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NEW ZEALAND.

# GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS SUPERANNUATION FUND.

REPORT OF BOARD.

*Laid before Parliament in pursuance of Section 124 of the Government Railways Act, 1926.*

THE Board has the honour to transmit for the information of Parliament the following report upon the transactions of the Government Railways Superannuation Fund for the year ended 31st March, 1936. The Revenue Account, Balance-sheet, and statements in connection therewith will be found appended.

The income for the year exceeded the expenditure by £7,306 8s. 10d.

*Members' Contributions.*—The income under this heading showed an increase of £7,444 10s. 7d. The number of contributors at 5, 6, 7, and 9 per cent. increased by 179, 6, 7, and 1, while contributors at 3 and 4 per cent. decreased by 63 and 8 respectively. The increase in amount of contributions is due to a partial restoration of salary and wages reductions and appointments to the permanent staff.

*Contingent Contributors.*—During the year 146 casual employees elected to contribute to the fund, so that in the event of their subsequently being permanently appointed they would not be faced with a liability in respect of service prior to permanent appointment. The total number of employees so contributing at the end of the year under review was 337, and the amount standing to their credit £12,786 17s.

*Subsidy.*—In addition to the sum of £170,000 paid into the fund by the Working Railways Department, a subsidy of £82,200 as was received from the Treasury in accordance with the provisions of section 17 of Finance Act (No. 2), 1934.

*Interest.*—The interest earned amounted to £65,877 4s. 1d., a decrease of £2,116 13s. 3d. as compared with the previous year. Table D, Statement of Investments, shows that the average rate of interest on securities held at the 31st March, 1936, was 4·577 per cent., and the average rate earned on the mean funds for the year 5·484 per cent., as against 4·672 per cent. and 5·697 per cent. respectively for the previous year.

*Life Allowances.*—The expenditure on account of life allowances to members amounted to £419,569 8s. 8d., a decrease of £2,908 3s. 2d. as compared with the figures for the previous year. Year ended 31st March, 1935, showed a decrease under this heading of £2,715 13s. Table A, Statement of Allowances, shows that the average amount of the eighty-one allowances granted during the year was £153 2s. 4d., and the average amount of 103 allowances discontinued was £151 16s. 8d.

*Allowances to Widows and Children.*—The expenditure under the heading of allowances to widows and children showed an increase of £8 11s. 4d. The sum of £12,962 18s. 9d. was received from the Working Railways Account during the year on account of the increased payments to widows and children as provided in section 114, Part III, of the Government Railways Act, 1926.

Approval was received for the continuance of the cost-of-living bonus to annuitants in cases of special hardship where the allowance was less than £100, the amount of bonus granted being sufficient to bring the allowance up to £100, but with a maximum bonus of £26. The bonus is provided for out of the Working Railways Account, and is not a charge on the Superannuation Fund.

At the 31st March, 1936, there were 2,314 members, 631 widows, and 363 children, making a total of 3,308 persons actually on the fund, involving an annual liability of £435,876 2s. 3d.

D. G. SULLIVAN,

Chairman, Government Railways Superannuation  
Fund Board.

TABLE A.—STATEMENT OF ALLOWANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1936.

	Section 102. On Attainment of Retiring Age or for Length of Service.			Section 111. Medically Unfit.			Section 118. Widows.			Section 113. Children.			Total Retiring and other Allowances.									
	Annual Amount.			Annual Amount.			Annual Amount, at £31 per Annum.			Annual Amount, at £26 per Annum.			Annual Amount.									
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	Number.	Number.	Number.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.							
Retiring and other allowances—																						
Existing at beginning of year	1,817	1	1,818	518	..	518	620	19,220	0	0	0	180	192	372	9,672	0	0	2,515	813,328	451,927	11 10	
Granted during year	37	..	37	44	..	44	31	961	0	0	0	23	26	49	1,274	0	0	104	57	161	14,637	7 0
Total	1,854	1	1,855	562	..	562	651	20,181	0	0	0	203	218	421	10,946	0	0	2,619	870,348	466,564	18 10	
Discontinued during year	78	..	78	25	..	25	20	620	0	0	0	26	32	58	1,508	0	0	129	52	181	17,766	16 7
Existing at end of year	1,776	1	1,777	537	..	537	631	19,561	0	0	0	177	186	363	9,438	0	0	2,490	818,308	448,798	2 3	

Particulars of Retiring and other Allowances discontinued during the Year.

