1934. 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, 1934. The Revenue Account, balance-sheet, and statements in connection therewith will be found appended.

The expenditure for the year exceeded the income by £92,449 6s. 5d., an increase of £16,263 6s. 8d. as compared with the previous year. The decrease in the amount received on account of members'

contributions and interest on investments was the principal cause.

Members' Contributions.—The income under this heading showed a decrease of £10,423 19s. 4d. The number of contributors decreased by 307 as follows: At 3 per cent., 52; at 4 per cent., 12; at 5 per cent., 194; at 6 per cent., 43; at 7 per cent., 5; at 8 per cent., 1. The falling-off in membership was due to reductions in staff as a result of the prevailing depression, vacancies in the permanent staff not having been filled.

Contingent Contributors.—During the year 72 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 187, and the amount standing to their credit £8,566 16s. 8d.

Subsidy.—During the year the sum of £170,000 was paid into the fund by the Working Railways Department.

Interest.—The interest earned amounted to £75,220 1s. 4d., a decrease of £7,077 0s. 7d. 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, 1934, was 4.716 per cent.; and the average rate earned on the mean funds for the year 5.75 per cent.; as against 5.098 per cent. and 5.76 per cent. respectively for the previous year.

Life Allowances.—The expenditure on account of life allowances to members amounted to £425,193 4s. 10d., an increase of £1,625 5s. as compared with the figures for the previous year. The increases under this heading were £77,040 18s. 7d. for the year ended 31st March, 1933, and £76,925 9s. 5d. for the year ended 31st March, 1932. Table A, Statement of Allowances, shows that the average amount of the seventy-three allowances granted during the year was £141 13s. 3d., and the average amount of the ninety-seven allowances discontinued was £161 17s. 6d.

Allowances to Widows and Children.—The expenditure under the heading of allowances to widows and children showed an increase of £952 19s. The sum of £13,005 10s. 4d., being £460 5s. 10d. more than the previous year, 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 £80, the amount of bonus granted being sufficient to bring the allowance up to £80, 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, 1934, there were 2,347 members, 606 widows, and 398 children, making a total of 3,351 persons actually on the fund, involving an annual liability of £440,370 11s. 5d.

Investment of the Fund.—As the result of the operation of the New Zealand Government Debt Conversion Act, 1932, the Investment Account has been credited with the sum of £2,446 0s. 6d During the year it was necessary to transfer the sum of £93,263 0s. 7d. from the Investment Account to the current account.

H. H. Sterling, Chairman, Government Railways Superannuation Fund Board.

Table A.—Statement of Allowances for the Year ended 31st March, 1934.

	0 n ,	Attainme	Section 102. ment of Retiring . Length of Service.	Section 102. On Attainment of Retriring Age or for Length of Service.		A	Sectio edically	Section 111. Medically Unfit.		Section	Section 113. Widows.			52	Section 113. Children.	113, 1.			Total	Retiring and Allowances.	Total Retiring and other Allowances.	
		Number.			 	Number.	٠,		1		Annual Amount.	ount.	Z	Number.		Annual Amount.	nount.		Number.			
	М.	F	Total.	Annual Amount.	, z	Ei	Total.	Annual Amount.		ber. at £	at £31 per Annum	nnum.	M.	E.	Total.	at £26 per Annum	unuu.	W.	Ŀ	Total.	Annual Amount.	nount.
Retiring and other allowances— Existing at beginning of year Granted during year	1,906	Η;	1,907	1,907 376,663 19 6 25 4,073 12 0	464		464	£ s. c 52,985 4 6,267 17	d. 58	586 18, 37 1,	£ s. 18,166 0 1,147 0	-i-00	192	30	398	£ : 10,348 1,482	s. d. 0 0 0 0	2,562 100	793 67	3,355	£ 458,163 12,970	s. d. 3 7 9 0
Total Discontinued during year	1,931		1,932 81	1,932 380,737 11 6 81 13,940 15 2	512	::	512 16	59,253 1 1,761 6	0 1 65	623 19, 17	19,313 0 527 0	00	219	236 31	455 57	11,830	0 0	2,662 123	860 48	3,522 171	471,133 17,711	12 7
Existing at end of year	1,850	-	1,851	1 1,851 366,796 16 4	496	:	496	57,491 15	1 6	606 18,786 0) 984	0	193	205	398	10,348 0 0 2,539 812 3,351	0 0	2,539	812	3,351	453,422	11 5
				Particulars of Retiring and other Allowances discontinued during the	of Re	iring	and c	other Allow	nces a	lisconti	panu	durin	g the	Year.								
How discontinued— By death By expiry	8:	::	18 :	13,940 15 2	. 16	::	16	1,761 6		× 5	248 0 279 0	00	26	30	1 56	$\frac{26}{1,456}$	0 0	97	30	106	15,976 1,735	1 0 0
Total	81	:	81	13,940 15 2	16	:	16	1,761 6	0	17	527 0	0	56	31	57	1,482	0 0	123	48	171	17,711	1 2
		Prog	ress of	Progress of Retiring and othe	l othe	r Allo	vance	Allowances since Establishment of the Fund to 31st March, 1934.	ablishn	nent of	the H	pun,	to 31s	t Ma	rch, 1	934.						
Total granted* \uparrow Total discontinued*	$\frac{3,103}{1,253}$	61 H	3,105 1,254	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\left\ \begin{array}{c}797\\301\end{array}\right.$		798 302	82,703 16 25,212 1	3 94 2 34	$\begin{array}{c c} 948 & 26,788 \\ 342 & 8,002 \end{array}$	788 0 002 0	00	859 666	852 1,711 647 1,313	1,711	35,477 25,129	0 0	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	1803 991	6,562 3,211	645,181 191,758	9 5 18 0
Total existing at 31st March, 1934 1,850	1,850	-	1,851	1 1,851 366,796 16 4	496	:	496	57,491 15	1 60	606 18,	18,786 0	0	193	202	398	10,348	0 0	0 2,539	1	8123,351	453,422	11 5
Less amount receivable from the Working Railways Account on account of increased payments to widows and children	rking Ra	ailways .	Accoun	t on account of	increa	sed ba	yments	s to widows a	nd chile	dren .	:	:	:		:	:	:		:	:	13,052	0 0

