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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.

	Section 102. On Attainment of Retiring Age or for Length of Service.				Section 111. Medically Unfit.				Section 113. Widows.		Section 113. Children.				Total Retiring and other Allowances.														
	Number.		Annual Amount.		Number.		Annual Amount.		Num- ber.	Annual Amount, at £31 per Annum.	Number.		Annual Amount, at £26 per Annum.		Number.		Annual Amount.												
											M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.											
Retiring and other allowances—			£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.									
Existing at beginning of year	1,906	1	1,907	376	663	19	6	464	52,985	4	1	586	18,166	0	0	192	206	398	10,348	0	0	2,562	793	3,355	458,163	3	7		
Granted during year	25	..	25	4,073	12	0	0	48	6,267	17	0	37	1,147	0	0	27	30	57	1,482	0	0	100	67	167	12,970	9	0		
Total	1,931	1	1,932	380,737	11	6	6	512	59,253	1	1	623	19,313	0	0	219	236	455	11,830	0	0	2,662	860	3,522	471,133	12	7		
Discontinued during year	81	..	81	13,940	15	2	2	16	1,761	6	0	17	527	0	0	26	31	57	1,482	0	0	123	48	171	17,711	1	2		
Existing at end of year	1,850	1	1,851	366,796	16	4	4	496	57,491	15	1	606	18,786	0	0	193	205	398	10,348	0	0	2,539	812	3,351	453,422	11	5		
Particulars of Retiring and other Allowances discontinued during the Year.																													
How discontinued—																													
By death	81	..	81	13,940	15	2	2	16	1,761	6	0	8	248	0	0	..	1	1	26	0	0	97	9	106	15,976	1	2		
By expiry	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	279	0	0	26	30	56	1,456	0	0	26	39	65	1,735	0	0
Total	81	..	81	13,940	15	2	2	16	1,761	6	0	17	527	0	0	26	31	57	1,482	0	0	123	48	171	17,711	1	2		
Progress of Retiring and other Allowances since Establishment of the Fund to 31st March, 1934.																													
Total granted*†..	3,103	2	3,105	500,212	13	2	2	797	1	798	82,703	16	3	948	26,788	0	0	859	852	1,711	35,477	0	0	4,759	1803	6,562	645,181	9	5
Total discontinued*	1,253	1	1,254	133,415	16	10	10	301	1	302	25,212	1	2	342	8,002	0	0	666	647	1,313	25,129	0	0	2,220	991	3,211	191,758	18	0
Total existing at 31st March, 1934..	1,850	1	1,851	366,796	16	4	4	496	57,491	15	1	606	18,786	0	0	193	205	398	10,348	0	0	2,539	812	3,351	453,422	11	5		
Less amount receivable from the Working Railways Account on account of increased payments to widows and children																													
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13,052	0	0
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£440,370	11	5

* 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.

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	1,588	81	8,901	1,366	219	13	4	12,172
New contributors during year ..	..	..	50	..	..	..	1	51
Total	1,588	81	8,951	1,366	219	13	5	12,223
Contributors discontinued during year	52	12	244	43	5	1	1	358
Total contributors at 31st March, 1934	1,536	69	8,707	1,323	214	12	4	11,865

TABLE C.—PROGRESS OF THE FUND.

					Balance forward.	Allowances granted.		
					£ s. d.	£	s.	d.
1903 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	7,056 11 9	..	..	..
1904 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	40,357 17 3	12,010	14	8
1905 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	68,670 7 8	8,519	7	8
1906 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	90,984 11 10	6,348	13	7
1907 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	110,736 12 3	4,398	14	11
1908 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	126,642 18 11	7,332	7	11
1909 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	157,151 14 9	6,359	11	0
1910 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	173,876 1 8	11,828	0	6
1911 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	207,242 7 11	8,064	11	5
1912 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	233,457 8 6	7,065	16	4
1913 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	264,455 5 4	8,568	6	6
1914 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	295,469 11 6	9,865	17	8
1915 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	346,155 18 2	11,871	14	3
1916 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	362,810 4 2	9,662	2	5
1917 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	377,585 2 1	11,733	11	11
1918 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	373,097 12 7	8,386	4	0
1919 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	363,804 4 4	9,252	17	8
1920 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	408,232 10 8	20,341	7	3
1921 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	464,490 17 0	20,346	8	9
1922 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	543,531 10 8	23,050	2	0
1923 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	584,219 2 4	22,791	1	0
1924 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	671,827 6 6	21,272	4	0
1925 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	734,112 8 11	36,409	14	0
1925 (increased allowances to widows and children) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	12,246	0	0
1926 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	862,139 3 6	23,509	6	0
1927 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	985,828 4 0	28,281	4	0
1928 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,111,199 11 2	21,120	12	0
1929 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,238,673 11 8	23,006	11	0
1930 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,371,918 12 3	27,986	14	0
1931 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,488,565 18 3	40,573	13	0
1932 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,454,173 8 4	143,807	12	0
1933 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,333,245 8 1	26,199	19	0
1934 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,240,830 15 8	12,970	9	0
					£ s. d.	645,181	9	5
Less members died, &c. .. ..	..	..	..	..	191,758 18 0			
Less liability of Working Railways Account on account increased payments to widows and children .. .. .	..	..	..	..	13,052 0 0			
						204,810	18	0
Annual liability at 31st March, 1934 .. .. .	..	..	..	..		£440,370	11	5

