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NEW ZEALAND.

PUBLIC SERVICE SUPERANNUATION BOARD

(TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE), WITH ACCOUNTS, FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR
ENDED 31st MARCH, 1929.

Presented to Parliament pursuant to the provisions of the Public Service Superannuation Act, 1927.

REPORT.

THE Board has the honour to submit the following report upon the transactions in connection with the Public Service Superannuation Fund :—

The Revenue Account, balance-sheet, and statements regarding membership and retiring and other allowances will be found appended.

Contributors.—The number of new contributors who joined the scheme during the year, and other particulars, are contained in the following table :—

Rate per Cent. of Contribution as provided by the Act.	Number.			Annual Salary.	Annual Contributions.
	Male.	Female.	Total.		
5	685	224	909	£ s. d. 124,554 8 4	£ s. d. 6,227 14 5
6	54	7	61	17,374 11 8	1,042 9 6
7	32	6	38	11,332 18 4	793 6 1
8	21	2	23	7,656 5 0	612 10 0
9	6	1	7	1,975 0 0	177 15 0
10	1	..	1	270 0 0	27 0 0
Transfer from other funds	7	..	7	1,012 0 0	50 12 0
Totals ..	806	240	1,046	164,175 3 4	8,931 7 0

The following table contains particulars of the public servants who were contributing to the fund on 31st March, 1929 (after allowing for deaths, retirements, and withdrawals), grouped according to their respective rates of contribution :—

Rate per Cent. of Contribution as provided by the Act.	Number.			Annual Salary.	Annual Contributions.
	Male.	Female.	Total.		
5	11,918	1,588	13,506	£ s. d. 3,382,551 8 4	£ s. d. 169,127 11 5
6	1,545	140	1,685	569,132 5 10	34,147 18 9
7	973	102	1,075	362,310 8 4	25,361 14 7
8	583	61	644	217,822 10 0	17,425 16 0
9	200	17	217	72,922 18 4	6,563 1 3
10	48	2	50	17,055 10 10	1,705 11 1
Totals ..	15,267	1,910	17,177	4,621,795 1 8	254,331 13 1

Retiring and other Allowances.—Pensions for £32,035 12s. per annum were granted during the year as follows : For age or length of service, £25,625 14s. to 115 members (103 males and 12 female members) ; for medical unfitness for duty, £2,654 18s. to 28 members ; to widows and children of deceased members, £2,201 per annum to 71 widows, and £1,404 per annum to 54 children.

One contributor belonging to the Police Force, who was retired as medically unfit by reason of injuries received whilst in the execution of his duty, was granted an allowance of £150 per annum under section 61 of the Act.

Under section 114 of the Public Service Superannuation Act, 1927, the statutory allowances to widows and children were increased from £18 to £31 per annum, and from 5s. per week to 10s. per week respectively. The additional expenditure on this account is recovered from the Consolidated Fund.

Those officers who retired during the year and who possessed compensation rights under the Civil Service Act, 1866, would have been entitled to receive the sum of £4,141, the amount of compensation accrued to the date when they joined the Superannuation Fund had they not become participants in the benefits of the fund. The total amount of such compensation for which the fund became liable since the initiation of the scheme is £555,105. To this amount must be added accretions to the date of retirement, approximately £133,500, for which the Consolidated Fund would otherwise have been liable, and the whole may be fairly set against the total subsidies paid to the fund during the past 21 years, amounting to £1,462,500.

Ninety-eight retiring-allowances were discontinued by death, and fifty-five for other causes—viz., five widows remarried, and fifty children reached the age of fourteen.

The annual amount payable at the close of the year was £359,083 17s. 2d., as shown in the statement attached.

<i>Income.</i> —The total income for the year was made up as follows :—						£
Members' ordinary contributions	..	..	..	..	..	253,593
Subsidy, Cook and Samoa Administration	..	..	..	..	..	1,123
Contributions from Government	..	..	..	..	..	100,007
Fines, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	269
Interest	..	..	..	..	..	147,373
Total income for year						<u>£502,365</u>

Outgo.—The pensions paid during the year to contributors who have retired and to dependants of deceased contributors amounted to £351,395 18s. 11d.—viz., £319,862 11s. 4d. to members, and £31,533 7s. 7d. to widows and children.

Refunds of contributions to contributors who have left the Service amounted to £32,675 17s. 7d., while the refunds under section 42 to personal representatives of deceased contributors and annuitants amounted to £11,288 19s. 10d.

One contributor who was retired elected to accept a refund of his contributions under section 34, amounting to £269 10s. 4d., in lieu of a retiring-allowance.

Six contributors were transferred to other funds in accordance with the provisions of section 120, and their contributions, amounting to £515 14s. 8d., were accordingly transferred to such other funds. The salaries of the staff and other office expenses were £2,834 13s. 2d. and £1,485 12s. 6d. respectively. The Public Trustee's commission on interest collected amounted to £3,676 4s. 3d. Medical fees for reports under section 32 amounted to £73 10s. During the year two mortgage securities were realized at a loss of £44 5s. of principal and of £537 17s. 4d., arrears of interest and expenses of realization. The total outgo for the year was £404,876 8s. 3d.

