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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, 1938. The Revenue Account, Balance-sheet, and statements in connection therewith will be found appended.

The income for the year exceeded the expenditure by £21,863 17s. 3d.

Members' Contributions.—The income under this heading showed an increase of £49,179 11s. 9d. The number of contributors at 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 per cent. increased by 1,164, 77, 36, 24, 18, and 20, while contributors at 3 and 4 per cent. decreased by 99 and 2 respectively. The increase in amount of contributions is due to a large number of appointments to the permanent staff, and increased salary and wages scale.

Contingent Contributors.—During the year 472 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 585, and the amount standing to their credit £8,833 17s. 11d.

Subsidy.—In addition to the sum of £170,000 paid into the fund by the Working Railways Department, a subsidy of £45,000 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 £64,589 0s. 10d., a decrease of £21 16s. 8d. 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, 1938, was 4.315 per cent., and the average rate earned on the mean funds for the year 5.213 per cent., as against 4.415 per cent. and 5.259 per cent. respectively for the previous year.

Life Allowances.—The expenditure on account of life allowances to members amounted to £424,851 0s. 9d., an increase of £4,642 6s. 6d. as compared with the figures for the previous year. Year ended 31st March, 1937, showed an increase under this heading of £639 5s. 7d. The increased expenditure on account of life allowances is mainly due to the actuarial revaluation of the allowances of 108 members who were retired under the provisions of section 14 of the Finance Act, 1931. The additional amount involved by the revaluation is being met by the Working Railways Department. Table A, Statement of Allowances, shows that the average amount of the 126 allowances granted during the year was £171 5s. 10d. and the average amount of 105 allowances discontinued was £157 11s. 11d.

Allowances to Widows and Children.—The expenditure under the heading of allowances to widows and children showed a decrease of £209 12s. 11d. The sum of £12,596 12s. 3d. 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, 1938, there were 2,331 members, 653 widows, and 354 children, making a total of 3,338 persons actually on the fund, involving an annual liability of £440,364 7s. 1d.

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

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.	10 per Cent.	Total.
Contributors at commencement of year	1,341	32	10,338	1,338	211	8	5	..	13,273
New contributors during year	..	..	1,475	127	46	24	18	20	1,710
Total	1,341	32	11,813	1,465	257	32	23	20	14,983
Contributors discontinued during year	99	2	311	50	10	..	..	..	472
Total contributors at 31st March, 1938	1,242	30	11,502	1,415	247	32	23	20	14,511

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	1,238,673	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
1937	1,250,860	10	2	13,863	2	0
1937 (increased allowances, section 27, Statutes Amendment Act, 1936)	..	..	..	3,553	8	0
1938	1,272,724	7	5	24,622	14	0
	£	s.	d.	715,252	7	5
Less members died, &c.	258,433	7	4			
Less liability of Working Railways Account	16,454	13	0			
Annual liability at 31st March, 1938				274,888	0	4
				£440,364	7	1

TABLE D.—STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS.

Funds invested at 31st March.						1938.		1937.	
At	per cent.	..	..	..	..	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
..	3·375	..	..	..	..	25,000	0 0	25,000	0 0
..	3·5	..	..	..	..	143,940	15 2	81,838	2 5
..	4	..	..	..	..	227,145	10 0	227,145	10 0
..	4·125	..	..	..	..	1,725	0 0	..	..
..	4·25	..	..	..	..	317,886	17 6	290,457	10 11
..	4·4	..	..	..	..	335	0 0	335	0 0
..	4·5	..	..	..	..	269,064	8 10	189,255	19 9
..	4·75	..	..	..	..	1,510	18 6	..	..
..	5·0	..	..	..	..	262,873	0 5	382,989	3 11
..	6·0	..	..	..	..	1,796	11 8	1,842	5 0
Cash in hand	..	..	..	..	..	1,708	15 8	35,711	5 4
						1,252,986	17 9	1,234,574	17 4

Average rate of interest on securities held at 31st March	Per Cent.	4·315	Per Cent.	4·415
Average rate of interest earned on the mean funds, including reimbursements made by the Treasury in respect of reduction of interest	Per Cent.	5·213	Per Cent.	5·259

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

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1938.