* Total allowances granted and discontinued include 200 widows at £18 only, and 693 children at £13 only, exeunt prior to increase of allowances.

† These figures include 134 allowances totalling £15,620 11s. per annum granted under section 14, Finance Act, 1931.

£440,370 11 5

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.	Total
Contributors at commencement of year New contributors during year	1,588	81	8,901 50	1,366	219	13	$egin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 12,172 \\ 51 \end{bmatrix}$
Total Contributors discontinued during year	1,588 52	81 12	8,951 244	1,366 43	219 5	13 1	5 1	12,223 358
Total contributors at 31st March, 1934	1,536	69	8,707	1,323	214	12	4	11,865

					Balance forw	ard.	Allowances granted
					£ s.	d.	\mathfrak{L} s. d.
1903		• •			7,056 11	9	
.904					40,357 17	3	12,010 14 8
905					68,670 7	8	8,519 7 8
906					90,984 11	10	6,348 13 7
.907					110,736 12	3	4,398 14 11
908					126,642 18	11	7,332 7 11
909					157,151 14	9	$6,359\ 11 \ 0$
910	1 *				173,876 1	8	11,828 0 6
.911					207,242 7	11	8,064 11 5
.912					233,457 8	6	7,065 16 4
913					264,455 5	4	8,568 6 6
914					295,469 11	6	$9,865 \ 17 \ 8$
915					346,155 18	2	$11,871 \ 14 \ 3$
916					362,810 4	2	9,662 2 5
917					377,585 2	1	11,733 11 11
918					373,097 12	7	8,386 4 0
919					363,804 4	4	$9,252\ 17\ 8$
920					408,232 10	8	20,341 7 3
.921					464,490 17	0	20,346 8 9
922					543,531 10	8	23,050 2 0
923					584,219 2	4	22,791 1 0
924					671,827 6	6	21,272 4 0
925						11	36,409 14 0
1925 (increa	sed allo	owances t	o widow	s and	,		,
children)							12,246 0 0
$926\dots$					862,139 3	6	23,509 6 0
$927 \dots$					985,828 4	0	28,281 4 0
928					1,111,199 11	2	21,120 12 0
929					1,238,673 11	8	23,006 11 0
930					1,371,918 12	3	27,986 14 0
931					1,488,565 18	3	40,573 13 0
932		• • •			1,454,173 8	4	143,807 12 0
933		• • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		1,333,245 8	1	26,199 19 0
1934		• •		• •	1,240,830 15	8	12,970 9 0
	• •	• •	• •		1,210,000 10		
					£ s.	d.	645,181 9 5
Less member					191,758 18	0	
Less liability	of Wo	rking Rai	lways Ac	count			
on accoun		sed paym	ents to w	idows			
and childs	ren			Serie.	13,052 0	0	
							204,810 18 0

TABLE D.—STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS.