Accumulated Funds.—These amounted at the end of the year to £2,625,943 7s. 4d.

Balance-sheet.—On the 31st March the total assets of the fund, which include provision for the outstanding accounts, amounted to £2,712,707 1s. 10d. The balance-sheet appended gives full particulars as to the liabilities and assets.

Investment of the Fund.—The total investments of the fund at each rate of interest were as follows :—

<i>Inscribed stock :—</i>						£
5 per cent.	..	..	..	..	..	4,500
5¼ per cent.	..	..	..	..	..	336,000
5½ per cent.	..	..	..	..	..	146,350
6 per cent.	..	..	..	..	..	40,000
<i>Debenture securities :—</i>						
4½ per cent.	..	..	..	..	..	15,000
5 per cent.	..	..	..	..	..	32,103
5¼ per cent.	..	..	..	..	..	15,423
6 per cent.	..	..	..	..	..	458,025
6½ per cent.	..	..	..	..	..	5,000
						<u>1,052,401</u>
<i>Mortgage securities :—</i>						
5 per cent.	..	..	..	..	..	2,392
5½ per cent.	..	..	..	..	..	10,701
6 per cent.	..	..	..	..	..	1,475,430
6½ per cent.	..	..	..	..	..	119,696
						<u>1,608,219</u>
Total						<u>£2,660,620</u>

The above total includes £22,205 0s. 2d. invested on Stipendiary Magistrates' Account.

The average rate of interest earned for the financial year on the mean funds was £5 17s. 6d. per cent.

Progress of the Fund.—The following table illustrates the position of matters in relation to the fund since its inception :—

	Year ended 31st December,				Year ended 31st March, 1929.
	1908.	1912.	1916.	1921.	
Total number of contributors	7,235	10,027	13,313	15,782	17,177
Total amount contributed annually ..	£79,831	£109,840	£141,844	£248,020	£254,332
Interest received	£1,295	£16,257	£42,314	£85,312	£147,373
Number of pensions and allowances payable	122	683	1,233	1,949	2,796
Annual value of retiring and other allowances payable	£8,881	£53,385	£88,392	£163,355	£359,084
Total amount of contributions refunded ..	£484	£10,749	£23,391	£51,705	£44,234
Expenses of administration	£890	£1,144	£2,318	£4,615	£8,070
Total amount of accumulated fund ..	£71,481	£423,556	£896,568	£1,716,837	£2,625,943

JAS. B. DONALD, Chairman.

PUBLIC SERVICE SUPERANNUATION FUND.

STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1929.

	Number.			Annual Salary.	Annual Contributions.
	M.	F.	Total.		
Contributors at beginning of the year ..	15,055	1,947	17,002	£ 4,499,045 12 6	£ 249,021 12 3
New contributors entered during the year ..	799	240	1,039	163,163 3 4	8,880 15 0
Contributors transferred from other funds ..	7	..	7	1,012 0 0	50 12 0
Increase by promotion during the year ..	..	..	..	162,631 0 0	8,427 4 9
Totals	15,861	2,187	18,048	4,825,851 15 10	266,380 4 0
Contributions discontinued during the year ..	594	277	871	204,056 14 2	12,048 10 11
Total contributors at end of year	15,267	1,910	17,177	4,621,795 1 8	254,331 13 1

PARTICULARS OF CONTRIBUTIONS DISCONTINUED DURING THE YEAR.

How discontinued.	Number.			Annual Salary.	Annual Contributions.	Amount paid on Retirement.	Retiring-allowance granted
	M.	F.	Total.				
By death before retiring-allowance entered upon (sec. 42)	61	4	65	£ 19,620 6 8	£ 1,210 11 5	£ 10,074 0 2	£ 2,003 0 0
By retirement before retiring age (sec. 37)	400	255	655	121,744 5 0	6,531 9 10	32,675 17 7	..
By retirement (sec. 34)	1	..	1	295 0 0	29 10 0	269 10 4	..
By retirement medically unfit (sec. 32)	23	5	28	7,879 0 0	460 8 2	..	2,654 18 0
By retirement (sec. 61)	1	..	1	310 8 4	15 10 5	..	150 0 0
By retirement at retiring age or for length of service (sec. 26)	103	12	115	48,844 2 6	3,493 3 0	..	25,625 14 0
By transfer to other funds (sec. 120) ..	5	1	6	1,983 0 0	120 5 0	515 14 8	..
By reduction	..	..	..	3,380 11 8	187 13 1	..	..
Totals	594	277	871	204,056 14 2	12,048 10 11	43,535 2 9	30,433 12 0

PROGRESS OF CONTRIBUTORS SINCE DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FUND TO 31ST MARCH, 1929.