<i>Receipts.</i>				<i>Payments.</i>			
<i>Dr.</i>		£	s. d.	<i>Cr.</i>		£	s. d.
Balance in hands of Public Trustee on 31st March, 1937 .. ..	..	28,933	15 7	Retiring-allowances paid to members .. ..	..	424,977	4 9
Contributions by staff .. ..	..	179,255	11 6	Allowances to widows and children .. ..	..	28,397	12 3
Contributions by contingent contributors .. ..	..	8,717	17 11	Contributions refunded to members who have left the Service .. ..	..	23,917	2 10
Fines .. ..	..	149	12 6	Contributions refunded to contingent members who have left the Service .. ..	..	1,584	3 9
Working Railways Account—				Rebates of contributions .. ..	..	194	12 4
Subsidy .. ..	..	170,000	0 0	Refund to legal representatives of deceased beneficiaries under section 120 (c) of Government Railways Act, 1926 .. ..	..	1,273	4 3
Increased allowances to annuitants as provided for by Statutes Amendment Act, 1936 .. ..	..	3,211	2 8	Contributions transferred to other funds .. ..	..	427	8 11
Increased allowances to widows and children .. ..	..	12,569	2 8	Travelling-expenses of Board members .. ..	..	72	15 0
Cost-of-living bonus to annuitants .. ..	..	1,594	12 0	Public Trust charges (legal costs) .. ..	..	145	16 0
Subsidies from—				Public Trust commission .. ..	..	1,416	17 7
New Zealand Railways Officers' Institute .. ..	..	14	1 6	Audit Office fee .. ..	..	50	0 0
Railway Tradesmen's Association .. ..	..	17	1 11	Salaries .. ..	..	1,373	12 1
New Zealand Engine-drivers, Firemen, and Cleaners' Association .. ..	..	25	12 9	Postages .. ..	..	154	4 7
Consolidated Fund .. ..	..	45,000	0 0	Printing and stationery .. ..	..	181	18 5
Interest—	£ s. d.			Cost-of-living bonus to annuitants .. ..	..	1,574	6 5
Investments	54,732 2 1			Investments .. ..	..	18,820	5 3
Treasury Department	11,119 0 0			Cost of actuarial investigation of the fund .. ..	..	380	0 0
Rates and fees (recovered) .. ..	..	65,851	2 1	Balance in hands of Public Trustee at 31st March, 1938 .. ..	..	10,966	15 1
Insurance premium (recovered) .. ..	..	385	1 4				
Commission on collection of Government Life Insurance premiums .. ..	..	4	7 11				
Contributions recovered (in Suspense) .. ..	..	46	7 2				
		132	10 0				
		£515,907	19 6			£515,907	19 6

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, ETC.—*continued.*
Balance-sheet as at 31st March, 1938.