	Section 102.			Section 111.			Section 118.			Section 113.			Total									
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	Number.	Number.	Number.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.							
How discontinued—																						
By death	78	..	78	25	..	25	10	310	0	0	0	..	..	..	103	10	113	15,948	16	7		
By expiry	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	310	0	0	0	26	32	58	1,508	0	0	26	42	68	1,818	0 0
Total	78	..	78	25	..	25	20	620	0	0	0	26	32	58	1,508	0	0	129	52	181	17,766	16 7

Progress of Retiring and other Allowances since Establishment of the Fund to 31st March, 1936.

Total granted†	3,179	2	3,181	512,333	15	2	882	1	883	94,333	8	3	1,007	28,617	0	0	904	899	1,803	37,869	0	0	4,965	1909,6,874	673,213	3	5
Total discontinued*	1,403	1	1,404	156,926	8	1	345	1	346	30,001	13	1	376	9,056	0	0	727	713	1,440	28,431	0	0	2,475	10913,566	224,415	1	2
Total existing at 31st March, 1936..	1,776	1	1,777	355,407	7	1	537	..	537	64,391	15	2	631	19,561	0	0	177	186	363	9,438	0	0	2,490	818,3,308	448,798	2	3

Less amount receivable from the Working Railways Account on account of increased payments to widows and children .. .. .

12,922 0 0  
£435,876 2 3

\* Total allowances granted and discontinued include 200 widows at £18 only, and 693 children at £13 only, exempt prior to increase of allowances.  
† These figure include 134 allowances totalling £15,620 11s. per annum granted under section 14, Finance Act, 1931.

TABLE B.—STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTORS.

—	3 per Cent.	4 per Cent.	5 per Cent.	6 per Cent.	7 per Cent.	8 per Cent.	9 per Cent.	Total.
Contributors at commencement of year	1,468	47	8,770	1,322	212	9	4	11,832
New contributors during year ..	..	..	349	32	13	..	1	395
Total .. .. .	1,468	47	9,119	1,354	225	9	5	12,227
Contributors discontinued during year	63	8	170	26	6	..	..	273
Total contributors at 31st March, 1936	1,405	39	8,949	1,328	219	9	5	11,954

TABLE C.—PROGRESS OF THE FUND.

					Balance forward.			Allowances granted.		
					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1903 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	7,056	11	9	..	..	..
1904 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	40,357	17	3	12,010	14	8
1905 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	68,670	7	8	8,519	7	8
1906 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	90,984	11	10	6,348	13	7
1907 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	110,736	12	3	4,398	14	11
1908 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	126,642	18	11	7,332	7	11
1909 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	157,151	14	9	6,359	11	0
1910 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	173,876	1	8	11,828	0	6
1911 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	207,242	7	11	8,064	11	5
1912 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	233,457	8	6	7,065	16	4
1913 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	264,455	5	4	8,568	6	6
1914 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	295,469	11	6	9,865	17	8
1915 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	346,155	18	2	11,871	14	3
1916 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	362,810	4	2	9,662	2	5
1917 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	377,585	2	1	11,733	11	11
1918 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	373,097	12	7	8,386	4	0
1919 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	363,804	4	4	9,252	17	8
1920 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	408,232	10	8	20,341	7	3
1921 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	464,490	17	0	20,346	8	9
1922 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	543,531	10	8	23,050	2	0
1923 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	584,219	2	4	22,791	1	0
1924 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	671,827	6	6	21,272	4	0
1925 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	734,112	8	11	36,409	14	0
1925 (increased allowances to widows and children) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12,246	0	0
1926 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	862,139	3	6	23,509	6	0
1927 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	985,828	4	0	28,281	4	0
1928 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,111,199	11	2	21,120	12	0
1929 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,288,673	11	8	23,006	11	0
1930 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,371,918	12	3	27,986	14	0
1931 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,488,565	18	3	40,573	13	0
1932 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,454,173	8	4	143,807	12	0
1933 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,333,245	8	1	26,199	19	0
1934 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,240,830	15	8	12,970	9	0
1935 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,239,705	5	0	13,394	7	0
1936 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,246,984	7	11	14,637	7	0
					£	s.	d.	673,213	3	5
Less members died, &c. .. .. .	..	..	..	..	224,415	1	2			
Less liability of Working Railways Account on account increased payments to widows and children .. .. .	..	..	..	..	12,922	0	0			
								237,337	1	2
Annual liability at 31st March, 1936 .. .. .	..	..	..	..				£435,876	2	3

TABLE D.—STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS.

