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NEW ZEALAND

STATE FIRE INSURANCE OFFICE

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1945

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State Fire Insurance Office, Wellington, 29th March, 1946

I HAVE the honour to submit the forty-first annual report of the State Fire Insurance Office, for the year ended 31st December, 1945, with the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet.

The following are the comparative figures for the last three years :—

	1943.		1944.		1945.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income—						
Premiums	225,037		183,827		203,494	
Other receipts, less land-tax	65,982		59,779		63,693	
	<u>291,019</u>		<u>243,606</u>		<u>267,187</u>	
Outgo—						
Bonus rebate to policyholders	47,128		20,782		20,398	
Claims	25,018		38,110		36,900	
Working-expenses (exclusive of income-tax and Fire Board contributions)	54,512		53,393		55,958	
Fire Board contributions	16,144		16,365		16,418	
Income-tax	83,788		76,341		72,746	
National and social security tax	18,201		16,501		12,596	
Carried to reserve for unearned premiums	1,289		
	<u>246,080</u>		<u>221,492</u>		<u>215,016</u>	
Surplus, apportioned as follows :—						
Written off Office premises	21,000		20,000		20,000	
Reserve Fund	23,939		2,114		32,171	
	<u>44,939</u>		<u>22,114</u>		<u>52,171</u>	
Total	<u>291,019</u>		<u>243,606</u>		<u>267,187</u>	
Reserves and funds at 31st December ..	<u>1,266,500</u>		<u>1,268,613</u>		<u>1,300,785</u>	
	Per Cent.		Per Cent.		Per Cent.	
Ratio of claims to premium income	11·12		20·73		18·13	
Ratio of working-expenses (exclusive of income-tax and Fire Board contributions) to premium income	24·22		29·05		27·5	
Ratio of Fire Board contributions to premium income	7·18		8·9		8·07	
Ratio of income-tax and national and social security tax to total income	35·04		38·11		31·94	

The result of the year's working must be considered highly satisfactory.

Net premium income shows an increase of £19,667 over that for 1944, and is the largest increase secured in any one year since 1926.

This result has been achieved notwithstanding the fact that the Office has carried on with a depleted trained staff due to the war, and it speaks well of the capacity and zeal of those who so efficiently coped with this increased volume of business. It also points to the increasing practical support given the Office by the insuring public.

The premium rates charged were the lowest since the inception of the Office.

I desire to again record the excellent service rendered by the executive officers and the staff generally during the year.

R. H. NEWBOLD, General Manager.