	1937-38.			1936-37.			ASSETS.			1937-38.			1936-37.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Investment Account—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
LIABILITIES.							Investments	..	..	1,251,278	2	1						
Accumulated funds as per Revenue Account	1,272,724	7	5	1,250,860	10	2	Cash in hand	..	..	1,708	15	9	1,252,986	17	10	1,234,574	17	4
Casual employees' contingent contributions	8,833	17	11	15,624	8	5	Current Account—						10,966	15	1	28,935	15	7	
Refring and other allowances due (not paid)—							Cash in hand	..	..	..	..	..	15,017	5	10	14,831	13	8
Members	672	1	10	859	18	2	Contributions and fines in transit	..	..	..	..	..	674	3	6	629	7	7
Widows and children	150	5	6	138	3	3	Contributions outstanding	..	..	..	..	..	20,558	1	5	4,225	12	10
Refund of contributions authorized (not paid)	151	0	7	218	1	8	Working Railways—						282	19	0				
Refund of contributions in excess of allowance drawn by beneficiaries (not paid)	208	10	7	..	..	..	On account of increased allowances to annuitants as provided for by Statutes Amendment Act, 1936	..	..	..	..	..	123	19	1	144	4	5
Transfers to other funds authorized (not paid)	..	..	..	18	14	1	On account of cost-of-living bonus	..	..	..	..	..	1,016	2	11	988	13	4
Interest paid in advance	20	11	8	228	4	6	On account of additional allowance to widows and children	..	..	..	..	..	18,947	11	2	19,852	16	2
Public Trust Office	217	6	9	..	..	..	Interest due not paid	..	..	..	..	..	12,839	2	5	12,953	5	4
Reserve for bad and doubtful debts	1,280	5	3	1,006	7	3	Rates and fees paid	..	..	..	..	..	91	18	3	114	5	7
Rebates of contributions (National Expenditure Adjustment Act, 1932)	6,000	0	0	6,000	0	0	Insurance premiums	..	..	..	..	..	21	17	9	27	3	11
Subsidy paid in advance	41,125	19	0	41,941	14	8	Sundry debtors	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sundry creditors													
Contributions paid in advance													
	1,332,626	14	3	1,317,276	2	2							1,332,626	14	3	1,317,276	2	2	

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.—J. H. FOWLER, Controller and Auditor-General.

LIFE ALLOWANCES GRANTED, YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1938.