Funds invested at 31st March.						1936.		1935.	
						£	s. d.	£	s. d.
At 3	per cent.	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,446	9 4
„ 3.375	„	..	..	..	..	25,000	0 0	..	..
„ 3.5	„	..	..	..	..	13,121	7 6	2,600	0 0
„ 4	„	..	..	..	..	232,145	10 0	233,965	5 0
„ 4.25	„	..	..	..	..	188,120	1 3	146,468	19 10
„ 4.4	„	..	..	..	..	335	0 0	655	0 0
„ 4.5	„	..	..	..	..	117,354	11 2	43,248	16 3
„ 5.0	„	..	..	..	..	576,038	7 10	717,589	5 8
„ 5.2	„	..	..	..	..	90	0 0	120	0 0
„ 6.0	„	..	..	..	..	3,255	5 0	3,295	15 0
Cash in hand	..	..	..	..	..	68,272	12 6	64,876	2 11
						1,223,732	15 3	1,218,265	14 0

	Per Cent.	Per Cent.
Average rate of interest on securities held at 31st March ..	4.577	4.672
Average rate of interest earned on the mean funds, including reimbursements made by the Treasury in respect of reduction of interest .. .. .	5.484	5.697

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 123, GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS ACT, 1926.

*Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1933.*

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Payments.</i>		
<i>Dr.</i>	£	s. d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s. d.
To Balance in hands of Public Trustee on 31st March, 1935 .. .. .	29,259	16 5	By Retiring-allowances paid to members ..	419,600	16 8
Contributions by staff .. .. .	141,563	19 1	Allowances to widows and children ..	29,039	1 5
Contributions by contingent contributors ..	3,638	6 8	Contributions refunded to members who have left the Service .. .. .	15,083	18 5
Fines .. .. .	145	5 0	Contributions refunded to contingent members who have left the Service .. .. .	684	14 9
Working Railways Account—			Rebates of contributions .. .. .	83	7 9
Subsidy .. .. .	170,000	0 0	Refunds to legal representatives of deceased beneficiaries under section 120 (c) of Government Railways Act, 1926 .. .. .	624	14 5
Increased allowances to widows and children ..	12,966	16 4	Contributions transferred to other funds ..	600	2 9
Cost-of-living bonus to annuitants .. .. .	1,047	18 4	Travelling-expenses of Board members ..	78	17 0
Subsidies from—			Public Trust charges (legal costs) .. .. .	24	18 6
New Zealand Railway Officers' Institute ..	4	14 11	Public Trust commission .. .. .	1,517	17 1
Railway Tradesmen's Association .. .. .	24	5 3	Audit Office fee .. .. .	50	0 0
New Zealand Engine-drivers, Firemen, and Cleaners' Association .. .. .	33	10 1	Insurance premiums (recoverable) .. .. .	10	6 5
Consolidated Fund .. .. .	82,200	0 0	Salaries .. .. .	1,177	14 2
Interest—			Postage .. .. .	151	18 11
Investments .. .. .	53,291	12 4	Printing and stationery .. .. .	45	9 2
Treasury Department .. .. .	11,861	0 0	Cost-of-living bonus to annuitants .. .. .	1,138	1 11
	65,152	12 4	Investments .. .. .	5,467	1 3
Rates and fees (recovered) .. .. .	79	15 4	Balance in hands of Public Trustee at 31st March, 1936 .. .. .	30,785	14 6
Commission on collection of Government Life Insurance premiums .. .. .	47	15 4			
	£506,164	15 1		£506,164	15 1

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, ETC.—continued.  
*Revenue Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1936.*

