

In a public letter to the editor of the *Lyttelton Times*, Christchurch, New Zealand, I have offered to give one thousand pounds (£1,000) towards the Bickerton Fund, subject to certain conditions. This offer I now repeat to you, and shall be glad if you will kindly bring it under the notice of the Premier and your other colleagues. Briefly my offer is that I will give one thousand pounds (£1,000) towards the Bickerton Fund, such sum to be deducted from my claim against the New Zealand Government for five thousand pounds (£5,000), which your Government have had for some time under consideration.

Kindly forward me the necessary order, and, if practical, I will sign the same and return to you immediate. In this case the Bickerton Committee will have a working capital of £2,000.

Yours, &c.,

W. F. APLIN.

The Hon. George Fowlds, Minister of Education, Wellington, New Zealand.

P.S.—Date of letter to the editor of the *Lyttelton Times*, 7th March, 1910.—W. F. APLIN.

SIR,—

The Bickerton Association, Box 535, Christchurch, 26th April, 1910.

I am instructed by my committee to ask you, *re* subsidy granted by your Government, as to—

(1.) Whether the subsidy will be paid only on the net total of fund (after payment of all expenses) standing to the credit of the fund at bank, or

(2.) On the full amount subscribed by the public (up to, in each case, the £300 granted).

Awaiting your favour in reply,

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Premier, Sir J. G. Ward.

R. J. ECROYD, Secretary.

DEAR SIR,—

Minister's Office, Education Department, Wellington, 18th May, 1910.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo relative to the Bickerton Fund, and to say that I have noted its contents.

Yours, &c.,

Mr. W. F. Aplin, Post-office, Barcaldine, Queensland.

GEO. FOWLDS.

DEAR SIR,—

Post-office, Barcaldine, Queensland, 30th May, 1910.

Kindly accept my thanks for your favour of the 18th instant in reply to my letter of the 25th ultimo.

Kindly send me the necessary papers for the transfer of the £1,000 referred to in my letter of the 25th ultimo, which papers, if in order, I will sign and return immediate. I am anxious to pay the £1,000 to enable the Bickerton Fund to have a working capital.

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. George Fowlds, Wellington, New Zealand.

W. F. APLIN.

SIR,—

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 6th June, 1910.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo asking for information as to the terms upon which the subsidy of £1 for £1 up to £300 will be paid to the Bickerton Association.

In reply I have to inform you that the above-mentioned subsidy will be payable on any subscriptions or contributions actually received by the association for the purpose of assisting Professor Bickerton in bringing before the scientific world his theory of "partial impact."

I have, &c.,

J. G. WARD,

Prime Minister.

R. J. Ecroyd, Esq., Secretary, Bickerton Association, Trades Hall, Christchurch.

(Telegram.)

Sir Joseph Ward, Wellington.

Christchurch, 24th June, 1910.

LORD DUDLEY cheque to hand to Bickerton Association. Total collected, with promises, £280. Bickerton desires to leave on Thursday next. Please give association instruction how we are to administer funds and how to collect subsidy.

HOWARD.

Trades Hall, Christchurch.

(Telegram.)

— Howard, Esq., Trades Hall, Christchurch.

Wellington, 25th June, 1910.

In reply to your telegram *re* Bickerton Association, I shall be glad if you will forward a certified list of subscribers and amounts actually received as contributions to the fund, and on receipt I will arrange for payment of Government subsidy of £1 for £1. Please inform me name of the bank and account in which deposit should be lodged.

J. G. WARD.