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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
OF NEW SOUTH WALES

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PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES

REPORT (together with Appendices I to VI)

OF THE

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF NEW SOUTH WALES

FOR 1950

Ordered to be printed, 27 September, 1951

Board of Fire Commissioners of New South Wales,
213 Castlereagh-street, Sydney,
11th April, 1951.

The Hon. Clive R. Evatt, K.C., LL.B., M.L.A.,
Chief Secretary,
Sydney.

Sir,

The Board of Fire Commissioners of New South Wales, pursuant to the provisions of section 19 (2) of the Fire Brigades Act, 1909-1949, presents its report for the year 1950; being the forty-first annual report.

BOARD.

Mr. L. I. Skelton tendered his resignation as a member of the Board as from 17th January. The Board placed on record its appreciation of the valued services rendered by Mr. Skelton since June, 1949, as a representative of the insurance companies. In March Mr. Harold Bourne Watts was elected unopposed to fill the vacancy.

On the 2nd December Mr. H. K. W. Mackenzie was not re-elected as an alderman of the Municipal Council of Orange. By virtue of the provisions of section 10 of the Act, Mr. Mackenzie forthwith ceased to be a member of the Board and an extraordinary vacancy was created. Mr. Mackenzie was elected to the Board on the 20th May, 1941, by the Councils of the Country Municipalities and Shires within the Board's sphere of authority.

FIRE BRIGADES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1949.

The Fire Brigades (Amendment) Act, 1949 (Act No. 16), referred to in the last report which made further provision in relation to the borrowing powers and the fund of the Board, amended section 34 to provide a new basis for the making of the estimates and also altered the proportions of contributions by the Colonial Treasurer, the municipal and shire councils and the insurance companies, came into operation on the 1st January.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE.

For the year 1950 the estimates of expenditure for the various fire districts as shown in Appendix II amounted to £1,075,208, of which the Sydney Fire District was responsible for £879,080 and the one hundred and forty-six other fire districts unitedly £196,128. The estimates for 1951 amount to £1,258,488; the increases in the main being due to the very substantial increase in the basic wage and other factors associated with the rising costs of materials and services generally. The estimate for the Sydney Fire District is £1,027,888, while those for the one hundred and fifty other fire districts total £230,600.

Thirty-three municipal and shire councils contributed in respect of the Sydney Fire District and the percentage of their total contributions for 1950 to that of the assessed annual value of all ratable property therein returned by them in 1949 was 4s. 11½d., as compared with 8s. 9d. for the preceding year. This was due to the altered ratio of contribution introduced by the 1949 amending Act. For 1951 the contributions by the Councils similarly will be equivalent to 5s. 5½d. per £100. The total amount of the assessed annual value furnished in 1950 was £46,967,557, an increase of £2,508,225 compared with the previous year.

One hundred and thirty-seven (137) insurance companies and forty-eight (48) firms contributed to the Board. The contributions in the Sydney Fire District represented 28.12 per cent. of the total of the premiums returned in respect of that district, and from 2.54 per cent. to 44.3 per cent. in other fire districts.

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FIRE DISTRICTS—ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS.

Four new fire districts were established during the year when the provisions of the Fire Brigades Act were applied, by Proclamation, to the Holbrook Urban Area in the Shire of Holbrook (*Government Gazette*, 12th December), the Tumbarumba Town Improvement District in Tumbarumba Shire (*Government Gazette*, 12th December) and to that part of the Municipality of Walcha which comprised the Town of Walcha (*Government Gazette*, 27th October); also, by notification, to a further part of the Shire of Bellingen, embracing the town of Sawtell (*Government Gazette*, 17th November).

The boundaries of the Gosford Fire District were altered and extended to include an additional part of the Shire of Gosford, and those of the Belmont and Toronto Fire Districts likewise to include additional parts of the Shire of Lake Macquarie.

Under the provisions of the Local Government Act the boundaries of the Municipalities of Bega and Kempsey were extended to include parts of adjoining shires and action was taken to re-apply the provisions of the Fire Brigades Act to each municipality as newly constituted. The Municipality of Wellington and the Shires of Cobbora, Gulgong and Macquarie were divided into two areas and constituted the Shires of Gulgong and Wellington; accordingly the Fire Brigades Act was re-applied to such parts of those shires as newly constituted which formerly comprised the Dunedoo, Gulgong and Wellington Fire Districts.

By reason of the foregoing the number of fire districts has increased to 151.

INTERSTATE FIRE BRIGADE CONFERENCE.

