

Regulations under the War Funds Act, 1915.

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this eighth day of May, 1916.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the power and authority conferred upon him by the War Funds Act, 1915 (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act"), His Excellency the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby make the following regulations for the purposes of the said Act, and doth hereby declare that the said regulations shall come into force on the publication thereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

REGULATIONS.

1. In these regulations, if not inconsistent with the context,—
 - "Committee" means a Local Advisory Committee appointed under the said Act;
 - "The Council" means the National War Funds Council established under the said Act;
 - "Minister" means the Minister of Internal Affairs;
 - "The said Act" means the War Funds Act, 1915;
 - "War fund" means a war fund as defined by section 2 of the said Act;
 - "Trustee" means every person appointed or elected as a trustee of a war fund, or, if no such persons have been so appointed or elected, means any person for the time being exercising control either solely or jointly with any other person or persons over such war fund.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE COUNCIL.

2. Trustees of a war fund desiring to transfer such fund and the administration thereof to the Council under section 4 of the said Act shall make application to the Council in the form No. 1 in the Schedule hereto. The transfer of the said fund to the Council may be effected by not less than three-fifths of the whole number of trustees by writing under their hands in the form No. 1A in the Schedule hereto, endorsed on the form No. 1 aforesaid.

ASSISTANCE OF COUNCIL IN ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS.

3. Application by the trustees of a war fund which has not been transferred to the Council for the assistance of the Council in the administration or investment of the fund, may be made to the Council in the form No. 2 in the Schedule hereto.

LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

4. (1.) The Minister may by notice in the *Gazette* appoint as Local Advisory Committees such persons as he thinks fit to assist the National War Funds Council in the administration of any war fund or of any war funds.
- (2.) A Local Advisory Committee may be so appointed in respect of any war fund, or of two or more specified funds; or may be appointed generally in respect of any funds or class of funds established within any area to be specified in the *Gazette* in the notice of appointment.
- (3.) The Minister may also in like manner appoint such persons as he thinks fit to act as a sub-committee of any Local Advisory Committee.
5. A Local Advisory Committee appointed as aforesaid shall have such powers and duties in respect of any fund as the Council may from time to time by resolution determine; and a sub-committee shall have such powers and duties as may, with the approval of the Council, be delegated to it by the Local Advisory Committee.
6. Every Local Advisory Committee shall furnish to the Council, as and when required, a report in writing as to the operations of the Committee, and shall, at intervals not exceeding one month, render to the Council an account in detail, with particulars as to all moneys received by the Committee, either for transmission to the Council or for expenditure on behalf of the Council.

PARTICULARS OF FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY PRIVATE TRUSTEES.

7. (1.) Every society, association, or body of persons administering a war fund shall, not later than the 15th day of April, July, October, and January respectively in each year,

furnish to the Minister a statement in the form No. 3 in the Schedule hereto respecting such fund, for the quarterly periods ending respectively on the 31st day of March, the 30th day of June, the 30th day of September, and the 31st day of December in each year.

(2.) In addition to the particulars required to be furnished by the last preceding subclause, every society, association, or body of persons administering a war fund as aforesaid shall, when so required by the Minister, furnish any other information as to the income, expenditure, investments, and other matters connected with the fund that he may consider necessary, and shall, not later than the 15th day of every month, furnish to the Minister a statement setting out the total amounts that may have been paid during the preceding calendar month—

- (a.) Towards the assistance or relief of discharged or returned soldiers.
- (b.) Towards the assistance or relief of the dependants of any soldier.
- (c.) For any other purpose not mentioned in "(a)" and "(b)."
- (d.) Payments made for administering the funds.

The totals under (a.), (b.), (c), and (d) shall represent the total expenditure of the fund for the preceding calendar month.

8. Every society, association, or body of persons collecting for but not administering a war fund shall furnish to the Minister, not later than the 15th day in each month, a statement in the form No. 4 in the Schedule hereto respecting moneys received and paid out by such society, association, or body of persons during the preceding calendar month.

INCORPORATION OF SOCIETIES OR TRUSTEES.

9. Every application for incorporation of a society possessing a war fund (other than for incorporation as a branch society) shall be in the form No. 5 in the Schedule hereto, and every application for the incorporation of the trustees for the time being of any war fund shall be in the form No. 6 in the said Schedule.

10. Every application for the incorporation of a society must be accompanied by two copies of the rules of such society, certified to be correct by the president or chairman, and by one other member and the secretary thereof.

11. The trustees of a war fund shall be incorporated only if there is some society, association, or body of persons established for the purpose of administering such fund, working under rules formally adopted as the rules of such society, association, or body of persons, at a meeting of the members thereof, by whom such trustees have been elected or appointed in accordance with such rules, and where the relation of the trustees to the society, the functions of the trustees, and adequate provision for appointment of new trustees, are contained in such rules. Two copies of such rules, certified to be correct by the president or chairman and the secretary of the society and the trustees, must accompany the application for incorporation of the trustees.

12. Every application for incorporation of a branch society shall be in the form No. 7 in the Schedule hereto, and shall be accompanied by two copies of the rules of such branch society and two copies of the rules of the society of which it purports to be a branch, all such copies being certified to be correct by the president or chairman and by one other member and the secretary of the branch society and the society respectively, together with a declaration by the president or chairman thereof (made and subscribed before a Justice of the Peace, solicitor, postmaster, Mayor of a borough, or Chairman of a county), that such branch society possesses and is administering a war fund, and is not merely engaged in the collection of moneys on behalf of or for transmission to another society or trustees for the purpose of being administered by such other society or trustees.

13. (1.) No society shall be incorporated as a branch society unless and until the society of which it purports to be a branch is incorporated under the said Act, and unless and until the Minister is satisfied that the rules of such society and branch society respectively are in agreement as to—

- (a.) The respective functions of the society and the branch society;
- (b.) The district within which the branch society shall exercise its functions, and the respective rights of the society and the branch society to solicit contributions for a war fund within such district;
- (c.) The method of co-operation between the society and the branch society for the purpose of preventing expenditure by both for the same purposes within the district of the branch society, except in so far as such expenditure is in accordance with the functions of both within such district.