EXPENDITURE.	1935-36.			1934-35.			INCOME.			1935-36.			1934-35.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	By Members' contributions	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
To Retiring-allowances to members	419,569	8	8	422,477	11	10	Members' contributions on account of casual service	142,098	14	2	134,886	11	11		
Allowances to widows and children	29,028	14	3	29,020	2	11	Fines	2,737	10	8	2,505	2	4		
Refund of total contributions	14,863	2	5	20,785	2	1	Subsidies—	139	5	0	135	10	0		
Refund of contributions in excess of allowance drawn by deceased beneficiaries	624	14	5	480	11	10	Consolidated Fund	82,200	0	0	87,000	0	0		
Transfers to other funds	611	9	2	183	13	6	Working Railways	170,000	0	0	170,000	0	0		
Reserve for bad and doubtful debts	1,086	7	3	1,891	1	3	Working Railways, on account of increased allowances to widows and children	12,962	18	9	12,999	8	3		
Administration charges—							New Zealand Railway Officers' Institute	13	3	9	18	11	2		
Travelling-expenses of Board members	78	17	0	77	1	0	New Zealand Railway Tradesmen's Association	23	19	0	24	15	0		
Public Trust Office commission	1,519	13	5	1,581	18	3	New Zealand Engine-drivers, Firemen, and Cleaners' Association	32	19	8	31	0	9		
Public Trust charges (legal costs)	24	18	6	62	18	11	Interest—								
Audit Office fee	50	0	0	50	0	0	Investments	65,877	4	1	67,593	17	4		
Salaries	1,177	14	2	1,154	7	0	Treasury Department	5	5	9	1,342	10	4		
Postages	151	18	11	194	2	6	Premium on securities converted	47	15	4	48	3	10		
Printing and stationery	45	9	2	33	12	0	Commission on Government Life Insurance collections				1,006	12	2		
Balance carried down, being excess of income over expenditure for the year	7,306	8	10				Balance carried down, being excess of expenditure over income for the year				477,992	3	1		
											476,138	16	2		
To Balance brought down							By Accumulated funds brought forward on 1st April	1,239,705	5	0	1,240,830	15	8		
Amounts previously written off now claimed: Refund of contributions	27	5	11	118	18	6	Balance brought down	7,306	8	10					
Balance accumulated funds as at 31st March	1,246,984	7	11	1,239,705	5	0					1,247,011	13	10		
											1,240,830	15	8		

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, ETC.—continued.  
Balance-sheet as at 31st March, 1936.

LIABILITIES.	1935-36.		1934-35.		ASSETS.		1935-36.		1934-35.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Accumulated funds as per Revenue Account	..	..	..	..	Investment Account—	..	..	..	..	..
Casual employees' contingent contributions	..	..	..	..	Investments	..	..	1,155,460	2	9
Retiring and other allowances due (not paid)—	..	..	..	..	Cash in hand	..	..	68,272	12	6
Members	..	..	254	8	11	..	..	1,223,732	15	3
Widows and children	..	..	113	17	10	..	..	..	..	..
Refund of contributions authorized (not paid)	..	..	346	9	1	..	..	30,785	14	6
Transfers to other funds authorized (not paid)	..	..	17	14	3	..	..	11,552	7	10
Interest paid in advance	..	..	284	15	4	..	..	1,553	7	6
Public Trust Office	..	..	1,220	2	0	..	..	3,217	0	4
Reserve for bad and doubtful debts	..	..	5,000	0	0	..	..	..	..	..
Rebates of contributions (National Expenditure Adjustment Act, 1932)	..	..	43,016	3	6	..	..	155	15	0
Subsidy paid in advance..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,033	3	4
	..	..	..	..	On account of cost-of-living bonus	..	..	24,713	13	2
	..	..	..	..	On account of additional allowance to widows and children	..	..	13,240	12	6
	..	..	..	..	Interest due not paid	..	..	247	12	7
	..	..	..	..	Interest accrued but not due	..	..	22	12	11
	..	..	..	..	Rates and fees paid	..	..	8	11	0
	..	..	..	..	Insurance premiums	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	Sundry debtors	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..		..	..	1,310,263	5	11
	..	..	..	..		..	..	1,300,466	12	4

W. BISHOP,  
Chief Accountant, New Zealand Railways.

D. G. SULLIVAN,  
Chairman of the Government Railways  
Superannuation Fund Board.

I hereby certify that the Statement of Receipts and Payments, Revenue Account, and Balance-sheet have been duly examined and compared with the relative books and documents submitted for audit, and correctly state the position as disclosed thereby.—G. F. C. CAMPBELL, Controller and Auditor-General.

