lyttelton Red Cross Committee	100	0	0			
Marton patriotic shop	138	0	0			
Waipu Caledonian Society	50	0	0			
Invercargill Branch, British Red Cross Society	300	0	0			
Canterbury Centre, British Red Cross Society	775	0	0			
Wairarapa British Red Cross Society	500	0	0			
Martinborough British Red Cross Society	225	0	0			
Moutoa Ladies' Guild	102	0	0			
Invercargill Branch, British Red Cross Society	200	0	0			
Wanganui Ladies' Golf Club	61	10	8			
New Plymouth Red Cross Society	100	0	0			
Wellington Red Cross shop	300	0	0			
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	200	0	0			
Patuwai Hepu	45	2	0			
Waioamatatini Native School children	27	17	6			
Southland War Funds Association	5	0	0			
Woolston Red Cross Committee	20	0	0			
Marton Red Cross Committee	13	2	3			
Marlborough Patriotic Fund	25	0	0			
Hon. John Fisher	3	0	0			
Enoka Rukuata	3	0	0			
Tiaki Rewiri	20	0	0			
	<u>3,410</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>			

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Red Cross Fund (headquarters, Order of St. John, London):—						
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	303	0	0			
Canterbury Centre, British Red Cross Society	871	8	3			
Invercargill Branch, British Red Cross Society	745	15	9			
Hastings Red Cross workers	100	0	0			
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	100	0	0			
St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas, Wellington	250	0	0			
Miss S. Wilson, Carterton	1	0	0			
				2,371	4	0
St. Dunstan's Hospital Fund:—						
Hunterville Countess of Liverpool Fund and Red Cross Guild	103	0	0			
Women's National Reserve, Hastings	1,140	0	0			
Collected by Mrs. E. Chisholm, Newtown	21	15	0			
Bull's, Sanson, and Rangitikei Relief Fund	16	11	0			
				1,281	6	0
British Navy Relief Fund:—						
Hastings Women's National Reserve	324	3	7			
Hunterville Relief Fund	15	1	0			
				339	4	7
British Medical Benevolent Fund:—						
Otago Patriotic and General Welfare Association				150	0	0
Regimental Fund:—						
Wanganui Patriotic Society				266	15	6
Royal Flying Corps Hospital Fund:—						
Hastings Red Cross workers				200	0	0
Overseas Club Tobacco Fund:—						
Palmerston North Overseas Club Tobacco Fund				75	0	0
Prisoners of War Central Fund:—						
Hastings Red Cross workers	100	0	0			
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	10	0	0			
				110	0	0
Blue Cross Fund:—						
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association				10	2	6
Belgians in England Relief Fund:—						
Dunedin <i>Evening Star</i> list				25	0	0
Belgian Children Relief Fund:—						
Methodist Sunday-school children, Shannon				3	0	0
Polish Relief Fund:—						
Bull's, Sanson, and Rangitikei Relief Fund	1	0	0			
Lawrence Patriotic Fund	3	2	6			
				4	2	6
Serbian Relief Fund:—						
Lawrence Patriotic Fund	3	17	0			
Bull's, Sanson, and Rangitikei Relief Fund	1	0	0			
				4	17	0
Prince of Wales' Fund:—						
Lawrence Patriotic Fund	3	18	0			
Chiefs and people of Siumu, Samoa	10	0	0			
				13	18	0
Roumanian Relief Fund:—						
Mrs. E. Bland, Plimmerton				2	0	0
Armenian Relief Fund:—						
Mrs. E. Bland, Plimmerton				3	10	0
				£8,270	1	7

In addition the following amount has been remitted through the Defence Department:—

Regimental Fund:—

To the Paymaster-General, New Zealand Expeditionary Forces, Egypt

£105 0 0

J. G. WARD,
Minister of Finance.

No. 25.

New Zealand, No. 173.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 5th July, 1917.

I have the honour to inform you that I have caused to be laid before my Ministers your despatch, Dominions No. 212, of the 4th April last, on the

subject of the treatment in ports of the Empire of British and foreign vessels which are provided only with provisional load-line certificates issued in British oversea ports.

2. Ministers inform me that the Government of this Dominion have no objection to the adoption by the Imperial Government of the proposed policy as a temporary measure, and they mention at the same time that the proposed course would obviate the necessity of vessels holding such certificates issued in New Zealand obtaining fresh certificates on arrival in Great Britain.

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3. Ministers add that it is proposed to adopt the same policy in the case of vessels arriving in New Zealand which hold such certificates issued at ports in Great Britain and the self-governing dominions and possessions.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

The Right Hon. Walter H. Long, M.P.,

Governor-General.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 26.

New Zealand, No. 195.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 1st August, 1917.

With reference to my despatch, No. 169, of the 5th July, with which I forwarded copies of the Speech I delivered at the opening of Parliament, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copies of the Address in Reply from the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives respectively.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

The Right Hon. Walter H. Long, M.P.,

Governor-General.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Enclosure.

ADDRESS FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Member of the Royal Victorian Order, Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over His Majesty's Dominion of New Zealand and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our thanks to Your Excellency for the Speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both Houses.

We desire to assure Your Excellency that the matters therein contained shall receive our most careful consideration, and we join with Your Excellency in trusting that Divine Providence may guide our deliberations to the advantage of our Sovereign, of his Empire, and of this Dominion.

ADDRESS FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Member of the Royal Victorian Order, Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over His Majesty's Dominion of New Zealand and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Representatives of the people of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our thanks to Your Excellency for the Speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both Houses.

We desire to assure Your Excellency that the matters therein contained shall receive our most careful consideration, and we join with Your Excellency in trusting that Divine Providence may guide our deliberations to the advantage of our Sovereign, of his Empire, and of this Dominion.

No. 27.

New Zealand, No. 198.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 1st August, 1917.

A.—2, 1918,
No. 30.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 72, of the 14th May, enclosing a copy of a letter from the Director-General of the National War Museum which is about to be established in London, suggesting that the dominion Governments should co-operate in the supply to the museum of documents and materials relating to the activities of all parts of the British Empire in connection with the war.