An interstate fire brigade conference, at which representatives of the respective fire brigade authorities in all States of the Commonwealth attended, was held in Perth, Western Australia, in April. A number of matters were discussed at

length, which embraced conditions of service generally as applying to the permanent, volunteer and partially-paid brigades, standardization of equipment, fire brigades in monetary relation to the Commonwealth Government, the qualifications for fire brigade officers and import duties on fire fighting appliances. It was agreed that the re-introduction of interstate conferences on a periodical basis would be of great advantage in the light of present-day problems and responsibilities and accordingly a decision was made that the next conference be held in Melbourne in March, 1951.

INCREASE OF STATUTORY LIMIT.

For the establishment and maintenance of new brigades at Holbrook, Sawtell and Tumarumba the consent of the Minister was obtained, in pursuance of section 34 of the Act, to the statutory limit of contribution based on the unimproved capital value of all ratable land in those fire districts, being increased at the special request of the councils concerned.

FIRE STATIONS AND SITES.

The site of the leased fire station at Belmont and the adjoining property were acquired by purchase and cottages at Goulburn and Leeton were purchased for occupation by the resident country inspectors appointed to function in those zones.

The sale of the St. Peters Fire Station to the Marrickville Council was completed. The Annandale Fire Station was sold, while the sale of the Alexandria Fire Station to the Municipal Council of Sydney is proceeding. These premises ceased to be active fire stations following the application of the Board's plan for a re-organisation of the fire service in the Sydney Fire District in September, 1945, and which involved a re-disposition of the permanent staff.

Negotiations have been entered into also for the sale of portion of the vacant land adjoining the Mortdale Fire Station.

A central site at Lake Cargelligo was reserved by the Government for fire brigade purposes, and also additional frontage to the Crown site at Gilgandra. Similar action is sought in respect of sites at Wauchope, Gundagai, and Dunedoo. Negotiations were entered into in respect of a new site at Peakhurst, South Grafton and Wingham.

The closed fire station at Adamstown was allowed to revert to the Crown, it being agreed that the Department of Education would pay £950 in respect of the building.

LEASES.

The lease of the Cardiff Fire Station was renewed for a period of three years, and that of Rydalmere for two years. Negotiations were entered into in respect of the tenancies of the Crookwell, Manilla and Woy Woy Stations and monthly tenancies were arranged in respect of the Cronulla and Northmead stations.

A new building erected at Culcairn by the Shire Council as a fire station has been rented by the Board.

FIRES.

Six thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven (6,997) alarms of fire were recorded in Sydney Fire District, being an increase of 332 compared with the previous year. The total consists of 2,372 false alarms, 52 chimney fires and 4,573 other fires. Of the false alarms mentioned, 700 were malicious, 419 needless and 1,253 accidental; 36 fires were classified as suspicious in origin compared with 24 in 1949.

The most notable fires were:—

- 1st February—"McQuitty House," 67 Regent-street, City. Paul Ungar and Co. Pty. Ltd. Clothing manufacturers and others.
- 30th June—71-75 Regent-street, City. Publicity Press (1938) Pty. Ltd. Printers and publishers.
- 4th September—Abattoir-road, Lilyfield. Department of Railways. Railway bulk store.
- 27th September—No. 5 wharf, off Victoria-road, Glebe Island, Balmain. Maritime Services Board. Wharf shed.
- 17th November—Off John-street, Berry's Bay, North Sydney. Australian Fishing Industries Ltd., T. A. Berry's Bay Boat Yard. Boatbuilding and repair yards.
- 17th November—"Andreas" Building, 97½ Liverpool-street, City. The Hub, Manning Bros. and others.
- 6th December—Off Driver-avenue, City. Royal Agricultural Society of N.S.W. Cotton store.
- 7th December—Mary-street, St. Peters. Taubman's Ltd. Paint manufacturers.
- 25th December—"O'Reilly's Chambers," 327-329 George-street, City. Several occupiers. Offices, etc.

In the Country Fire Districts the number of fire calls totalled 2,616, being an increase of 125 compared with the previous year.

The most notable fires were:—

- 18th March—103 Hunter-street, Newcastle. Lorna Lea Pty. Ltd. Dressmakers and others.
- 18th April—Recreation Reserve, Lithgow. Jeldi Pty. Ltd. Bedspread manufacturers.
- 17th October—Queen-street, Yamba. The Ritz Guest House.
- 1st November—Off Oxley Highway, Wauchope. Veneer Timber Products Pty. Ltd. Veneer manufacturers.

It is recorded with regret that in the year 1950 there was a grave loss of life associated with fire and explosion.

On the 25th January an explosion occurred on the H.M.A.S. "Tarakan" in Sydney Harbour, and three men were killed, five others were fatally injured and a number received injuries necessitating hospital treatment.

At the fire in "Andreas" Building, Liverpool-street, Sydney, on the 17th November, above referred to, two persons were killed and a number taken to hospital, when on the morning following the outbreak of the fire, portions of the upper floors collapsed and crashed through into the basement occupied by Selfridges (A/sia) Ltd.