		Funds inves	sted at 31s	st March.			1934.			1933		
							1			<u> </u>		
							£		d.	£	s.	d.
t 3*	per cent.						5,000	0		• .•		
,, 3·5*	,,						2,800	0	-			
,, 4	,,			• •			232,149	16	3			
4.25	,,				• •		148,360	0	0	· · ·		
4.4	,,						5,130	0	. 0			
4.5	,,									5,500	0	(
, 4.6	,,						250	0	0			
, 4.8	,,						27,613	16	11			
, 5.0	,,						806,516	10	7	15,835	0	(
5.125	,,									68,700		(
, 5.2	,,	•					2,630	0	0			
, 5.25	,,									170,025	0	(
5.291	,,, ,,									67,000	10	(
, 5.5										121,130		(
5.75	,,	•••				• •				250	0	(
, 6.0	,,,		• • •				3,334	0	0	873,129	19	
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ash in h	and	• •	• •	•	• •	•••	5,999	3	1	722		
II III II	wiid	••	• •	••	• •	• • •	3,000			. 22	10	
							$\cdot 1,239,783$	6	10	1,328,933	3	(

^{*} Under Court orders.

 $[\]dagger$ Subject to reduction under National Expenditure Adjustment Act, 1932.

					Per Cent.	Per Cent.
Average rate of interest on secu	irities l	ield at 31	st March		$4 \cdot 716$	5.098
Average rate of interest earned						and the
reimbursements made by t	he Trea	sury in re	spect of r	educ-		
tion of interest		•••	•••		$5 \cdot 75$	$5 \cdot 76$

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

1934.
March,
31st
ended
Year
the
for
Account
Revenue

GOTHINAMAAN	1000		TANOMA	1089_84	1089_88
EAFENDITUEE.	1938-34.	1932-33.	INCOME.	1800-04.	T997-99.
	ж 8.	£ 8. d.		σž	\mathcal{E} 8. d .
To Retiring-allowances to members	425,193 4 10	423,567 19 10	By Members' contributions	133,560 5 5	4
Allowances to widows and children	4	õ	Fines	127, 12 6	124 15 0
Refund of total contributions	24,539 1 7		Subsidies		
Refund of contributions in excess of allowances drawn by	529 1 4	~	Working Railways	170,000 0 0	0
deceased beneficiaries	-		Working Railways, on account of increased allowances		12,545 4 6
Refund of casual service contributions	19 19 7	0	to widows and children		
Transfers to other funds		756 8 10	New Zealand Railway Officers' Institute, on account	19 1 10	17 14 2
Interest remitted	•	0 01 19	Richard Hampton		
Reserve for bad and doubtful debts	4,556 0 0	$2,204\ 11\ 2$	New Zealand Railway Tradesmen's Association, on	25 9 1	21 12 11
Administration charges—			account Samuel Ingram		
Travelling-expenses of Board members	77 1 0	100 1 6.	New Zealand Engine-drivers, Firemen, and Cleaners'	29 10 5	:
Public Trust Office commission	1,606 19 3	1,837 15 10	Association, on account T. H. Stephenson		
Public Trust charges (legal costs)	72 7 10	:	Interest— £ s. d.		
Audit Office fee	50 0 0	50 0 0	Investments $\dots \dots 01,490 1 4$		
Salaries	1.069 2 0	1,075 19 1	partment		
Postages	149 4 4				82.297 III
Printing and stationery	44 3 3	9	Premium on inscribed stock converted	2,446 0 6	:
			Commission on Government Life Insurance collections	4	47 10 5
			Balance carried down, being excess of expenditure over	92.449 6 5	6 61 982 19
			income for the year		
	486,930 2 7	485,224 3 5		486,930 2 7	485,224 . 3 5
To Balance brought down	92,449 6 5		ward on 1st April	1,333,245 8 1	1,454,173 8 4
Amounts previously written on now claimed: Kerund of	:	e arer	Amounts unclaimed written ou—		9 V 846
Contributions			Definite of contributions	11 01 06	H to
Kebates of contributions in respect of previous years	•	8 01 110,64	Ketiring-allowances	20 19 11 5 14 1	7 0 0
Balance, accumulated funds as at 31st March	1,240,830 15 8	1,333,245 8 1	•	4 4 5	•
		77			77 27 027 727 7
	1,333,280 2 1	1 1,454,456 17 11		1,333,280 2 1	1,454,456 I7 11
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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, ETC.—continued.