2. My Ministers have given their consideration to the suggestion and have informed me that the New Zealand Government will endeavour, as opportunity arises, to furnish the National War Museum with material illustrating this Dominion's activities in connection with the war. Ministers add that it is proposed to establish a War Section in the Dominion Museum here.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

The Right Hon. Walter H. Long, M.P.,

Governor-General.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 28.

New Zealand, No. 205.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 16th August, 1917.

With reference to your despatch, No. 70, of the 12th May, relative to the inquiry made by the Administrator of Samoa, through the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, as to the possibility of registering in Fiji the births of children born of British parents in Samoa during the military occupation of that territory, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers concur in the suggestion made in the second paragraph of your despatch, as to the procedure which would best provide for cases of the kind mentioned.

2. I have accordingly requested the Administrator to issue a Proclamation to give effect to the suggestion, at the same time advising him to make such Proclamation retrospective, if possible, in the sense of allowing or requiring the registration of births which have already taken place during the period of British occupation.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

The Right Hon. Walter H. Long, M.P.,

Governor-General.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 29.

New Zealand, No. 219.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 24th August, 1918.

With reference to my despatch, No. 202, of the 1st August, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a memorandum addressed to me by the 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 July, 1917.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

The Right Hon. Walter H. Long, M.P.,

Governor-General.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Enclosure.

Minister's Office, Finance Department, Wellington [No date].

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor-General.

I HAVE to advise Your Excellency that the following contributions have been remitted to the High Commissioner for distribution as under :—

New Zealand Comforts Fund :—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Wellington Red Cross shop	200	0	0			
Opunake Young Ladies' Patriotic League	50	0	0			
Marton patriotic-shop committee	286	0	0			
Waipu Agricultural Association	47	16	0			
Quota contributions from patriotic societies	6,163	18	0			
Wellington Centre, British Red Cross Society	1,027	6	0			
Marlborough Patriotic Fund	100	0	0			
Waimate Red Cross Branch	500	0	0			
Lyttelton Red Cross Committee	501	0	0			
Darfield District Auxiliary War Fund	50	0	0			
Wanganui Ladies' Golf Club	155	0	0			
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	1,061	8	11			
Tuparoa East Coast Centre	21	3	0			
Wairarapa Centre, British Red Cross	250	0	0			
Featherston Centre, British Red Cross	400	0	0			
Wellington Centre, British Red Cross	100	0	0			
Invercargill Red Cross Branch	50	0	0			
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	400	0	0			
Woolston Red Cross Branch	20	0	0			
				10,932	11	11

Red Cross Fund :—

Auckland Centre, New Zealand Branch Red Cross and Order of St. John	5,000	0	0			
Canterbury Centre, British Red Cross Association	90	8	5			
Hawera Patriotic and Wounded Soldiers' Committee	700	0	0			
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	99	17	2			
H. J. Kilgour	5	0	0			
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	26	13	4			
				5,921	18	11

Serbian Relief Fund :—

Wanganui-Waitotara Patriotic Association	51	0	0			
Upper Hutt Town Board	6	5	0			
Miss Cooper	0	10	0			
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	16	13	4			
Lawrence Patriotic Fund	3	8	6			
Mauriceville County Council	2	10	0			
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	5	0	0			
				85	6	10

Serbian Red Cross Fund :—

Pioneer Club, Wellington				400	0	0
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Aeroplane Raid Sufferers Fund :—

Wellington school-children				500	0	0
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Overseas Club Tobacco Fund :—

Palmerston North Branch, Overseas Club Tobacco Fund				200	0	0
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Prisoners' Relief Fund :—

Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	142	13	11			
Mrs. Perry	5	0	0			
				147	13	11

Royal Flying Corps Hospital Fund :—

Waipukurau and District Branch Red Cross Society				50	0	0
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Polish Relief Fund :—

Lawrence Patriotic Fund				3	16	0
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Prince of Wales' Fund :—

Lawrence Patriotic Fund				2	16	0
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British Navy Relief Fund :—

Wanganui-Waitotara Patriotic Association	10	0	0			
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	7	18	0			
				17	18	0

Belgian Children Relief Fund :—

Wanganui-Waitotara Patriotic Association				20	5	0
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St. Dunstan's Hospital Fund :—

Hawke's Bay War Relief Association				17	8	0
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In addition the following amount has been remitted to the Defence Department :—

New Zealand Comforts Fund :—

Egypt				£330	0	0
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 J. G. WARD,
 Minister of Finance.

No. 30.

New Zealand, No. 222.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 4th September, 1917.

A.—2, 1918,
No. 36.

I have the honour to inform you that I have caused to be laid before my Ministers your despatch, Dominions No. 365, of the 9th June, inviting attention to the steps which you propose to take to give effect to the resolution passed by the Imperial War Conference relative to the representation of India at future Imperial Conferences.

2. The Government of New Zealand reaffirm the decision conveyed to you in my telegram of the 5th May, to the effect that the terms of the above-mentioned resolution have their entire approval and support.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

The Right Hon. Walter H. Long, M.P.,

Governor-General.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 31.

New Zealand, No. 237.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 13th September, 1917.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, Dominions No. 415, of the 28th June, enclosing, for the information of my Ministers, a copy of a letter from the War Office explaining the conditions under which candidates from the oversea dominions may now be nominated for admission to the Royal Military Academy and the Royal Military College.

2. My Ministers inform me that it is proposed to limit the number of nominations of candidates for these institutions to three each term, or a total of nine per annum, so far as this Dominion is concerned.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

The Right Hon. Walter H. Long, M.P.,

Governor-General.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 32.

New Zealand, No. 245.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 24th September, 1917.

With reference to your predecessor's despatch, No. 10, of the 6th January, 1916, relating to statistics of enemy property in New Zealand, and property in enemy territory belonging to individuals or firms resident or conducting business in this Dominion, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copies of returns compiled under each of the above-mentioned headings, and made up to the 30th June, 1917. These returns represent additions to and reductions in the returns forwarded with my despatch, No. 166, dated the 26th June last.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

The Right Hon. Walter H. Long, M.P.,

Governor-General.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Enclosure.

