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NATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND.

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD, FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1939.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to the National Provident Fund Act, 1926, Sections 72 and 74.

PART I.—THE FUND (SECTION 72).

Owing to the exigencies of the times the report this year is confined to the following figures and tables:—

New contributors	 	 	$\frac{1939}{2,997}$	1938. 4,064
Local bodies	 	 	129	124
Total contributors	 	 	28,729	29,439
Annuitants	 	 	935	847
			£	£
Contributions	 	 	299,308	313,900
Interest	 	 	212,627	198,617
Total income	 	 	632,128	653,392
Annuity payments	 	 	82,353	73,691
Other benefits	 	 	188,521	204,254
Total outgo	 	 	273,971	355,721
Funds at end of year	 	 	5,648,415	5,290,258
Rate of interest, per cent.	 	 	£3 18s. 3d.	£3 18s. 2d.

PART II.—STATE SUBSIDY (Section 74).

The amount of subsidy paid by the State for the year was £76,662 1s. 7d.

W. LEE MARTIN, Chairman of the Board.

R. Sinel, Superintendent of the Fund.

Wellington, 1st August, 1940.