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ACCIDENT INSURANCE BRANCH OF THE STATE FIRE INSURANCE OFFICE

(ANNUAL REPORT ON THE) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1946

*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to Section 22 of the Government
Accident Insurance Act, 1908*

State Fire Insurance Office, Wellington, 29th March, 1947.

I HAVE the honour to submit the forty-sixth annual report of the Government Accident Insurance Office for the year ended 31st December, 1946, together with the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet.

The following comparison with the previous two years shows the position briefly :—

Income—				1944.				1945.				1946.			
				£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Premiums from all classes of accident insurance .. .. .	..	..	..	298,250				335,690				341,304			
Interest .. .. .	..	..	..	25,427				26,502				26,636			
Profit on realization of securities .. .. .	..	..	..	432				1,825				..			
Transferred from reserve for unearned premiums .. .. .	..	..	..	25,000				..				..
				<u>349,109</u>				<u>364,017</u>				<u>367,940</u>			
Outgo—															
Bonus and sums accrued under profit-sharing schemes .. .. .	..	..	..	467				14,791				18,672			
Claims .. .. .	..	..	..	202,552				238,459				212,914			
Working-expenses (exclusive of income-tax) .. .. .	..	..	..	51,808				61,346				70,918			
Carried to reserve for unearned premiums .. .. .	..	..	..	..				..				..
Income-tax .. .. .	..	..	..	69,174				16,758				28,763			
National and social security tax .. .. .	..	..	..	14,977				2,920				4,823			
				<u>338,978</u>				<u>334,274</u>				<u>336,090</u>			
Surplus, apportioned as follows :—															
Bonus Reserve .. .. .	..	..	..	10,000				10,000				10,000			
Reserve Fund .. .. .	..	..	..	131				19,743				21,850			
				<u>10,131</u>				<u>29,743</u>				<u>31,850</u>			
Total .. .. .	..	..	..	<u>349,109</u>				<u>364,017</u>				<u>367,940</u>			
Reserves and funds as at 31st December .. .. .	..	..	..	<u>675,452</u>				<u>705,195</u>				<u>737,045</u>			
Ratio of claims (all classes of business) to premium income				Per Cent.				Per Cent.				Per Cent.			
				67·91				71·04				62·38			
Ratio of working-expenses (exclusive of income-tax) to premium income				17·37				18·27				20·78			
Ratio of underwriting surplus to premium income				0·72				5·77				5·12			

The increase in the premium income, although not as great as in 1945, is £5,614 over that of the previous year, and indicates that the Office continues to make steady progress. The claims ratio (all classes of accident business) to premium income shows a decrease of 8·66 per cent. and working-expenses an increase of 2·51 per cent. The net result of the year's operations can be considered as quite satisfactory.

The staff have again given excellent service throughout the year, and I desire to express my appreciation of their keenness and efficiency.

R. H. NEWBOLD, General Manager.