RETURNS OF ENEMY PROPERTY OWNED IN NEW ZEALAND BY ENEMIES RESIDENT OR CARRYING ON BUSINESS IN ENEMY TERRITORY.

	As at 31st March, 1917.			As at 30th June, 1917.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1. Dividends, interest, or share of profits due from any person, firm, or company in the Dominion to any person or body of persons resident or carrying on business in enemy countries	11,789	16	3	13,926	17	3
2. Sums which but for the war would have been payable and paid in the Dominion or colony in respect of Government securities and other securities mentioned in section 1 of the Trading with the Enemy (Amendment) Act, 1915	Nil			Nil.		
3. Shares, stock, debentures, debenture stock, or other obligations of companies incorporated in the Dominion held for or by enemies, and as to interests of enemies in partnerships in the Dominion showing each enemy partner's capital and interest or share of profits ...	4,327	18	0	4,327	18	0
4. Real and personal property (other than shares, &c., in companies and partnership interests under 3) held in the Dominion by or on behalf of enemies	242,474	13	3	248,837	16	6
5. Property held in the Dominion for safe custody on behalf of enemy subjects, such as securities, deeds, personal belongings, jewellery, or cash	7	0	0	7	0	0
6. Income received from property already recorded under 4 and 5 <i>supra</i> (companies and firms do not have to record income under 3, as they have to pay it to the Public Trustee under 1)	2,592	5	5	2,909	19	9
7. Bank deposits and bank balances in the Dominion due to or on behalf of enemies (returns to be made by debtor, or, as the case may be, the person or bank holding the deposit or balance, but not by companies or firms whose returns under 3 should include these particulars)	23,481	18	1	20,870	2	4
	<u>£283,199</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>£302,009</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>

VOLUNTARY RETURNS OF PROPERTY IN ENEMY TERRITORY AND IN INTERNED SHIPS MADE BY PERSONS, FIRMS, AND COMPANIES RESIDENT OR CARRYING ON BUSINESS IN NEW ZEALAND.

(As at 30th June, 1917.)

	As at 31st March, 1917.			As at 30th June, 1917.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1. Particulars of debts (including bank balances) due from enemies (including persons in territory occupied by enemies) to British persons or firms resident or carrying on business in the Dominion	32,201	17	0	32,312	13	6
2. Particulars of property other than debts and bank balances held by enemies (including persons or firms resident or carrying on business in the Dominion) ...	1,020	3	0	11,020	3	0
3. Particulars of luggage detained in enemy countries (including country occupied by enemies) and belonging to British persons or persons residing or carrying on business in the Dominion	Nil			Nil.		

No. 33.

New Zealand, No. 247.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 24th September, 1917.

With reference to my despatch, No. 219, of the 24th August, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a memorandum addressed to me by the Minister of Finance, to which is appended a statement giving particulars of contributions made by the people of New Zealand to various war funds during the month of August, 1917.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

Governor-General.

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

Enclosure.

Minister's Office, Finance Department, Wellington [No date].

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor-General.

I HAVE to advise Your Excellency that the following contributions have been remitted to the High Commissioner for distribution as under :—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
New Zealand Comforts Fund :—						
Wellington Red Cross shop	1,200	0	0			
Hunterville Countess of Liverpool Fund and Red Cross Guild	57	0	0			
Wellington Red Cross shop	400	0	0			
Presbyterian Church of New Zealand	150	0	0			
Carterton Red Cross Society	250	0	0			
Taihape Red Cross Society	200	0	0			
Wanganui-Waitotara Patriotic Association	200	0	0			
Presbyterian Church of New Zealand	100	0	0			
Waverley Patriotic League	25	0	0			
Hastings Red Cross workers	100	0	0			
New Plymouth Red Cross Society	800	0	0			
Marton Patriotic shop	208	0	0			
Marlborough Patriotic Fund	50	0	0			
Bull's, Sanson, &c., War Relief Fund	50	0	0			
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	5	0	0			
Inglewood Patriotic League	223	1	4			
"Violet Day," Wellington	1,800	0	0			
Wellington Red Cross shop... ..	300	0	0			
Wairarapa Red Cross Society	592	5	7			
Marton Red Cross Society	27	0	0			
				6,752	6	11
Overseas Club Tobacco Fund :—						
President, Overseas Club, Palmerston North				100	0	0
St. Dunstan's Hospital Fund :—						
Bull's, Sanson, &c., War Relief Fund	100	0	0			
Marlborough Patriotic Fund	5	0	0			
Wanganui-Waitotara Patriotic Association	97	5	6			
Masterton Patriotic shop	320	11	9			
Bull's, Sanson, &c., War Relief Fund	50	0	0			
				572	17	3
Red Cross Fund (headquarters, Order of St. John) :—						
Hawera Patriotic and Wounded Soldiers' Committee	700	0	0			
Stratford Patriotic Executive Committee	67	0	0			
Wanganui Ladies' Golf Club	230	0	0			
Marlborough Patriotic Fund	6	17	3			
Marton Patriotic shop	208	0	0			
				1,211	17	3
Aeroplane Raid Sufferers Fund :—						
Director of Education	4	18	9			
Wanganui Education Board	160	0	0			
Hawke's Bay War Relief Association	11	16	0			
				176	14	9
Montenegrin Relief Fund :—						
Wairarapa Patriotic Association	130	9	9			
F. G. Taylor, Hunterville	14	12	0			
				145	1	9
Prisoners' Relief Fund :—						
Hastings Red Cross workers				200	0	0
British Navy Relief Fund :—						
British and Foreign Sailors' Society, Wellington				50	0	0
Belgian Relief Fund :—						
Belgian Consul, Wellington	347	18	5			
Tapu Taingakawa, Morrinsville	213	12	6			
				561	10	11
Serbian Relief Fund :—						
Mauriceville County Council	2	10	0			
Lawrence Patriotic Fund	2	15	6			
Miss Cooper, Wellington	0	10	0			
Upper Hutt Town Board	6	5	0			
Mauriceville County Council	2	10	0			
				14	10	6
Polish Relief Fund :—						
Lawrence Patriotic Fund				2	14	0
Prince of Wales' Fund :—						
Lawrence Patriotic Fund	2	13	6			
London Mission, Samoa	7	0	0			
				9	13	6

