The amounts shown in the lists attached to the balance-sheets are those actually disbursed during the year, and do not represent the total annual allowances granted by the Board to the 31st March, 1924, which were,—

Total annual allowances granted ... £249,069 15 5 Since the inauguration of the fund 759 beneficiaries have, however, died, and 17 members who had been placed on the fund as "medically unfit" resumed duty. The fund was relieved of an annual liability of £59,995 16s. 1d. in respect to these 776 members; 606 children have reached the age of fourteen years, 15 children have died, 126 widows remarried, 58 widows died; lessening the liability of the fund by an additional £11,385 per annum. There were 2,226 persons actually on the fund at the 31st March, 1924, involving an annual liability of £177,688 19s. 4d.

J. G. COATES, Chairman of the Government Railways Superannuation Fund Board.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS SUPERANNUATION FUND.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 90, GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS ACT, 1908.

Revenue	Account	for	Year	ended	31st	March.	1924.

Audit fees	. 14,425 . 27,053 of e- . 674 rs 62 . 50 . 33	18 18 6 15 2 6 2 19 0 0 3 15	6 5 10 6 0 1	Income. By Members' contributions Members' contributions on account casual service Fines Subsidies Donations Interest	of	£ 129,555 3,593 431 125,000 5 28,565	1 6 5 0 0	0
income over expenditure for year. To Balance, accumulated funds at 3 March, 1924	£287,150	7 6		By Accumulated funds brought forw on 1st April, 1923 Balance brought down	ard 	£287,150 584,219 87,608 £671,827	2 4	4 2
Ba	lanc e- she £		s a :	31st March, 1924.		£	e	d.
Accumulated funds as per Revent	ie			In hands of Public Trustee		654,546	10	11
Account	671,825 ot	6	6	Contributions and fines in transit Contributions outstanding	• •	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
paid—			_	Contributions due by members in resp	pect			
) 16 L 19		of casual service		´		6 ()
) 6		Treasury, cost-of-living bonus				
Refunds of contributions in excess allowances drawn by deceased ben	e-	i 11	F					
77 6 1		+ 11						
	£673,593	3 11	8			£673,593	11	8

COST-OF-LIVING BONUS ACCOUNT.

Disbursements and Recoveries during the Year ended 31st March, 1924.

To Balance due by Treasury, 31st March, 1923 Disbursements to annuitants	£ 1,481 18,700	6		By Cash received from Treasury Balance due by Treasury, 31st March, 1924	,		7
	£20,181	13	2		£20,181	13	2
			-	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			<u>Frets</u>

J. G. COATES, Chairman of the Government Railways Superannuation Fund Board.

L. Hamann, Chief Accountant, New Zealand Railways.

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.