At the fire in George-street on the 25th December a man was burnt to death.

Loss of life was also associated with fires at Albury, Bankstown, Canley Vale, Cobar, Coolamon, Coonamble, Dubbo, Gladesville, Hornsby, Lithgow, Manly, Punchbowl, Randwick and Yamba.

ACTION AGAINST BOARD—USE OF PRIVATE EQUIPMENT AT FIRE.

During the year an important judgment was given by the Full Court of the Supreme Court of this State concerning the powers of the Board in carrying out its duties under the Act. The case in which this judgment was given arose from the seizure and use by the captain and members of a volunteer fire brigade of two bulldozers for the purpose of preventing the spread of an extensive bush fire within a fire district and to save a number of cottages whose destruction was threatened. The plaintiff sued the Board for £1,000, alleging that while being used under the direction of the volunteer fire captain, one of the bulldozers suffered some damage, and also alleging that apart from any question of damage, he was entitled to payment for the use of and compensation for loss of use of both bulldozers.

In its defence the Board endeavoured to rely on sections 19, 20, 28 and particularly 29 (g) of the Act which provides as follows:—

The Chief Officer or in his absence the superior fire brigade officer present at a fire—

"may take such measures as he thinks proper for the protection and saving of life and property and for the control and extinguishing of a fire."

The Court in its judgment said, *inter alia*:—

"Nowhere in Section 20. . . is there any reference to a power in the Board to commandeer and use private property for the purpose of controlling and extinguishing a fire."

It was not disputed that the use of the bulldozers in the grave circumstances existing at the time showed the resourcefulness of the volunteer captain and that the use of the bulldozers undoubtedly resulted in the saving from damage of at least five cottages.

The Board considered the advisability of appealing to the High Court from the decision of the State Supreme Court and obtained an opinion from senior counsel as to whether such an appeal was justified. Such advice was, however, that having regard, *inter alia*, to the terms of the relative sections of the Act, the judgment of the State Supreme Court appeared to be correct, and that the Board's appropriate course, if it thought fit, was to seek an appropriate amendment of the Act. This course is at present being considered.

ELECTRICAL—FIRE ALARMS.

Four additional street fire alarms of the telephone type were installed at Avalon (2), Hurstville (1) and Lakemba (1), making a total in Sydney and suburbs of 776, and many additional alarms and sprinkler and automatic installations are yet to be provided when line facilities are available and factors beyond the Board's control so permit.

Connected to the various fire stations in that district also are 928 sprinkler installations of various types, 177 thermostatic alarms and 238 private alarms and the number of special alarms is now 89.

In the country fire districts the total number of street telephone alarms is 256. There are also 164 mechanical (call point) alarms and 23 special alarms installed. Thirty-two sprinkler installations are connected to the fire stations at Newcastle, 4 at Albury, 8 at Bathurst, 2 at Broken Hill, 3 at Orange, 1 at Glen Innes, 7 at Goulburn, 1 at Lismore, 4 at Tamworth, 6 at West Maitland, 1 at Wollongong and 2 at Wagga Wagga. There are 3 thermostatic fire alarms connected to the fire station at Broken Hill, 10 at Newcastle and 1 at West Maitland; while 193 private fire alarms are in communication with various country stations. Electric sirens were installed at the following stations:—Blacktown, Camden, Campbelltown, Cessnock, East Maitland, Forster, Holbrook, Homeville, Mullumbimby, Sawtell, Tumbarumba, Walcha and Wallsend.

Fire alarm pillars now provided in the Sydney and Country Fire Districts total 558 and 190 respectively.

Electric bells were connected to the residences of volunteer firemen at Grafton, Maclean, Neutral Bay and Richmond.

The whole of the Board's electrical equipment in stations and on appliances was maintained in good order by the staff of the electrical department.

THEFTS AND DAMAGE.

Interference with street fire alarms and the thefts of parts of instruments still persists, notwithstanding the precautions taken by the Board and Police. This menace is most grave as it endangers life and property in case of fire. The districts in which the depredations occurred were City of Sydney, Alexandria, Arncliffe, Auburn, Balmain, Beecroft, Bondi, Burwood, Campsie, Carlton, Collaroy, Darlinghurst, Dubbo, Glebe, Eastwood, Hurstville, Kogarah, Lidcombe, Marrickville, Matraville, Mortdale, Narrabeen, Newtown, Parramatta, Redfern, Rockdale, Rozelle, St. Peters, Tamworth and Wollongong.

OFFENCES AND CONVICTIONS.

In connection with suspicious fires in Sydney, Newcastle and Lithgow children and youths were apprehended and dealt with by the appropriate courts.