New Zealand Expeditionary Force Tobacco Fund :—	£	s.	d.
Southland War Funds Association	4	4	0
<i>Daily Mail</i> Tobacco Fund :—			
Takaka Patriotic League	0	19	9
Belgian Children Relief Fund :—			
Rev. W. J. Comrie, Wellington	15	9	0
Girls Friendly Society Fund	25	0	0
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	£9,842	19	7
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In addition, the following amount has been remitted through the Staff Paymaster, New Zealand Military Forces :—

New Zealand Comforts Fund	£10	0	0
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J. G. WARD,
Minister of Finance.

No. 34.

New Zealand, No. 261.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 1st October, 1917.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for submission to His Majesty the King, copies of two resolutions passed by the House of Representatives and the Legislative Council on the occasion of the third anniversary of the declaration of war with Germany.

2. Copies of my letters of acknowledgment are also enclosed.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

The Right Hon. Walter H. Long, M.P.,

Governor-General.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Enclosures.

MY LORD,—

Wellington, 8th August, 1917.

I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency herewith copies of two resolutions agreed to by the Legislative Council on Tuesday, the 7th day of August, 1917.

I have, &c.,

W. CARNCROSS,

Acting-Speaker of the Legislative Council.

His Excellency the Governor-General.

ADDRESS FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Member of the Royal Victorian Order, Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over His Majesty's Dominion of New Zealand and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The following resolution was unanimously agreed to by the Legislative Council on Tuesday, the 7th day of August, 1917 :—

That the Legislative Council of New Zealand in Parliament assembled records its warmest thanks to the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force for the splendid services they have rendered to the Empire and to the Dominion since the outbreak of war; and, further, that this resolution be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor-General.

Government House, Wellington, 9th August, 1917.

The Hon. the Acting-Speaker of the Legislative Council.

THE Governor-General acknowledges, with gratification, the receipt of a copy of the resolution passed by the Legislative Council on the occasion of the third anniversary of the declaration of war.

It will afford His Excellency great pleasure to convey the terms of the resolution to His Most Gracious Majesty the King.

The Governor-General desires also to express his appreciative acknowledgment of the resolution recording the thanks of Parliament for the services rendered to the Empire and to the Dominion of New Zealand alike by all ranks of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

LIVERPOOL,

Governor-General.

MY LORD,—

Wellington, 7th August, 1917.

I have the honour to forward to Your Excellency the enclosed resolutions passed by the House of Representatives with reference to the present war.

I have, &c.,

F. W. LANG,

Speaker, House of Representatives.

His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Liverpool, P.C., K.G.C.M., M.V.O., &c.,
Government House, Wellington.

ADDRESS FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Member of the Royal Victorian Order, Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over His Majesty's Dominion of New Zealand and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the House of Representatives of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, desire respectfully to inform Your Excellency that we have this day passed the following resolution, which we respectfully request Your Excellency to forward to His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, for submission to His Majesty the King:—

Resolved, That on the occasion of the third anniversary of the declaration of a righteous war, the House of Representatives of New Zealand, in Parliament assembled, records its inflexible determination to continue to a victorious end the struggle in maintenance of those ideals of liberty and justice which are the common and sacred cause of the Allies.

F. W. LANG,

Speaker, House of Representatives.

Wellington, 7th August, 1917.

Government House, Wellington, 9th August, 1917.

The Hon. the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THE Governor-General acknowledges, with gratification, the receipt of a copy of the resolution passed by the House of Representatives on the occasion of the third anniversary of the declaration of war.

It will afford His Excellency great pleasure to convey the terms of the resolution to His Most Gracious Majesty the King.

The Governor-General desires also to express his appreciative acknowledgment of the resolution recording the thanks of Parliament for the services rendered to the Empire and to the Dominion of New Zealand alike by all ranks of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

LIVERPOOL,

Governor-General.

No. 35.

New Zealand, No. 265.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 16th October, 1917.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, Miscellaneous, of the 26th July, forwarding dormant commission, dated the 23rd July, 1917, passed under the Royal Sign-manual and Signet, appointing the Chief Justice or the senior Judge for the time being of the Supreme Court of New Zealand to administer the Government of this Dominion in the event of the death, incapacity, or absence of the Governor-General.

2. I have forwarded a copy of your despatch and copies of the commission to my Ministers.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

Governor-General.

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

No. 36.

New Zealand, No. 267.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 17th October, 1917.

I have the honour to inform you that I duly referred to my Ministers, for their consideration, your despatch, Dominions No. 472, of the 24th July, relative to the resolution of the Imperial War Conference regarding the Trade Commissioner service.

2. Ministers desire me to advise you in reply that in the event of His Majesty's Trade Commissioners being located as indicated in your despatch the Government of New Zealand will probably be very pleased to take advantage of the services of those officers in Canada and South Africa, and possibly at a later date of those in Egypt and the Straits Settlements. On learning that the officers have taken up their duties steps will be taken by my Ministers to furnish them with all necessary information.

3. The Department with which the officers should communicate is the Department of Agriculture, Industries, and Commerce, Wellington, New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

Governor-General.

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

No. 37.

New Zealand, No. 284.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 25th October, 1917.

In answer to your despatch, Dominions No. 434, of the 5th July, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of New Zealand agree with much pleasure to the suggestion made in your despatch that the British National War Museum be allowed to make the first selection from all trophies, whether captured by British or oversea troops.

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No. 46.

2. My Ministers, however, have asked me to state at the same time that, with the object of making this Dominion's War Museum as representative as possible, they would be very much obliged if a representative set of trophies captured by the British Forces, both military and naval, in all spheres of the war, could be sent to New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

Governor-General.

