## 1877. NEW ZEALAND.

# GOVERNMENT INSURANCE COMMISSIONER,

(ANNUAL REPORT OF THE).

Presented to the General Assembly in accordance with Section 41 of "The Government Insurance and Annuities Act, 1874.

SIR,-

Government Insurance Office, Wellington, 1st September, 1877.

I have the honor to forward you the Report of this Department for the year that ended on the 30th of June, and have again to state that there has been a very satisfactory increase in the business, as will appear from the following statement:—

### NEW BUSINESS.

1,896 proposals were received during the year for £789,564, of which 487 were declined or not completed, leaving 1,409 policies issued for £563,928, the particulars of which are shown in the following summary:—

Class.		No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	Single Prem	uum.	Annual Premium.				
Insurance Endowment Annuity			1,393 13 3	£ 560,828 3,100 £197 per annum.	£ s 189 14 43 19 2,212 7	9	£ s. d. 18,177 6 11 154 4 0			
Total	•••		1,409	563,928	2,446 1	6	18,331 10 11 2,446 1 6			
		·		TOTAL NEW PI	REMIUMS		£20,777 12 5			

#### CLAIMS.

The claims during the year have been exceptionally light, amounting to only £11,750; they were 40 in number, and were caused by the death of 39 persons.

#### POLICIES DISCONTINUED.

A summary of the policies discontinued during the year is given in the following table:—

How Discontinued ASSURANCE		olicies.	Endo Br.			,	Policies.				UIT:			olicies.				TRIA	L					
Discontinued.	No. of P	Sum As- sured.	An Pren	nual nium	8.	No. of P	Sum Assured.		nnu e <b>m</b> it		of.		mu	tof ity um.	Pro	nnu miu		No. of P	S Ass	um ure	d.	Aı Pre	nnu miu	
By death , expiry , surrender ,, cancelled ,, lapse , transfer to	)	£ 11,750 6,200 16,200 1,500 88,950	£ 422 96 518 53 2,749	18 3 17	d. 4 0 1 6 2	1   3	£ 100   550				1	£ 43	s. 7  	d. 0	£	s.  	d.		4,499	  18		5 141		0
Ordinary Branch Totals	<u>)                                    </u>	124,600		0	1	4	650	29	15	1	 1	43	7	0					3,069 7,738			107 254		0

The number of policies issued since the establishment of the Department is 8,822, assuring £3,166,213, of which 1,479 have been discontinued, leaving 7,343 existing policies, assuring £2,734,602.

## ACCOUNTS.

I attach to this Report the accounts prescribed in the 41st section of "The Government Insurance and Annuities Act, 1874." The income of the year from all sources amounted to £91,995 7s. 9d., and the accumulated Fund now stands at £219,394 4s., being an increase of £65,676 16s. 6d. during the year.

The ratio of the total expenses of management (including commission) to the premium income has been reduced to 14.7 per cent. The proportion of these expenses chargeable to new business amounted to 47.4 per cent. of the new premiums, and that chargeable to the renewal business to 4.5 per cent. of the renewal premiums. These percentages compare very favourably with those of the most successful English and colonial Life Assurance Companies, which generally range from 50 to 80 per cent. on the new, and from 7 to 8 on the renewal premiums.

#### INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.

The deficiency in this branch, caused by its being closed immediately after considerable expenditure had been incurred in starting it, has now been made good, and there is a balance of £333 1s. 2d. to its credit. One claim for £168 15s. has arisen during the year, caused by the first death that has been experienced in this Branch.

#### INVESTMENTS.

The treasury bills now held amount to £211,400, being an increase of £64,000 upon the amount held in the previous year.

### TABLES.

In pursuance of the revision referred to in the Report of last year, new tables have been issued, based upon the Institute of Actuaries' Hw Rate of Mortality, which is the most recent and trustworthy table of the mortality of assured lives that has yet been published.

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer.

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J. WOODWARD, Deputy Commissioner.

REVENUE ACCOUNT of the Ordinary Branch, from 1st July, 1876, to 30th June, 1877.

	£	8.	d.	£ s. d. £	. d
Amount of Funds on 1st July, 1876	153,717		6		Ö
Renewal Premiums, Assurance, Annuity,		•		Annuities 1,571 1	
and Endowment	70,762	15	10		
New Premiums on 1,409 policies assuring				" Endowment 18 6 0	
£563,928, and yielding an annual				1,116 1	9
revenue of £18,331 10s. 11d	9,643	0	8	·	
Single Premiums, Assurance and Endow-				Commission, New 3,681 19 7	
ment		14		,, Renewal 1, 221 4 5	
Consideration for Annuities granted					4 (
Interest	9,133			Expenses of Management,—	
Fines			11	Salaries, Head Office 2,393 3 5	
Fces		) 1	1	" Branch Offices 238 15 0	
				" Extra Clerks 376 6 0	
				" Travelling Agents 250 0 0	
				Medical Fees 1,975 2 10	
				Travelling Expenses, Agents 946 13 7	
				,, Others 42 16 3	
•				Advertising 162 9 10	
				Printing and Stationery 235 3 3	
				Rent 160 0 0	
				Telegrams 68 0 0	
				Depreciation in Office Fur- niture 54 7 0	
				Miscelluncous 54 7 0	
					1
				Amount of Funds on 30th	
				June, 1877 219, 394	
				210,004	. '
·	£245,712	15	3	£245,712 1	

## BALANCE SHEET of the Ordinary Branch, 30th June, 1877.

Liabilities.	-			Assets.		
	£	в.	d.	£	е.	d.
Total Assurance, Endowment, and An-				Loans upon Policies 1,617	8	2
nuity Funds (as per Revenue Account)	219,394	4	0	Investments (Treasury Bills) 211,400	ō	ō
Claims announced, but not paid	4,900	0		Office Furniture, Head Office and Agencies 489	2	-
Annuities due, but not paid	407		7			
Commission (new)	520				٠	v
Travelling Expenses	73					
M-3!1 6	584		ŏ	Outstanding Premiums due		
A. 3		18	-	in June, 1877 3,758 0 6		
D4	55				10	10
				7,825	12	10
New Premium Deposits	92			Outstanding Interest 103 14 11		
Miscellaneous	20	9	7	Accrued, but not due 1,742 5 11		
				1,846	0	10
				Cash on deposit 508 15 3		
				Cash on Current Account 2,000 0 0		
n				2,508	15	3
			<u> </u>			
•	£226,091	8	10	£226,091	8	10
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# REVENUE ACCOUNT of the Industrial Branch, from 1st July, 1876, to 30th June, 1877.

Funds on 1st July, 1876 Premiums Medical Fee deposits forfeited Miscellaneous	 	865 1 0			Balance against Branch on 1st July, 1876 Claim under Policy Commission Travelling Expenses Amount of Funds on 30th June, 1877	£ 443 168 99 10 144	15 11 8	0 1 0
		£866	10	2		£866	10	

## BALANCE SHEET of the Industrial Branch, 30th June, 1877.

Liabilities.	£	8.	đ.		A	sets.		£	s.	a
Total Funds (as per Revenue Account) Claim announced, and not paid Commission Medical Fees Medical Fee deposits, not returned Travelling Expenses	 144 168 3	2	5 0	Cash	 	•••	***	<b>333</b>	ĩ	2
	£333	1						£333	1	

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