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NEW ZEALAND.

GOVERNMENT INSURANCE COMMISSIONER  
(ANNUAL REPORT OF THE).

*Prepared for Presentation to the General Assembly in pursuance of Section 41 of "The Government Insurance and Annuities Act, 1874."*

Government Insurance Office, Wellington, 4th September, 1880.  
I HAVE the honor to report that, although the past financial year has been marked by commercial depression in the colony, the new business of this department has continued to expand beyond expectation, the assurances completed in that time having reached an amount greater than that effected in any former year.

I. NEW BUSINESS.

New proposals were received by the department to the number of 3,032, for a total sum of £1,036,880. Of these proposals, 759 were either declined or otherwise failed of completion. The others, numbering 2,274, became policies assuring £725,254, and yielding a new annual premium income of £23,210 17s. 8d. These figures show an increase of 265 proposals received, and of 203 policies issued, as compared with those received and issued in the immediately preceding year. A descriptive summary of this new business is contained in the following table:—

Class.	No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	Single Premiums.	Annual Premiums.
Assurance ... ..	2,268	£ 724,854	£ s. d. 1,203 5 3	£ s. d. 23,188 15 10
Endowment ... ..	4	400	...	22 1 10
Annuity ... ..	2	£372 1s. per ann.	3,259 11 0	...
Total ... ..	2,274	725,254	4,462 16 3	23,210 17 8
Add Single Premiums ... ..	...	...	...	4,462 16 3
			Total New Premiums ... ..	£27,673 13 11

II. MORTALITY AND CLAIMS.

The number of deaths which occurred among persons assured during the year was 67, representing 78 policies, assuring the sum of £32,500. The death-rate is still, as on former occasions, considerably below the mortality expectation on which the tables are based. In the report issued last year, reference was made to the number of violent and accidental deaths which were included in the claims for that year. A similar percentage of accident distinguishes the experienced mortality for the period under notice, 16 out of the 67 deaths announced being accidental, and 2 others resulting from suicide. As usual, the chief cause of these accidents was drowning, 8 of the 16 persons referred to having been accidentally drowned.

## III. POLICIES DISCONTINUED.

The policies discontinued during the year, with the causes of discontinuance, are set forth in the annexed table :—

Mode of Termination.	No. of Policies.	ASSURANCE POLICIES.		No. of Policies.	ENDOWMENT POLICIES.		No. of Policies.	ANNUITY POLICIES.		No. of Policies.	INDUSTRIAL POLICIES.	
		Sum Assured.	Annual Premiums.		Sum Assured.	Annual Premiums.		Amount of Annuity.	Annual Premiums.		Sum Assured.	Annual Premiums.
By death ...	78	£ 32,500	£ s. d. 1,200 11 6	...	£ ...	£ s. d. ...	1	£ 50	£ s. d. ...	1	£ 106 4 0	£ s. d. 3 18 0
„ maturity ...	1	100	12 15 4	2	300	20 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ surrender ...	100	42,340	1,399 8 0	4	500	21 9 6	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ lapse ...	636	191,640	5,700 6 2	13	1,650	109 2 4	...	...	...	2	168 6 0	6 10 0
„ expiry ...	12	8,850	157 12 5	...	...	...	3	300	...	...	...	...
„ reduction ...	...	9,663	282 14 11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ cancellation... 3	3	3,800	92 15 8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ transfer to ordinary branch ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	2,798 14 0	114 12 4
Total decrease	830	288,893	8,846 4 0	19	2,450	150 11 10	4	350	...	28	3,073 4 0	125 0 4

## IV TOTAL BUSINESS.

Since the establishment of the department in 1870 it has issued 15,170 policies, assuring £5,259,029. By lapse, surrender, or death of the assured, 3,463 of these have been discontinued, leaving at the end of the year 11,707 existing policies, representing an assured sum of £4,175,890.

## V ACCOUNTS AND ACCUMULATED FUNDS.

The usual accounts presented with this report show the year's income from all sources (including £247 6s. 10d. in the Industrial Branch) to be £146,452 11s. 3d., being an increase as compared with the previous year of £13,379 16s. 5d. The amount of the accumulated fund of the department at the end of the year (including £722 14s. 6d. standing at the credit of the Industrial Branch) was £460,058 11s. 6d., showing an additional accumulation during the year of £87,403 17s. 1d.

The investigation into the financial condition of the department, and the periodical valuation with a view to a declaration and division of surplus profits, as provided by the Act of Parliament, are now in progress, and two eminent London actuaries, Messrs. Bailey and Hardy, have been appointed by the Governor to make an independent valuation, and to report their opinion as to the surplus profits and the amount for division among policy-holders. This report will, in accordance with the requirements of the Act, be laid before Parliament.

D. M. LUCKIE,  
Commissioner.

## REVENUE ACCOUNT of the GOVERNMENT INSURANCE DEPARTMENT (Ordinary Branch) for the Year ended 30th June, 1880.

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
Amount of funds on 1st July, 1879	...	371,889	16	9	Claims under policies, Assurance	...	32,500	0	0
Renewal premiums Assurance, Annuity, and Endowment	...	109,991	11	7	Endowments matured	...	400	0	0
New premiums on 2,274 policies, assuring £725,254, and yielding an annual revenue of £23,210 17s. 8d.	...	10,621	11	9	Annuities	...	2,212	17	1
Single premiums—Assurance and Endowment	...	1,203	5	3	Surrenders	...	3,975	7	3
Consideration for Annuities granted	...	3,259	11	0	Commission, New	...	£4,994	7	11
Interest	...	21,097	11	4	„ Renewal	...	985	19	10
Fees	...	31	13	6					
							5,980	7	9
					Expenses of Management—				
					Salaries, Head Office	...	5,931	5	3
					„ Branch Offices and Agents	...	1,846	13	4
					„ Extra clerical assistance	...	444	6	0
					Medical fees	...	2,680	13	2
					Travelling expenses, Agents	...	739	18	11
					„ Others	...	218	6	8
					Advertising	...	177	9	11
					Printing and stationery	...	358	16	5
					Rent	...	350	0	0
					Postage	...	475	0	0
					Telegrams	...	94	12	0
					Exchange	...	53	0	0
					Office furniture, depreciation	...	92	0	0
					General expenses	...	128	10	5
					Fee for special audit	...	100	0	0
							13,690	12	1
					Amount of funds on 30th June, 1880	...	459,335	17	0
							£518,095	1	2