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

No. 38.

New Zealand, No. 289.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 3rd November, 1917.

With reference to my telegram of the 2nd instant, I have the honour to inform you that the third session of the Nineteenth Parliament of New Zealand, which opened on the 28th June, was prorogued by Proclamation dated the 2nd November, 1917.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

Governor-General.

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

No. 39.

New Zealand, No. 293.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 19th November, 1917.

I have the honour to inform you that I duly communicated to my Ministers the contents of your despatch, No. 125, dated the 17th August, on the subject of passenger-steamers certificates.

2. I am advised that the regulations and instructions to Surveyors which have been adopted and which are now in force in this Dominion are those made by the Imperial Board of Trade in connection with the survey of passenger steamships, the survey of passenger accommodation, and the construction of passenger steamships, to which must be added the New Zealand rules regarding

the life-saving appliances for ships. Two copies of each of these regulations are enclosed herewith.

3. As regards marine boilers, my Ministers state that these are generally granted pressures according to the Board of Trade regulations. An exception, however, is made in the case of cargo-carrying steamers built abroad. In this class of vessel having boilers built under the supervision of Lloyd's, the boilers are granted the pressure permitted by Lloyd's rules, which pressure is usually in excess of that which would be allowed by the Board of Trade rules.

4. Marine boilers built locally under the supervision of the Marine and Inspection of Machinery Department of this Dominion are required to have a minimum factor of safety of 5 for the shell plates, because the material of which these boilers are made, as a rule, is not specially inspected by a Board of Trade Surveyor.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

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

Governor-General.

No. 40.

New Zealand, No. 295.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 19th November, 1917.

I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying synopsis, prepared by the Attorney-General of this Dominion, of the Acts passed during the third session of the Nineteenth Parliament of New Zealand, together with the Acts duly authenticated with the Seal of the Dominion.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

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

Governor-General.

Enclosure.

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 2nd November, 1917.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor-General.

THE Prime Minister presents his compliments, and begs to forward herewith, for transmission to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a synopsis, prepared by the Hon. the Attorney-General, of the Acts passed during the third session of the Nineteenth Parliament of New Zealand, together with the Acts duly authenticated with the seal of the Dominion.

W. F. MASSEY,
Prime Minister.

REPORT ON LEGISLATION PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NEW ZEALAND DURING THE SESSION ENDED ON THE 1ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1917.

For the information of His Excellency the Governor-General I beg to report as follows:—

I. The synopsis attached hereto relates to the Acts passed by the General Assembly of New Zealand during the session which ended on the 1st day of November, 1917

II. In my opinion none of the said Acts is repugnant to the law of England.

Dated at Wellington, this 2nd day of November, 1917.

A. I. HERDMAN, Attorney-General.

SYNOPSIS OF ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NEW ZEALAND DURING THE SESSION ENDED ON THE 1ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1917.

Public Acts.

1917, No. 1. The Imprest Supply Act, 1917.—This Act applies the sum of £946,800 out of the Public Account, and the sum of £19,500 out of other specified accounts, for the services of the financial year ending 31st March, 1918.

1917, No. 2. The Imprest Supply Act, 1917 (No. 2).—This Act applies the sum of £949,800 out of the Public Account, and the sum of £19,500 out of other specified accounts, for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1918.

1917, No. 3. The Expiring Laws Continuance Act, 1917.—This Act continues in force until the 31st day of August, 1918, the several Acts specified in the schedule thereto. The Acts so extended relate to matters having reference to the present war.

1917, No. 4. The War Purposes Loan Act, 1917.—This Act authorizes the Minister of Finance to raise, for war purposes, the sum of £24,000,000. By the War Purposes Loan Act, 1917 (No. 2), the authority was extended by £4,000,000.

Section 3 provides for the issue of war-loan certificates through the Post Office. Such war-loan certificates are to be issued, at a discount, for such nominal value and for such term as the Minister of Finance may determine. At the end of the term the certificates are redeemable at their full nominal value.

Section 4 provides that securities issued in respect of the loan authorized to be raised shall be exempt from income-tax. This provision was modified by a later Act (Finance Act, 1917, No. 9), section 68 of which authorizes the issue of Post Office war bonds bearing interest at 5 per cent. per annum subject to income-tax.

Section 5 makes provision for the issue of securities to a value of £1,000,000 to be available for payment of death duties. By section 76 of the Finance Act, 1917, it is further provided that the securities so issued and available for death duties shall be limited to inscribed stock.

1917, No. 5. The Regulation of Trade and Commerce Amendment Act, 1917.—This Act fixes the maximum price of tea imported into New Zealand free of Customs duty. The object of the Act is to prevent an unjustifiable increase in the price of tea by reason of the imposition of Customs duty on tea imported after the 1st August, 1917.

1917, No. 6. The New Zealand Inscribed Stock Act, 1917.—This Act makes provision for the inscription in New Zealand of stock secured upon the public revenues of New Zealand. Provision is made for the conversion into stock of debentures issued either before or after the passing of the Act. Provision is made for the issue of stock-certificates in respect of the whole or any part of the stock entered on the register. Such stock-certificates entitle the holder to the interest from time to time accruing on the stock to which they relate, and may be transferred by delivery.

Provision is also made for the issue of certificates of title to inscribed stock. The transfer of any such certificate of title does not pass any interest (either legal or equitable) in the stock to which it relates, but the certificate is merely evidence of the ownership of the stock.

1917, No. 7. The Imprest Supply Act, 1917 (No. 3).—This Act applies the sum of £1,023,800 out of the Public Account, and the sum of £19,500 out of other specified accounts, for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1918.

1917, No. 8. The Revocation of Naturalization Act, 1917.—This Act empowers the Governor-General in Council to revoke the naturalization of any person who has been naturalized in New Zealand if he is satisfied that such revocation "is expedient for the welfare or defence of the realm, or the peace and good government of New Zealand, or otherwise on grounds of public policy."