TABLE D.—STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS.

Funds invested at 31st March.							1934.			1933.		
At 3*	per cent.						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
„ 3·5*	„	5,000	0	0	..		
„ 4	„	2,800	0	0	..		
„ 4·25	„	232,149	16	3	..		
„ 4·4	„	148,360	0	0	..		
„ 4·5	„	5,130	0	0	..		
„ 4·6	„			5,500	0	0
„ 4·8	„	250	0	0	..		
„ 5·0	„	27,613	16	11	..		
„ 5·125	„	806,516	10	7	15,835	0	0
„ 5·2	„			68,700	0	0
„ 5·25	„	2,630	0	0	..		
„ 5·291	„			170,025	0	0
„ 5·5	„			67,000	10	0
„ 5·75	„			121,130	0	0
„ 6·0	„			250	0	0
„ 6·5	„	3,334	0	0	873,129	19	11†
Cash in hand			6,640	0	0†
							5,999	3	1	722	13	1
							-1,239,783	6	10	1,328,933	3	0

* Under Court orders.

† Subject to reduction under National Expenditure Adjustment Act, 1932.

	Per Cent.	Per Cent.
Average rate of interest on securities held at 31st March ..	4·716	5·098
Average rate of interest earned on the mean funds, including reimbursements made by the Treasury in respect of reduction of interest	5·75	5·76

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

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

EXPENDITURE.	1932-33.			INCOME.			1933-34.			1932-33.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Retiring-allowances to members	425,193	4	10	423,567	19	10	..	..	..	133,560	5	5
Allowances to widows and children	28,980	4	0	28,027	5	0	..	..	..	127	12	6
Refund of total contributions ..	24,539	1	7	25,836	2	2	..	..	..	170,000	0	0
Refund of contributions in excess of allowances drawn by deceased beneficiaries	529	1	4	1,479	7	5	..	..	..	13,005	10	4
Refund of casual service contributions ..	19	19	7	29	0	4	..	..	..	19	1	10
Transfers to other funds ..	43	13	7	756	8	10	..	..	..	25	9	1
Interest remitted ..	..	..	..	51	10	0	..	..	..	29	10	5
Reserve for bad and doubtful debts	4,536	0	0	2,204	11	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Administration charges—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Travelling-expenses of Board members	77	1	0	100	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Public Trust Office commission	1,606	19	3	1,837	15	10	..	..	..	..	..	..
Public Trust charges (legal costs)	72	7	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Audit Office fee ..	50	0	0	50	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Salaries ..	1,069	2	0	1,075	19	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Postages ..	149	4	4	185	15	9	..	..	..	..	..	..
Printing and stationery ..	44	3	3	22	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
To Balance brought down	486,930	2	7	485,224	3	5	..	..	..	486,930	2	7
Amounts previously written off now claimed : Refund of contributions	92,449	6	5	76,185	19	9	..	..	..	1,333,245	8	1
Rebates of contributions in respect of previous years (National Expenditure Adjustment Act, 1932)	..	..	..	13	19	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Balance, accumulated funds as at 31st March ..	1,240,830	15	8	45,011	10	8	..	..	..	28	19	11
	1,333,280	2	1	1,333,245	8	1	..	..	..	5	14	1
	1,333,280	2	1	1,454,456	17	11	..	..	..	1,333,280	2	1
							..	..	..	1,454,456	17	11

LIFE ALLOWANCES GRANTED, YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1934.

Name.	Amount.	Name.	Amount.	Name.	Amount.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. 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	Senteh, 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. . .	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. . .	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. . .	97 1 0				

ALLOWANCES TO WIDOWS AND CHILDREN.

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

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.
 Cummock, 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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