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OF THE

GOVERNMENT INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1935.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to the provisions of the Government Life Insurance Act, 1908.

Government Insurance Office, Wellington, 9th April, 1936.

I HAVE the honour to submit the following report upon the transactions of the Department for the year ended 31st December, 1935, and its position at that date. The Revenue Account, Balance-sheet, and Statement of Business are appended.

New Business and Amount of Business in Force.—New business for the year amounted to 5,612 policies, assuring the sum of £2,005,995, the premiums thereon being £47,944 per annum. Fifty-eight annuities were also granted, the purchase-money being £52,266. The total business in force at the end of the year (including immediate, deferred, and contingent annuities for £69,072 per annum) comprises 69,982 policies, bearing an annual premium income of £638,371. The total sum assured is £22,050,276, to which reversionary bonuses amounting to £3,001,016 have been added.

Income.—The total income amounted to £1,120,550, made up as follows: Premium income, £668,946; interest income (net), £399,338; annuity-purchase money, £52,266. The total for the year exceeded that for the previous year by £14,042.

Outgoings.—During the year, 1,531 policies became claims by the death of the policy-holders and by maturity, the payment involved being £491,474. The total amount paid in claims since the inception of the Department amounts to £14,760,779.

Accumulated Funds.—Assurance, Annuity, and Endowment Funds, apart from special reserves of £466,712, now stand at £9,578,673, an increase of £336,909 over the previous year.

Investments.—On the 31st December, 1935, the total assets of the Department amounted to £10,107,731, and were invested as follows:—

Class of Investment.	Percentage of Total Assets.
Mortgages of freehold property	37·8
Government securities, including rural advances bonds	24·9
Local-body debentures	12·4
Loans on policies	12·4
Miscellaneous assets	10·8
Landed and house property	1·7

Investment Fluctuation Reserve.—It was deemed advisable to transfer a further £10,000 to this Reserve Fund, which now stands at £461,712.

Annual Bonus Distribution.—The usual bonus investigation was carried out by the Actuary, and his report, appended hereto, discloses a net surplus of £239,985 (excluding interim bonuses paid during the year) in respect of this year. Of this sum, £217,790 was allotted in the form of compound reversionary bonuses upon the sum assured and existing bonuses, the total reversionary bonuses thus allotted amounting to £350,381.