	Number.			Annual Salary.	Annual Contributions.
	M.	F.	Total.		
Total entered	30,899	7,309	38,208	£ 8,589,074 3 4	£ 506,196 9 1
Total discontinued	15,632	5,399	21,031	3,967,279 1 8	251,864 16 0
Total existing at 31st March, 1929 ..	15,267	1,910	17,177	4,621,795 1 8	254,331 13 1

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1929.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Amount of fund at beginning of year	2,528,454	5	6	Retiring-allowances—			
Members' contributions—				To members	319,862	11	4
Under section 19 (ordinary) ..	253,520	9	5	To widows and children ..	31,533	7	7
Transferred from other superannuation funds	72	8	6	Contributions returned—			
Interest on arrears of contributions	332	9	9	Under section 37 (left service) ..	32,675	17	7
Government subsidy—				Under section 42	11,288	19	10
Statutory	86,000	0	0	Under section 34	269	10	4
Section 114, Public Service Superannuation Act, 1927 (widows and children)	14,007	8	6	Interest—Section 38, Public Service Superannuation Act, 1927 ..	78	4	8
Interest on investments	147,040	8	1	Contributions to other superannuation funds (section 120)	515	14	8
Fines, &c.	269	5	10	Loss on realization of securities ..	582	2	4
Subsidy, Cook Islands and Samoa ..	1,123	0	0	Expenses—			
	<u>£3,030,819</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>7</u>	Medical fees	73	10	0
				Salaries	2,834	13	2
				Audit fees	50	0	0
				Heating and lighting	9	13	7
				Rent	197	0	0
				Cleaning	54	1	4
				Messenger service	46	0	0
				Public Trustee's charges	3,676	4	3
				Furniture and fittings	13	16	10
				Contingencies	46	17	7
				Printing and stationery	117	3	5
				Typewriters and other machines (upkeep)	6	14	6
				Postages, telegrams, and services ..	174	12	9
				Post and Telegraph charges	769	12	6
				Balance as at 31st March, 1929 ..	<u>2,625,943</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>
					<u>£3,030,819</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>7</u>

BALANCE-SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1929.

<i>Liabilities.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Assets.</i>	£	s.	d.
Superannuation Fund Account—				Amount invested by the Board ..	2,638,415	0	0
Balance due from Revenue Account	2,625,943	7	4	Contributions due in course of trans-			
Add value of office furniture, fittings, and machinery	523	13	3	mission	18,118	1	0
	<u>2,626,467</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>	Interest due and accrued	40,055	8	4
Retiring and other allowances due, in course of payment—				Subsidy—			
To members	3,324	0	4	Cook Islands and Samoa	191	14	8
To widows and children	501	6	4	Section 114, Public Service Superannuation Act, 1927	63	3	11
Refund of contributions due, in course of payment—				Balance in hand, Public Trustee ..	10,880	14	10
Under section 37 (left service) ..	466	14	9	Bank account	4,061	11	3
Under section 42 (death)	476	12	9	Office furniture, fittings, and machinery	523	13	3
Expenses due, in course of payment—				Rates and taxes paid on account of mortgagors (recoverable)	374	8	4
Heating and lighting	1	15	0	Retiring-allowances recoverable (Marine Department)	23	6	3
Printing and stationery	0	11	7				
Post and Telegraph charges	167	12	0				
Public Trustee's charges	1,001	7	8				
Contributions paid in advance or in error	170	8	6				
Unclaimed account (contributors, &c.)	2,061	11	8				
Balance, Government subsidy* ..	64,500	0	0				
Balance, cost-of-living bonus	2	3	4				
Post Office Account	13,565	17	4				
	<u>£2,712,707</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>		<u>£2,712,707</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>

* The Government subsidy is paid in January of each year. Owing to the change in the date of the financial year, to show the true position of the fund it is necessary to state this item as a liability.

SUBSIDIARY ACCOUNT.

Cost-of-living Bonus paid to Annuitants of the Public Service Superannuation Fund on behalf of the Treasury.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Amount disbursed for period 1st April, 1928 to 31st March, 1929 ..	3,659	6	5	By Amount received from the Treasury ..	3,661	9	9
Balance carried forward	2	3	4				
	<u>£3,661</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>		<u>£3,661</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>

STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATES' ACCOUNT.

Revenue Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1929.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Amount of fund, 1st April, 1928 ..	21,509	11	0	Administration expenses ..	63	10	9
Members' contributions, section 63, Public Service Superannuation Act, 1927 ..	1,880	0	0	Retiring-allowances ..	1,630	0	0
Interest on investments ..	1,248	7	7	Contributions returned, section 63, Public Service Superannuation Act, 1927 ..	739	7	8
				Balance as at 31st March, 1929 ..	22,205	0	2
	<u>£24,637</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>£24,637</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>7</u>

Balance-sheet as at 31st March, 1929.

<i>Liabilities.</i>				<i>Assets.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated fund	22,205	0	2	Amount invested	22,205	0	2

WILLIAM M. WRIGHT, Secretary,
R. S. WOGAN, Accountant,
Public Service Superannuation Board.

Wellington, 6th June, 1929.

I hereby certify that the 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.