Name.	Amount.	Name.	Amount.	Name.	Amount.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Aitchison, J. ..	152 5 0	Evitt, G. S. ..	327 15 0	McGee, T. G. ..	256 7 0
Aitken, W. J. ..	196 14 0	Fisher, A. E. ..	181 1 0	McGee, W. L. ..	241 13 0
Amundsen, C. ..	138 12 0	Forster, F. ..	152 1 0	McGillieuddy, J. D.	150 18 0
Armstrong, R. J.	139 4 0	Fraser, W. J. ..	185 9 0	McLaren, J. ..	150 19 0
Arnott, J. ..	138 6 0	Garard, W. F. ..	70 10 0	McLeod, W. ..	254 1 0
Banks, H. E. S. ..	219 7 0	Garlick, P. ..	277 18 0	McWha, D. M. ..	202 3 0
Barnes, P. J. ..	283 18 0	Garthwaite, F. ..	112 0 0	Newlands, J. ..	138 11 0
Bennett, S. F. ..	210 2 0	Gibbs, J. J. ..	223 7 0	O'Connor, C. ..	158 3 0
Bird, J. ..	138 16 0	Gibson, H. L. ..	509 3 0	O'Connor, J. F. ..	111 12 0
Blair, N. H. ..	147 7 0	Gleeson, J. ..	139 6 0	Onston, W. E. ..	134 14 0
Boswell, C. ..	49 17 0	Hall, W. E. ..	202 13 0	Paget, W. H. ..	121 6 0
Boswell, R. B. ..	102 4 0	Hambleton, J. R.	236 13 0	Palmer, W. S. ..	135 18 0
Brewer, H. R. ..	129 15 0	Hampton, R. ..	134 4 0	Punch, F. W. ..	239 8 0
Brierly, G. P. ..	155 5 0	Hargen, W. ..	80 4 0	Rae, C. A. ..	151 16 0
Brown, A. H. ..	133 7 0	Harper, R. B. ..	130 4 0	Reedy, W. J. ..	155 2 0
Bullock, F. J. ..	97 13 0	Head, H. ..	261 18 0	Rees, W. J. ..	147 14 0
Burd, H. J. ..	328 10 0	Henderson, D. ..	133 13 0	Robson, T. ..	138 2 0
Burke, F. ..	200 12 0	Holland, T. ..	136 2 0	Rose, R. A. ..	224 3 0
Burns, A. ..	176 19 0	Holland, G. P. ..	233 2 0	Ross, T. ..	83 3 0
Cameron, J. H. ..	150 7 0	Horne, T. R. ..	148 13 0	Schwass, F. A. ..	113 4 0
Carr, W. J. ..	158 16 0	Huston, W. T. ..	164 6 0	Scott, J. ..	244 10 0
Caskie, S. ..	188 5 0	Huxtable, A. J. ..	100 13 0	Seeling, W. H. ..	162 4 0
Clark, E. ..	113 19 0	Jenkins, J. ..	183 2 0	Skeen, A. ..	110 15 0
Collins, E. ..	185 9 0	Johnson, R. ..	270 4 0	Snaddon, A. ..	169 2 0
Collins, R. G. ..	120 2 0	Kelly, A. W. ..	66 10 0	Spencer, J. W. ..	147 8 0
Cox, J. ..	212 4 0	Kerr, R. J. L. ..	195 17 0	Starnes, J. ..	168 2 0
Crowley, J. ..	107 6 0	Kinaston, J. M. ..	104 15 0	Stedman, S. R. ..	225 7 0
Crowley, W. ..	234 19 0	King, P. G. ..	274 7 0	Stott, W. H. ..	139 4 0
Daly, T. M. ..	132 7 0	Kutner, H. ..	57 3 0	Stuart, T. ..	210 4 0
Dash, C. E. ..	202 9 0	Langford, J. G. ..	87 17 0	Taylor, J. H. ..	172 18 0
Davidson, R. P. ..	127 1 0	Leahy, L. M. F. ..	149 0 0	Thompson, H. J. ..	241 5 0
Dean, F. J. ..	57 4 0	Littlejohn, A. ..	324 5 0	Villars, E. G. ..	212 5 0
Dell, G. W. ..	72 4 0	Maloney, M. ..	159 0 0	Waller, G. R. A. ..	135 10 0
Dempster, W. ..	134 2 0	Miller, W. P. ..	499 13 0	Washer, M. F. ..	201 10 0
Devling, D. ..	157 15 0	Milne, H. H. ..	108 9 0	Watkins, J. H. ..	99 19 0
Dick, W. J. ..	107 14 0	Milton, A. ..	95 16 0	Watkinson, W. ..	159 11 0
Dickinson, J. H. ..	283 7 0	Moore, R. ..	319 14 0	Williams, J. ..	147 14 0
Doak, G. M. ..	35 12 0	Moore, R. H. T. ..	355 3 0	Wilson, E. J. ..	315 1 0
Dobson, E. G. ..	154 5 0	Morris, A. R. ..	171 7 0	Wilson, J. C. ..	236 13 0
Douglass, S. M. ..	61 16 0	Munro, D. A. ..	299 2 0	Wood, H. ..	136 9 0
Dunsmuire, J. ..	68 15 0	McBride, J. ..	125 7 0	Woodhead, C. T. ..	73 9 0
Dyer, W. ..	157 7 0	McDonald, H. ..	106 8 0	Wright, R. ..	109 5 0

ALLOWANCES TO WIDOWS AND CHILDREN.

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

Angus, J. P., and four children.	Mason, W. E., and three children.
Bailey, M. E. S., and four children.	Matthews, E. M., and two children.
Bailey, M. R., and one child.	Morris, M. J.
Barton, H., and three children.	Mosley, H. H., and two children.
Beaumont, V. A.	Muir, I. K., and one child.
Bishop, M., and eight children.	McCarthy, M. M., and two children.
Boyd, M. J.	McCrossin, E. M., and one child.
Brown, H. M.	McKeowen, E. A., and six children.
Brown, M. A., and one child.	Palmer, H. E., and three children.
Connors, N. N., and five children.	Phillips, M. E., and two children.
Crowley, O. M. E., and one child.	Robertson, I. H., and seven children.
Denny, M., and one child.	Savage, N., and one child.
Gulland, V., and four children.	Seown, E. M.
Hafford, M., and two children.	Silcock, C. A.
Hall, R. J.	Simpson, child of the late G. W.
Hancock, C., and one child.	Spalding, T. E., and two children.
King, child of the late J. B.	Wallace, J.
Kitney, E. T.	Wallace, M. B., and one child.
Lightfoot, A. E. G., and two children.	Wilson, I. M., and two children.

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