1917, No. 9. The Finance Act, 1917.—This Act is divided into Parts, as follows: Part I, Land and Income Tax; Part II, Customs and Excise Duties; Part III, Amusements-tax; Part IV, Banking and Loans; Part V, Pensions; Part VI, Stamp Duties.

Part I amends the provisions of the Land and Income Tax Act, 1916, by abolishing the system of double taxation (that is, ordinary land-tax and graduated land-tax) provided for in that Act, and substituting in lieu thereof one land-tax assessed on a graduated scale.

The Act also fixes the rates of land-tax and income-tax for the year commencing on the 1st April, 1917.

In addition, a special war-tax on income is imposed by section 39. The rates of tax (including ordinary tax and special war-tax) are set out in the First and Second Schedules respectively.

Section 40 makes provision for compulsory subscriptions to the war-purposes loan authorized to be raised by the Minister of Finance by the War Purposes Loan Act. The amount of subscription which any taxpayer may be called upon to contribute to the loan is an amount equal to three times the amount of his land-tax and income-tax for the preceding financial year. The section is not operative except on demand being made by the Commissioner of Taxes, acting by direction of the Minister of Finance.

Part II. Customs and Excise Duties.—This Part of the Act increases the rates of Customs duties payable on certain goods on importation into New Zealand. It also increases the rates of duty payable on beer, tobacco, and cigarettes manufactured in New Zealand.

Part III. Amusements-tax.—This Part of the Act is adapted from the corresponding provisions of the Finance (New Duties) Act, 1916 (Imperial). It makes provision for the payment of an amusements-tax on admission to any entertainment for which an admission fee of more than 6d. is charged.

Part IV. Banking and Loans.—This Part of the Act makes various provisions with respect principally to matters arising out of the war.

Section 68 provides for a form of Government security, to be known as Post Office war bonds, bearing interest at the rate of 5 per centum per annum subject to income-tax.

Sections 70 to 72 authorize trustees, companies, local authorities, and public bodies to invest moneys in their possession and under their control in the war-purposes loan authorized to be raised by the War Purposes Loan Act.

Section 77 authorizes a loan of £1,850,000, of which £1,000,000 is to be available for providing works for discharged soldiers, and the balance is for telegraph extension and other public works.

Part V. Pensions.—This Part of the Act increases by 5s. a week the rates of old-age pensions, widows' pensions, Maori war pensions, and miners' pensions (miners' phthisis). The increased rate is to be payable during the continuance of the war and for twelve months thereafter.

Part VI. Stamp Duties.—This Part of the Act makes provision with respect to certain matters of administration.

1917, No. 10. The River Boards Amendment Act, 1917.—This Act empowers the Minister of Public Works, on the recommendation of a Commission of Inquiry to be set up for the purpose, to undertake river-protection works if the River Board primarily responsible has failed to carry out the necessary works.

1917, No. 11. The Parliamentary Representation (Expeditionary Forces) Adjustment Act, 1917.—This Act is for the purpose of enabling the Representation Commissions, when dividing New Zealand into electoral districts, to take into account the number of men ordinarily resident in any district and absent from New Zealand with the Expeditionary Forces.

1917, No. 12. The Registration of Aliens Act, 1917.—This Act provides for the compilation by the Government Statistician of a register of aliens who may be resident in New Zealand at the passing of the Act, and for the registration of all aliens who may enter New Zealand after the passing of the Act.

1917, No. 13. The Imprest Supply Act, 1917 (No. 4).—This Act applies the sum of £1,026,800 out of the Public Account, and the sum of £19,500 out of other specified accounts, for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1918.

1917, No. 14. The Military Service Amendment Act, 1917.—This Act makes provision for the calling-up from time to time, without ballot, of the residue of the men in any division or class of the Expeditionary Force Reserve if the number of men required for any reinforcement is greater than the number so remaining in any division or class of the Reserve.

1917, No. 15. The Public Trust Office Amendment Act, 1917.—This Act provides for the appointment, in addition to the Public Trustee, of two Assistant Public Trustees. The Public Trustee and his Assistants are together constituted a Public Trust Office Board, and are charged with the administration of the business of the Public Trust Office. The Public Trust Office Board existing at the commencement of the Act is abolished, and in lieu thereof there is established a Public Trust Office Investment Board, which is charged merely with the duty of controlling the investment of moneys available for investment in the Public Trust Office.

1917, No. 16. The War Pensions Amendment Act, 1917.—This Act considerably extends the benefits payable by way of pensions to disabled members of the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces and to the dependants of deceased and disabled members of those Forces.

Section 3 and the Third Schedule provide for the minimum rate of pension to disabled soldiers in respect of certain specific classes of disablement. Discretionary power is given to the War Pensions Board to increase the rate of pension that would be otherwise payable to a disabled soldier by an amount not exceeding £1 a week, so as to enable him to live according to his pre-war standard of comfort. Increased pensions may also be granted where a soldier is obliged to undergo medical or curative treatment.

By section 14 provision is made for the grant of supplementary pensions to persons who are *bona fide* residents in New Zealand and are in receipt of Imperial pensions.

1917, No. 17. The Discharged Soldiers Settlement Amendment Act, 1917.—This Act extends the provision made by the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915, for the settlement of discharged soldiers.

Section 2 makes provision for financial assistance to be rendered to men in respect of land held by them otherwise than under the principal Act.

Provision is also made for the erection of soldiers' dwellings, and for the acquisition by the Crown, on application by any discharged soldier, of land to be disposed of to that soldier.

1917, No. 18. The War Purposes Loan Act, 1917 (No. 2).—This Act increases by the sum of £4,000,000 the authority conferred on the Minister of Finance by the War Purposes Loan Act, 1917, to borrow moneys for war purposes.

1917, No. 19. The Sale of Liquor Restriction Act, 1917.—This Act provides that on the 1st December, 1917, and thereafter during the continuance of the war, and for six months after the termination of the war, premises licensed for the sale of liquor under the Licensing Act, 1908, shall not remain open for the sale of liquor after 6 p.m. of any day.

