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ACCIDENT INSURANCE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

(ANNUAL REPORT ON THE) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1911.

Laid before Parliament pursuant to Section 22 of the Government Accident Insurance Act, 1908.

Government Insurance Office, Wellington, 18th May, 1912.

I HAVE the honour to submit my report on the business of the Accident Insurance Branch of the Department for the year ended 31st December, 1911, together with the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet.

The premium income amounted to £20,756, as against £21,364 in 1910—a decrease of £608. The small decrease is due to the same causes as those to which I referred in my report of last year, there having been a reduction of over £1,000 in premiums on mining risks. The premium income may now be regarded as having returned to normal conditions, and, in view of the large number of companies competing in New Zealand for the very limited business available, no great expansion in the item can be anticipated in present circumstances.

The income from interest was £2,856, an increase of £312 on that for the previous year.

The claims (including those in course of settlement at the close of the year) amounted to £10,497, a decrease of £2,025. Since commencing business on the 7th June, 1901, the sum of £119,128 has been paid by the Branch in compensation for accidents.

The total expenses (including taxes and commission) were £6,894, as against £6,620 in the previous year.

The Investment Fluctuation Reserve has been increased by £1,000, and now stands at £2,000. The reserve for unearned premiums, being in excess of requirements, has been reduced by £1,000.

The liability of employers has been further increased by the Workers' Compensation Act, 1911, and an equivalent increase has consequently been made in the premiums for that class of business from the 1st March, 1912, the date when the amending Act came into operation.

The investments of the Branch consist exclusively of mortgages on property, which now amount to £59,035. It is satisfactory to note that there is no overdue interest, and that the financial position of the Branch is sound. The funds which have been accumulated during the last triennium amount to £17,251, and it has been decided to carry this amount to the Reserve Fund constituted under section 20 of the Government Accident Insurance Act. It has been the policy of the Department since the inception of the Branch to place its financial position beyond question, and the keenness of the competition which prevails in insurance circles renders a continuance of this policy essential.

J. H. RICHARDSON,
Government Insurance Commissioner.

REVENUE ACCOUNT OF THE ACCIDENT BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1911.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Amount of Accident Funds, 1st January, 1911	11,029	9	0	Claims	10,497	4	6
Premiums	20,756	0	4	Commission	2,625	10	9
Interest	2,856	2	2	Land and income tax	424	12	1
				Salaries	3,017	0	0
				Expenses of management	826	8	7
				Amount of Accident Funds, 31st December, 1911	17,250	15	7
	<u>£34,641</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>£34,641</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>

