

1931.
NEW ZEALAND.

STATE FIRE INSURANCE OFFICE.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1930.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to the Provisions of the State Fire Insurance Act, 1908.

State Fire Insurance Office, Wellington, 1st June, 1931.

I HAVE the honour to submit the twenty-sixth annual report of the State Fire Insurance Office, for the year ended 31st December, 1930, with the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet.

The following are the comparative figures for the last three years :—

	1928.	1929.	1930.
	£	£	£
Income—			
Premiums	211,634	217,990	221,909
Other receipts, less land-tax	40,459	41,003	49,508
Profit on realization of investments	794
Outgo—			
Bonus rebate to policyholders	26,421	27,208	27,001
Claims	81,585	75,316	90,001
	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.
Ratio of claims to premium income	38.55	34.55	40.56
Working-expenses (exclusive of income-tax and Fire Board contributions)	£ 49,804	£ 52,194	£ 52,624
Fire Board contributions	7,283	7,709	8,027
Income-tax	9,789	15,746	21,153
	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.
Ratio of working-expenses (exclusive of income-tax and Fire Board contributions) to premium income	23.54	23.94	23.71
Ratio of Fire Board contributions to premium income	3.44	3.54	3.62
Ratio of income-tax to premium income	4.63	7.22	9.53
	£	£	£
Carried to reserve for unearned premiums	1,609	2,542	1,567
Surplus, apportioned as follows :—	£	£	£
Reinsurance Reserve Fund	10,000	10,000	15,000
Bonus Rebate Reserve	1,000	1,000	500
Written off Office premises	3,000	4,000	5,000
Investment Fluctuation Reserve Fund	6,000	6,000
Reserve Fund	61,600	57,276	45,336
Total	£75,600	£78,276	£71,836
Reserves and funds at 31st December	£744,271	£821,090	£889,494

The claim ratio for 1930 was substantially higher than for the previous year, partly due, no doubt, to depressed financial conditions and the uncertain values of all kinds of insurable property.

The State Fire rebate, which was again fixed at 12½ per cent., has been since 1923 the means of conceding directly £181,297 to State Fire policy holders, and indirectly over £2,000,000 to the insuring public generally.

The gross surplus, £71,836, after providing £21,153 for income-tax, must, under the difficult conditions which prevailed during the year, be considered satisfactory, and enables substantial additions to be made to reserve funds necessary to render the Office in times of abnormal losses financially independent of the Consolidated Fund.

J. H. JERRAM, General Manager.