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ACCIDENT INSURANCE BRANCH OF THE GOVERN-MENT INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

(ANNUAL REPORT OF THE), FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1906.

Laid before Parliament pursuant to Section 26 of "The Government Accident Insurance Act, 1899."

Government Insurance Office, Wellington, 11th April, 1907.

I HAVE the honour to submit my report on the business of the Accident Insurance Branch of the Department for the year ended 31st December, 1906, together with the appended Revenue Account and Balance-sheet.

The premium income amounted to £20,815, as against £23,970 in 1905. The reduction has been due to the entrance of new competitors in the field of accident insurance, who in their anxiety to secure business have been willing to accept premiums quite incommensurate with the risks run. The Department has done its utmost to conserve its position, but has necessarily suffered some diminution in income through the prevalence of the tactics referred to. The income from interest was £1,114, being an increase of £209 on that of the previous year.

The claims, including provision for those in course of settlement at the end of the year, amounted to £13,720, as against £11,242 in 1905.

The expenses have been reduced from £7,062 to £6,604.

The unearned premium reserve has been maintained at £9,588, being 46 per cent. of the year's premium income.

As indicated in last year's report a general reserve fund for contingencies was constituted during the year, and the whole of the funds brought forward from the previous year, £12,187, placed to its credit. The Accident Funds at the end of 1906 therefore represent the accumulation resulting from the operations of the year, and amount to £1,604.

J. H. RICHARDSON, Government Insurance Commissioner.

REVENUE ACCOUNT of the ACCIDENT BRANCH of the Government Insurance Department for the Year ended 31st December, 1906.

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Amount of .	Accident	Funds,	1st Janu	ıary,				Claims 13,720	9 10
1906		,			12,186	12	1	Commission 2,840	6 2
Premiums					20,814	15	11	Land and income tax 278	78
Interest					1,114	6	6	Salaries 2,725	0 0
11101010								Expenses of management 760 1	5 4
								Transferred to Reserve Fund 12,186 1	2 1
				•				Amount of Accident Funds, 31st Decem-	
								ber, 1906 1,604	3 5
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					£34,115	14	6	£34,115 1	46