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£17,500 now available for reconstruction.

The Manaia town hall reconstruction fund has been granted a Government subsidy of £5000. Advice to this effect has been received from the Cabinet by the chairman of the Manaia Town Board, Mr. C. M. Jeromson.

This subsidy, together with the insurance on the fire-damaged building and the sum donated by the public, brings the reconstruction fund to a total of £17,500.

Volunteer workers have toiled over recent weeks to clear the damaged part of the hall and so reduce the cost of reconstruction, for which tenders are to be called. What timber could be salvaged has been put aside for sale to swell the fund still further. The work of clearing the hall and preparing the site for the proposed extensions should be completed within the next fortnight.