Provision is made for the consequential adjustment of rent and other charges by reason of the reduction of the hours of sale.

By section 7 it is further provided that any licensee of licensed premises may, while the Act remains in force, close his premises without prejudice to his right to obtain a renewal of his license on application in that behalf. The provisions of the Licensing Act as to the sale, supply, and consumption of liquor in licensed premises are extended so as to apply to chartered clubs.

By section 10 it is provided that, notwithstanding anything in the provisions of the Act or in the Licensing Act, liquor may be sold and served as part of a meal between the hours of 6 o'clock and 8 o'clock in the evening.

Section 11 prohibits the consumption of liquor in restaurants while licensed premises are required to be closed.

1917, No. 20. The Shops and Offices Amendment Act, 1917.—This Act restricts the right of an employer to continue to employ any woman or girl in a restaurant after half past 10 o'clock in the evening of any day.

1917, No. 21. The War Legislation Amendment Act, 1917.—This Act makes various provisions with respect to matters arising out of the war. It is divided into Parts, as follows: Part I, Acquisition of Land by Alien Enemies; Part II, Electoral Rights of Aliens; Part III, Contractors' Relief; Part IV, Restriction on Increase of Rent; Part V, Miscellaneous.

Part I is declaratory of the law relating to the acquisition of land by alien enemies, and makes provision for the procedure by which the rights of the Crown over land unlawfully acquired by aliens may be exercised.

Part II deprives alien enemies of any right to vote at any election or poll conducted by a local authority, or of being a member of a local authority. It further provides that alien friends shall not be capable of being elected as members of a local authority, but may vote at any election or poll conducted by such local authority.

Part III affords relief to soldiers in respect of burdensome contracts that may have been entered into by them, and makes provision for relief in respect of certain specified classes of contracts entered into before the war.

Part IV extends to furnished dwellinghouses the provisions of the War Legislation Act, 1916, relating to the restriction of rent. It also provides that proceedings on behalf of tenants may be instituted by an Inspector of Factories.

Part V provides, *inter alia*, for the following matters:—

Section 22 authorizes local authorities to borrow money for the purposes of public works that may be undertaken with a view to providing employment for discharged soldiers.

Section 25 extends the Mortgages Extension Act so as to include mortgages of life-insurance policies.

Section 27 authorizes the Governor-General, during the war, to take possession of any land or buildings that may be required for public purposes.

Sections 28 and 29 restrict the right of public servants to retire on superannuation during the continuance of the war.

Section 30 makes provision for the grant of war bursaries (educational) to the children of deceased or disabled members of the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces.

Section 35 extends the powers of the Governor-General to make war regulations.

1917, No. 22. The State Supply of Electrical Energy Act, 1917.—This Act regulates the generation, sale, and supply of electrical energy by the State, and also provides for the keeping of a proper system of accounts in connection therewith.

1917, No. 23. The Hutt Road Amendment Act, 1917.—This Act makes further provision with respect to the construction and maintenance of the Hutt Road, and imposes fees on the owners of motor-vehicles using that road.

1917, No. 24. The Social Hygiene Act, 1917.—This Act makes certain provisions with a view to preventing the spread of venereal diseases, and for effecting the cure of persons suffering from such diseases. One of the main objects of the Act is to ensure the treatment of persons suffering from any such disease as aforesaid, and for this purpose the Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards are required to make effective provision for the reception, accommodation, examination, and treatment of such persons.

1917, No. 25. The Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1917.—This Act amends in certain respects the provisions of the law relating to Native lands, and also makes provision for the determination of certain claims and disputes in relation to such lands.

1917, No. 26. The Reserves and Other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1917.—This Act provides for the exchange, sale, reservation, and disposition of certain reserves, Crown lands, endowments, and other lands, validates certain transactions, and confers powers on certain local authorities and other public bodies.

1917, No. 27. The Land Laws Amendment Act, 1917.—This Act amends in various particulars the provisions of the law relating to Crown lands.

1917, No. 28. The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1917.—This Act amends certain public general Acts of the General Assembly of New Zealand.

Sections 2 to 9 amend the provisions of the Education Act, 1914. Most of the amendments have been rendered necessary by conditions arising out of the war.

Section 10 provides for the establishment of probation homes for children, and for the appointment of officers, to be known as Juvenile Probation Officers, having power to take charge of children who come within the provisions of the Industrial Schools Act.

Section 14 makes further provision for the release on probation of persons undergoing sentences of imprisonment.

Section 21 makes further provision with a view to preventing an undue increase in the price of commodities during the war.

1917, No. 29. The Appropriation Act, 1917.—This Act appropriates and applies certain moneys out of the Public Account and other accounts to the service of the year ending 31st March, 1918. In addition to the usual provisions contained in the annual Appropriation Act, provision is made for the following matters:—

(a.) For the payment to officers employed in the Government service (including the Education service) of moneys by way of war bonus or grants for special services:

(b.) For the making of advances out of the Public Account for the purpose of providing additional cold storage.

Local and Personal Acts.

1917, No. 1 (Local). The Day's Bay Sanitation and Water-supply Act, 1917.—This Act confers certain powers upon the Wellington City Council with reference to water-supply, drainage, sanitation, and other services for portion of the Hutt County.

1917, No. 2 (Local). The Manawatu County Loan and Empowering Act, 1917.—This Act authorizes the Manawatu County Council to raise a loan of £18,000 for tramway and other purposes.

1917, No. 3 (Local). The Tauranga Harbour Amendment and Foreshore Vesting Act, 1917.—This Act extends the Tauranga Harbour District, and vests portion of the foreshore in the Tauranga Harbour Board.

1917, No. 4 (Local). The Wellington City Empowering Act, 1917.—This Act confers certain additional powers on the Wellington City Council with respect to the subdivision of lands to be disposed of by way of sale or lease within the city.

