

Further good progress has been made in the formation of Provincial Councils of Sport. The new centres comprise Auckland, Whangarei, Wellington, Christchurch, and Timaru, in addition to the establishments at Hamilton, Dunedin, and Invercargill. There is now a solid basis for whole-hearted co-operation throughout the Dominion.

The women officers have continued effective activities for the Women's War Service Auxiliary and other organizations. Two of the officers have been engaged to organize physical training and welfare activities for the Women's Auxiliary Air Force and another for the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps.

In many ways the men and women officers have worked well in the planning and maintenance of physical welfare and recreational programmes for young folk in voluntary movements as well as for older people. Attention has been given to the selection and training of suitable volunteers for leadership. Recreation Leadership Certificates have been issued to trained leaders.

Group Travel projects have been persevered with, despite transport difficulties, and a limited amount of this activity successfully arranged. Week-end and holiday camping outings for those engaged in industry, particularly war workers, have been a successful feature of the year's activities.

The Physical Welfare Officers are steadily and strongly winning the confidence of representative men and women throughout the Dominion, and have prepared the way for important progress as soon as the conditions become favourable.

IX. PATRIOTIC PURPOSES.

A. PATRIOTIC PURPOSES BRANCH.

The work of the Patriotic Purposes Branch during the year under review has increased considerably with the acceleration of the intake of men and women into the armed forces. A full report of the activities of the National Patriotic Fund Board is presented to Parliament each year.

A summary of the receipts and payments of the National Patriotic Fund Board and Provincial Patriotic Councils for the year ended 30th September, 1942, is set out below:—

Provincial Patriotic Councils.

—	Balances at 1st October, 1941.	Total Receipts.	Payments by Councils.		Balances at 30th Septem- ber, 1942.
			Account National Fund Budget.	Other Payments.	
	£	£	£	£	£
Auckland	188,509	191,289	145,688	65,699	168,411
East Coast	25,362	27,210	15,840	3,654	33,078
Hawke's Bay	38,343	68,563	53,258	12,416	41,232
Taranaki	62,035	50,447	42,464	8,943	61,075
Wellington	187,141	181,413	174,229	53,173	141,152
Marlborough	18,135	14,121	13,697	3,800	14,759
Nelson	45,297	36,624	21,874	3,450	56,597
Westland	26,424	13,053	13,123	1,850	24,504
Canterbury	79,029	132,373	81,698	46,617	83,087
Otago	110,443	145,760	62,132	15,166	178,905
Southland	64,546	58,671	33,851	7,585	81,781
Totals	845,264	919,524	657,854	222,353	884,581

National Patriotic Fund Board.

	£
Balance as at 1st October, 1941	457,610
Receipts from Provincial Patriotic Councils and from other sources	788,078
	1,245,688
Less payments	807,795
Balance as at 30th September, 1942	<u>£437,893</u>

Details of Board's receipts and payments are as follows:—

—	Receipts from Provincial Patriotic Councils and other Sources during Year ended 30th Sep- tember, 1942.	Payments during Year ended 30th Septem- ber, 1942.	Budget (estimated Ex- penditure for Year ending 30th September, 1943).
	£	£	£
General	569,568	564,575	567,000
Sick and wounded	57,562	107,687	114,000
Prisoners of war	160,948	135,533	448,500
Totals	788,078	807,795	1,129,500