## LIFE ALLOWANCES GRANTED, YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1936.

Name.	Amount.	Name.	Amount.	Name.	Amount.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Ayling, E. W.	.. 226 0 0	Forster, F. L.	.. 169 8 0	Melville, J. R.	.. 139 3 0
Bain, W. N.	.. 127 12 0	Gill, G.	.. 145 12 0	Munro, G.	.. 125 19 0
Baxter, D.	.. 85 13 0	Gilmour, H. H.	.. 114 3 0	McGovern, W. J.	.. 104 15 0
Bird, A.	.. 73 6 0	Gosden, A.	.. 241 1 0	McKenzie, J. S. G.	.. 290 19 0
Boult, A. A. B.	.. 275 7 0	Gray, W. T.	.. 150 10 0	McKeown, T.	.. 86 11 0
Bracewell, G. P. J.	.. 161 11 0	Hampton, R.	.. 300 0 0	McQuinn, L.	.. 170 3 0
Buckeridge, R. W.	.. 86 4 0	Haslemore, J.	.. 169 7 0	Niall, D. C.	.. 137 15 0
Burnett, W. H.	.. 32 14 0	Haynes, E. G.	.. 199 17 0	Oswald, R. D.	.. 80 10 0
Burns, J. H.	.. 167 14 0	Henderson, A.	.. 196 8 0	Pennington, W. H.	.. 152 8 0
Bush, A. E.	.. 165 3 0	Henderson, F.	.. 85 15 0	Pidgeon, W. H.	.. 151 9 0
Calvert, G.	.. 103 3 0	Henry, T.	.. 165 0 0	Purdue, E.	.. 151 2 0
Campbell, J. G.	.. 130 19 0	Hepburn, A.	.. 167 6 0	Reid, J.	.. 168 10 0
Chalmers, T.	.. 122 17 0	Heyward, H. G.	.. 183 9 0	Rumbal, D. H.	.. 202 17 0
Clough, W.	.. 182 19 0	Hicks, R. I.	.. 187 6 0	Sanders, A. E.	.. 102 17 0
Coley, S.	.. 119 6 0	Hoffman, A. P.	.. 90 0 0	Scarborough, D.	.. 120 11 0
Cook, R.	.. 106 3 0	Holland, E. D.	.. 188 1 0	Scott, J. J.	.. 134 5 0
Cooper, A. H.	.. 270 7 0	Hutchison, A. W. M.	.. 31 12 0	Sisley, H. C.	.. 114 11 0
Cossins, F. E. W.	.. 120 8 0	Jesse, A. E.	.. 124 15 0	Smart, E. A.	.. 258 4 0
Cranston, H. N. C.	.. 35 11 0	Jones, A. G.	.. 176 6 0	Taylor, J.	.. 109 6 0
Davidson, J.	.. 142 2 0	Jury, R. R.	.. 181 6 0	Thomson, A.	.. 129 18 0
Day, G. F. H.	.. 211 17 0	Kavanagh, H. J.	.. 153 19 0	Tuck, W. M.	.. 206 0 0
Deare, G. A.	.. 293 17 0	Knapp, A. L.	.. 159 10 0	Webber, F.	.. 201 11 0
Dillon, F.	.. 151 10 0	Knight, D.	.. 130 10 0	Westbrooke, B.	.. 141 12 0
Dodd, H.	.. 177 18 0	Leary, J. C.	.. 136 3 0	White, W. R.	.. 126 10 0
Drumm, T.	.. 171 12 0	Lincoln, A. D.	.. 197 9 0	Williams, W. P.	.. 117 3 0
Duller, H. R.	.. 130 12 0	Locke, R. J.	.. 136 5 0	Woolston, A. E.	.. 118 2 0
Dumbleton, W.	.. 106 18 0	Maunder, R. R.	.. 159 11 0	Wright, J. H.	.. 240 4 0

## ALLOWANCES TO WIDOWS AND CHILDREN.

Widows, £31 per annum ; children, £26 per annum.

Armstrong, L. W., and one child.	Mathie, M. A.
Bennie, D. G., and two children.	Milnes, K. O. C.
Castle, A. M., and one child.	Mintrom, A.
Cox, E. M. J.	Munro, E. B.
Curson, B. R., and one child.	Myers, M. C., and one child.
Denson, B. E., and one child.	McCleary, R. B., and three children.
Finlay, V. A., and three children.	Ross, E., and three children.
Foreman, E., and two children.	Sligo, O. M., and three children.
Fraser, G. E., and one child.	Snow, M. H., and two children.
Goodall, L. V. M., and six children.	Stowers, F. M.
Gray, E. J., and three children.	Strachan, M. A., and two children.
Griffith, M.	Taylor, M., and two children.
Haigh, J.	Watt, M. E., and two children.
Harper, E., and two children.	Willyams, E. M., and three children.
Harwood, A. V., and three children.	Young, G. O., and two children.
Irwin, P.	

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