Accumulated Funds.—The funds at close of 1918 amounted to £214,019 18s. 2d., and for 1917 £182,645 2s. 5d., showing the very substantial increase of £31,374 15s. 9d

The following summary of the first and second septennial periods in the life of the Office gives a clear and concise indication of the relative progress and success of the two periods:—

					First Seven Years.	Second Seven Years. £
Total net income					 209,095	535,122
Total net losses					 109,320	187,744
Total profits					 12,437	160,551*
Averages per annum :-						
Net income					 29,871	76,446
Net losses					 15,617	26,821
Profits					 1,777	22,936*
Ratio of working	-expens	es to pre	miums (p	er cent.)	 33.20	27.29†
Ratio of losses to					 53.19	37.35

WAR-RISK AND MARINE INSURANCE.

It may be here stated that the Office during the war period administered the War Risk Insurance Act, 1914, and also acted for the Imperial War Risks Office. War-risk insurances, mostly in small amounts, to a total of £1,436,445 were effected on behalf of shippers, at rates considerably below those at which cover could have been obtained locally, and the operations of the State Fire Office no doubt also exercised a restraining influence on the rates charged by the private insurance offices to shippers who did not directly avail themselves of this Office's activities.

The premiums under the New Zealand war-risk scheme amounted to £1,199 7s. 9d., and there were no losses. Both the premiums received on behalf of the Imperial War Risks Office and those received in connection with the local scheme were lodged direct to the credit of the Public Account; therefore none of the figures appear in the State Fire accounts.

In addition to operating the war-risk insurance schemes, the Office during the period of the war also acted in an advisory capacity regarding marine insurance; and on behalf of the Board of Trade, the Imperial Supplies Department, and the Munitions and Supplies Department effected marine insurances on the best available terms to a total of £1,284,167 on wheat, scheelite, foodstuffs, and military supplies of every description.

C. R. C. Robieson,

General Manager.

REVENUE ACCOUNT OF THE STATE FIRE INSURANCE OFFICE FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST DECEMBER, 1918.												
Premiums after deduction of reinsurances Other receipts—Interest, commission, and	£ 90,077	s. 7		Losses by fire (after deduction of reinsur-	£	8.	d.					
				ances)	29,871	13	4					
rent	9,381	11	5	Appropriated to reserve for unearned pre-								
				miums (in addition to £34,128 10s. 10d.		_						
			j	already reserved)	1,902							
				Investments Fluctuation Reserve Fund	1,000	0	0					
				Government taxes	13,792		$\frac{6}{9}$					
				0.1.1.	7,616 $8,889$		-					
				War bonus to staff on salaries under £315	655		10					
				Contributions to Fire Boards under the	000	U	•					
				Fire Brigades Act, 1908	1,818	18	5					
				Expenses of management— £ s. d.	-,		•					
			- 1	Travelling-expenses 859 17 0								
				Printing, stationery, and								
				advertising 1,181 11 5								
				Rent 1,157 2 6								
				Exchange 24 4 6								
				Postages, telegrams, cable-								
				grams, and sundry								
				charges								
			1	Office buildings and equip- ment written off 651 7 3								
				ment written off 651 7 3	5,439	19	Q					
			1	Amount of fire-insurance funds at end of	υ, τυθ	14	G					
				year	28,472	7	5					
				<i>y</i>								
	£99,458	19	4		€99,458	19	4					
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3rd March, 1919.

C. R. C. Robieson, General Manager.

Examined and found correct.—R. J. Collins, Controller and Auditor-General.