Balance-sheet as at 31st March, 1934.

1932–33.	28,933 3 0 3,353 14 5 10,527 10 1 3,398 0 2 63 7 2 63 7 2 63 7 2 13,885 19 6 150 9 3 150 9 3	73,403 6 11
1933–34.	£ s. d. <i>£</i> 239,783 6 10 1,328,933 5,717 10 1 3,353 10,353 1 8 10,527 588 19 10 3,398 63 14 4 63 1,016 14 8 31,456 13,657 7 10 13,885 22 6 9 150 22 6 9 150	$1,305,400\ 11\ 11\ 1,393,403$
1933	£ 1,239,783 5,717 10,353 2,597 63 1,016 31,308 13,657 2,29 2,29	1,305,40
ASSETS.	Investment Account— Lash in hand Cash in hand Contributions and fines in transit Contributions due by members in respect of casual service Working Railways— On account of cost-of-living bonus On account of additional allowance to widows and children Interest due, not paid Interest accrued but not due Interest accrued but not due	
1932–33.	1,333,245 8 1 6,847 0 1 69,847 0 1 1699 5 9 1699 10 4 17 16 2 326 0 6 1,471 17 4 5,000 0 0 45,011 10 8	11 0 602,666,1 11 11
1933–84.	1,240,830 15 8 8,566 16 8 8,566 16 8 8 150 19 5 150 19 5 18 3 8 17 14 3 4,068 4 9 12 2 4,068 4 9 6,500 0 0 43,968 7 0	1,505,400 11 11
LIABILITIES.	Accumulated funds as per Revenue Account Casual employees' contingent contributions Retiring and other allowances due (not paid)— Nembers Widows and children Transfers to contributions authorized (not paid) Interest paid in advance Public Trust Office Rebates of contributions (National Expenditure Adjustment Act. 1932) Contributions paid in advance	

Statements of Accounts, etc.—continued.

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1934.

Receipts.		Payments,	
Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	\mathfrak{L} s. d.
To Balance in hands of Public Trustee on 31st		By Retiring-allowances paid to members	425,317 1 0
March, 1933	3,353 14 5	Allowances to widows and children	28,971 4 8
Contributions by staff	301 313 35 1	Contributions refunded to members who have	
Contributions by contingent contributors	1,712 12 5	left the service	24,012 19 6
Fines	128 7 6	Contributions refunded to contingent members	
Receipts from Working Railways Account—		who have left the service	$1,120\ 14\ 1$
	170,000 0 0	Rebates of contributions	391 18 4
Increased allowances to widows and children		Payment to legal representatives of deceased	
Cost-of-living bonus to annuitants	764 10 8	beneficiaries under section 120 (c) of Govern-	
Payment of subsidy from the New Zealand		ment Railways Act, 1926	529 1 4
Railway Officers' Institute on account of		Contributions transferred to other funds	$43\ 15\ 6$
Richard Hampton	19 1 10	Travelling-expenses of Board members	$77 \ 1 \ 0$
Payment of subsidy from the New Zealand		Public Trust charges (legal costs)	72 7 10
Railway Tradesmen's Association on account		Public Trust commission	$1,577\ 15 9$
of Samuel Ingram	25 8 11	Rates and fees paid on account of mortgagors	
Interest— £ s. d.		(recoverable)	317 18 0
Investments 60,080 15 7		Audit Office charges	50 0 0
Treasury Department 13,730 0 0		Insurance premiums (recoverable)	7 2 4
	73,810 15 7	Salaries	1,069 2 0
Investments	93,263 0 7	Postages	149 4 4
Commission on collection of Government		Printing and stationery	$44 \ 3 \ 3$
Life Insurance premiums	47 4 9	Payment to annuitants by way of cost-of-	
1.		living bonus	764 17 10
		Balance in hands of Public Trustee at 31st	
•		March, 1934	$5,717\ 10\ 1$
	£490,233 16 10		£490,233 16 10

H. VALENTINE, Chief Accountant, New Zealand Railways.

H. H. Sterling, Chairman of the Government Railways Superannuation Fund Board.

I hereby certify that the Statements 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.

Life Allowances granted, Year ended 31st March, 1934.

