

II. SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

The following table shows the state of the Provincial and National Patriotic Funds as at 1st October, 1943, receipts and payments during the year, and the funds held as at 30th September, 1944 :—

	Receipts.		Payments.		
	Balance on Hand, 1st October, 1943.	Received, 1943-44.	Budget Payments to Board.	Miscellaneous Payments.	Balance on Hand, 30th September, 1944.
	£	£	£	£	£
Auckland	213,564	359,641	194,164	83,438	295,603
East Coast	32,711	31,129	12,822	8,744	42,274
Hawke's Bay	73,031	71,460	29,306	17,268	97,917
Taranaki	59,255	54,416	23,370	10,955	79,346
Wellington	138,294	244,230	125,131	72,193	185,200
Marlborough	15,666	16,818	7,458	6,817	18,209
Nelson	64,544	31,152	12,037	9,801	73,858
Westland	26,112	14,891	5,253	3,555	32,195
Canterbury	127,995	202,404	120,899	98,700	110,800
Otago	195,606	133,964	46,419	30,380	252,771
Southland	86,817	56,347	25,916	17,573	99,675
	<u>1,033,595</u>	<u>1,216,452</u>	<u>602,773</u>	<u>359,424</u>	<u>1,287,848</u>

Auckland balance on hand, 30th September, 1944, £295,603, adjusted internally between Auckland, Bay of Plenty, Northland, and Waikato (new provincial patriotic districts).

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Balance as at 1st October, 1943: Cash and investments ..	604,181
Receipts from Provincial Councils and all other sources ..	<u>1,267,976</u>
	1,872,157
Less payments	<u>1,234,353</u>
Balance, 30th September, 1944: Cash and investments..	<u>£637,804</u>

III. WORK BY EXPENDING AGENTS

General.—The ramifications of the work of the expending agents of the Board have been fully explained in previous reports. The Board again wishes to express its gratitude for the outstanding services rendered by these agents in New Zealand and overseas, whose collective assistance has enabled the Dominion to provide a war-comforts service probably second to none in the theatres of war in which New Zealand servicemen were engaged.

The work of the expending agents operating in camps in New Zealand only decreased in consequence of the demobilization of home-defence Forces. Advances to Commissioners and agents overseas amounted to £486,905 during the year; advances to the