- 1917, No. 5 (Local). The Wellington City Trading Departments Reserve and Renewal Funds Act, 1917.—This Act empowers the Wellington City Council to establish reserve and renewal funds in connection with certain of its trading departments, namely: (1) The tramway and power-supply undertaking; and (2) the electric-light and power-supply undertaking.
- 1917, No. 6 (Local). The Western Taieri Land Drainage Act, 1917.—This Act makes temporary provision with respect to the making and levying of rates by the Western Taieri Land Drainage Board.
- 1917, No. 7 (Local). The Foxton Harbour Board Amendment Act, 1917.—This Act amends the constitution of the Foxton Harbour Board, and confers on the Board power to raise a loan of £16,000 for certain harbour-works.
- 1917, No. 8 (Local). The Hawke's Bay Rivers Amendment Act, 1917.—This Act amends in various particulars the Hawke's Bay Rivers Act, 1910, and increases the borrowing-powers of the Hawke's Bay River Board.
- 1917, No. 9 (Local). The Napier Harbour Board Empowering and Vesting Act, 1917.—This Act authorizes the Napier Harbour Board to raise a loan of £50,000 for certain harbour-works, and confers certain leasing and other powers upon the said Board.
- 1917, No. 10 (Local). The Nelson Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1917.—This Act empowers the Nelson Harbour Board to acquire certain land forming portion of the Nelson River Reserve, and for that purpose to borrow a sum not exceeding £103,000.
- 1917, No. 11 (Local). The Waimakariri Harbour District and Empowering Act, 1917.—This Act amends in various particulars the Waimakariri Harbour District and Empowering Act, 1916.
- 1917, No. 12 (Local). The Wanganui Harbour Board Vesting Act, 1917.—This Act vests certain land (being a closed road) in the Wanganui Harbour Board.
- 1917, No. 13 (Local). The Whakatane Harbour Amendment Act, 1917.—This Act extends the borrowing-powers of the Whakatane Harbour Board, and amends the Whakatane Harbour Act, 1912, in various particulars.
- 1917, No. 14 (Local). The Whangarei Harbour Board Vesting Act, 1917.—This Act vests certain foreshore lands in the Whangarei Harbour Board.
- 1917, No. 15 (Local). The Christchurch Milk-supply and Markets Amendment Act, 1917.—This Act amends in various particulars the Christchurch Milk-supply and Markets Act, 1914.
- 1917, No. 16 (Local). The Dunedin Waterworks Extension Act, 1917.—This Act authorizes the Dunedin City Council to take, divert, and appropriate the waters known as the Lee Stream for the purpose of the Dunedin City Waterworks.

Private Act.

- 1917, No. 1 (Private). The Wanganui Church Acre Amendment Act, 1917.—This Act amends in various particulars the Wanganui Church Acre Act, 1910.

No. 41.

New Zealand, No. 305.

SIR, — Government House, Wellington, 1st December, 1917.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, "Honours," of the 26th April, enclosing, by command of His Majesty the King, Letters Patent of Knighthood in favour of the Honourable Sir John Edward Denniston.

2. I now beg to report that at 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 28th November, at Government House, Wellington, in the presence of several of my Ministers and other prominent residents of the Dominion, I presented to the gentleman mentioned his Letters Patent.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

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

Governor-General.

No. 42.

New Zealand, No. 306.

SIR, — Government House, Wellington, 1st December, 1917.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your three despatches, "Honours," of the 18th July, the 23rd August, and the 29th September respectively, and of the insignia and other enclosures referred to in those despatches.

2. In compliance with your request, I beg to report that at 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday, the 28th November, at Government House, Wellington, in the pre-

sence of several of my Ministers and a number of local gentlemen holding the distinctions of K.C.M.G., C.M.G., and I.S.O., I presented, in a ceremonial manner, to the Honourable Colonel James Allen, the insignia of Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, together with the Sovereign's Warrant conferring upon him the grant of that dignity and a Warrant dispensing with his personal investiture by the King. To the Honourable William Edward Collins I presented the insignia of Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George and the Sovereign's Warrant conferring that dignity upon him. To Mr. John Pearce Luke and to Captain Percival Henry Hall-Thompson, R.N., I presented the insignia of Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, together with His Majesty's Warrant in each case. I also availed myself of the opportunity afforded by this occasion of handing to Mr. William Russell Morris his badge as Companion of the Imperial Service Order, together with a letter containing his Warrant of Appointment and a copy of the Statutes of the Order. Mr. Morris has been requested to send to the Secretary of the Order an acknowledgment of the receipt of his insignia.

3. It was not possible for me to present on this occasion the insignia of Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath to Colonel Robert Logan, who is at present in Samoa, or the insignia of Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George to Doctor Frederick Truby King, who was unavoidably absent; but I will take the opportunity of presenting their respective decorations to these gentlemen later, and will report when I have done so.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

Governor-General.

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

No. 43.

New Zealand, No. 315.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 19th December, 1917.

I have the honour to inform you that I referred to my Ministers your despatch, No. 152, of the 26th September, on the subject of the payment of dock, harbour, and light dues in respect to vessels ordered into port for examination purposes.

2. My Prime Minister informs me in reply that principles similar to those which are being applied in Great Britain will be applied in this Dominion in the case of the dues and charges referred to in your despatch, and that the necessary instructions are being issued to Collectors of Customs accordingly.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

Governor-General.

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

No. 44.

New Zealand, No. 321.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 22nd December, 1917.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatches, Nos. 145 of the 15th September and 156 of the 5th October, giving an account of the reception accorded to the wounded soldiers on the hospital ships "Marama" and "Maheno" while passing through the Panama Canal.

2. I had already been informed of the hospitality and the many acts of kindness extended to the invalids on these two ships when passing through the

canal, and had sent to His Majesty's Minister at Panama a telegram conveying the appreciation of my Government.

3. The very cordial welcome which all on board the two ships received from Sir Claud and Lady Mallet, from the inhabitants of the canal zone, and from the citizens of Panama and Colon, was most gratifying, and is very much appreciated by myself, by my Government, and by the relatives of the soldiers who benefited by it, as well as by the recipients themselves.

I have, &c.,

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