	LIFE INDIONA	HOED GIVENTED, EI	32.8.0.	11352 0404			
Name.	Amount.	Name.		Amount.	Name.	Amoun	
	\mathfrak{L} s. d.			£ s. d.			d.
Adam, L. B	132 9 0	Eccles, S		111 - 1 = 0	McDonald, G.	110 15	0
Adams, P. H.	143 19 0	Estall, B. E		94 15 0	McKellar, P. A.	194 6	0
Allen, J. J.	122 19 0	Fountain, N. C. M.		$111 \ 12 \ 0$	Newcombe, D.	163 8	0
Andersen, B. O.	110 15 0	Gibbs, F. R		118 13 0	Newton, G	132 0	0
Barrar, H. H.	116 19 0	Goonan, H. E.		191 6 0	O'Donnell, E. P.	122 18	0.
Bartosh, E. T. P.	30 15 0	Gosling, H		$104 \ 19 \ 0$	Pepper, D. J	221 17	0
Bennet, A	139 8 0	Govan, D. A.		100 11 0	Petersen, R. F.	60 2	0
Bennett, J. E.	153 0 0	Hall, T	, .	133 2 0	Quealy, M	93 3	0
Berryman, W. E.	106 19 0	Hand, P		69 16 0	Rodie, D	566 13	0
Bradley, M	111 0 0	Harris, W. B.		154 17 0	Sayer, E. A	120 11	0
Burgess, E. E.	114 16 0	Harrison, P. B.		41 6 0	Sentch, G. L.	., 223 3	0
Burke, W	157 15 0	Helm, A. W		$189 \ 19 \ 0$	Sherriff, R	113 0	0
Busby, G. H.	107 8 0	Hickey, E. F.		$142 \ 12 \ 0$	Smith, J	135 12	0
Butler, J	197 12 0	Hunter, F. E. S.		68 8 0	Smith, J. L	119 5	0
Carruthers, T. F.	47 3 0	Lambie, A. L.		141 - 0 - 0	Sparks, J	\dots 222 6	0
Christie, A. M. G.	275 4 0	Leigh, J. P		231 18 0	Staunton, D.	129 2	0
Christie, J	136 8 0	Mead, C. W		$124 \ 12 \ 0$	Symons, W. R.	146 2	0
Clay, J. O	96 3 0.	Meager, T.		116 0 0	Taylor, H. B.	191 16	0
Cockburn, J	152 1 0	Michalick, T.		$116 \ 2 \ 0$	Viles, S. S	\dots 160 1	0
Comrie, H. P.	215 13 0	Monro, W		119 9 0	Wakefield, W.	180 11	0
Condon, J.	137 8 0	Morrison, G. F.		$117 \ 9 \ 0$	Wakely, R. R.	156 18	0
Condon, R. P.	138 4 0	Muncaster, F. W.		113 4 0	Webb, C. L	118 14	0
Cox, E. G.	184 3 0	Murray, G. A.		113 1 0	Wilson, C	113 7	0.
Currie, W	160 5 0	McDonald, A.		$125 \ 4 \ 0$	Wright, A. W.	188, 10	0.,
Curry, P.	\dots 97 1 0					10 mg	

ALLOWANCES TO WIDOWS AND CHILDREN.

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

Widows, £. Allen, E. H., and one child.
Allen, M. E., and four children.
Baker, M., and two children.
Bambery, two children of the late A. B.
Bruce, J.
Campbell, M. E., and one child.
Carrell, E. F.
Champion, L. A., and one child.
Christian, I. M., and one child.
Clausen, child of the late C. L.
Crawford, M. R., and four children.
Cummeck, E. J., and two children.
Daly, M. L., and one child.
Fahey, E. E.
Farr, B. M. Z., and two children.
Forde, J. B.
Good, D. P., and one child.
Grant, B. K., and one child.
Herron, child of the late H.
Hilliard, J. J.
Hoddinott, I. G., and three children.

Johansen, C., and one child.
Kay, N., and one child.
McKay, G. A., and two children.
Madden, V. M., and five children.
Mason, K., and one child.
Milligan, M., and two children.
Montgomery, E. E. M., and one child.
Peek, I. W., and five children.
Potroz, M. M.
Quayle, L. J.
Ralph, child of the late F. J.
Riley, J. J.
Seguin, A. M.
Sheehan, J.
Stevenson, child of the late A.
Wadsworth, C., and three children.
White, C. A.
White, K., and two children.
Williams, M. R., and one child.
Wilson, R., and three children.
Wright, E. C.

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