BRIGADE.

The ranks of Senior Executive Officers were reorganized and are now Chief Officer, Assistant Chief Officer, three Deputy Chief Officers and five Executive Officers. These changes were made with a view to providing for additional supervision, improvement in efficiency and to accord a nominal 56-hour week. The appointments and the system of working ensures that there is a minimum of two senior officers available at all hours.

The authorised strength of the Brigade in Sydney and suburbs is now 240 officers; 774 permanent, 321 volunteer and 778 reserve firemen. In the Newcastle Fire District, 18 officers; 39 permanent, 108 volunteer and 60 reserve firemen. In Broken Hill, 3 officers; 10 permanent, 19 volunteer and 14 reserve firemen. In Maitland, 3 officers; 47 volunteer and 30 reserve firemen. In Cessnock, 2 officers; 31 volunteer and 24 reserve firemen. In Lismore, 2 officers; 14 volunteer and 6 reserve firemen. In other fire districts there are 24 officers; 1,499 volunteer and 1,012 reserve firemen. Total strength of the Brigade is thus 292 officers, 823 permanent, 2,039 volunteer and 1,924 reserve firemen.

The patrol system continued to operate with success and promotes efficiency in the Brigade.

The examination syllabuses for the various ranks in the Brigade were revised. That for Senior Firemen was amended to provide that a first class fireman is now eligible to sit for examination after eight years' service whereas previously he had to await the completion of ten years' service.

New hose box posts were established at Collaroy Plateau (Warringah Shire), North Turrumurra (Municipality of Kuring-gai), and Highfield Estate, Charlestown (Lake Macquarie Shire).

In addition the Board approved the establishment of Hose Box Posts at the following centres in Lake Macquarie Shire and action to that end is proceeding—West Cardiff, Arcadia, Balmoral and Wangi Wangi.

The new Brigades established at Macksville and Moama operated under the Act as from the 1st January, and new Brigades were established at Holbrook, Sawtell, Tumbarumba and Walcha to operate with full service as from the 1st January, 1951.

A successful demonstration of fire brigade evolutions on a competitive basis by Volunteer Brigades in the western zone was conducted in Orange in October, and similar local demonstrations were held in the south-western zone of the State. The re-introduction of fire brigade demonstrations on a State wide basis is being encouraged because of the marked improvement in the interest and efficiency of Brigades derived from such Demonstrations.

DEATHS.

With regret the Board records the death of Volunteer Fireman G. J. Hodge (Albury); Captain F. Amourous (Bourke); Captain H. F. Grimmond (Corowa); Captain G. Hay (Condobolin); Captain J. H. Hilder (Cowra); Volunteer Firemen W. Doherty (Goulburn); J. Bonner (Grenfell); R. Griffiths (Hamilton) (joined 13/5/1888); H. J. Halls (Katoomba); G. Burford (Morpeth); F. E. Cullen (Narromine); J. C. Brennan (Port Kembla); H. E. Dalton (Richmond); H. King (Riverstone). Senior Electrical Officer L. N. Ford and R. P. Baker of the Workshops also died during the year.

SUPERANNUATION AND RETIREMENTS.

One thousand, one hundred and ninety-one (1,191) employees contributed under the provisions of the Superannuation Act.

The following members of the Service retired on pension under the provisions of that Act either by reason of age or invalidity:—Motor Inspector A. H. Campbell; Station Officers E. H. Fisher, T. Lusty, F. Macquarie and S. P. Medcalf; Sub-Station Officers W. E. Turner and G. J. Davis; Senior Fireman J. G. Edwards; First Class Firemen H. E. Hooper and A. G. Redden, also J. Barlow, Manager, Bootmaking Section and Miss I. Merry of the Administration Staff.

LONG SERVICE MEDALS AND BARS.

Long Service Medals for 15 years' long service with good conduct on the permanent staff were awarded to Sub-Station Officers H. Clay, D. E. Collins, J. Cranney, J. Ford, F. J. Holley, L. Lonard, J. Nance, J. Ryng, R. Rowntree, K. A. Stubbs, J. Watts, A. Whan and W. J. Young, also Senior Firemen S. Freeman, F. Green, J. McIntyre, H. Neary, R. A. Palmer, A. Richardson, W. J. White and First Class Fireman E. Bull.

A Bar to the Long Service Medal for an additional 15 years service was awarded to Executive Officer L. W. J. Fisher.

VOLUNTEER LONG SERVICE MEDALS AND BARS.

Volunteer Long Service Medals were awarded to Volunteer Fireman T. Wilkins (Belmont); Captain A. J. Thomas and Volunteer Fireman K. Simon (Blackheath); Volunteer Firemen A. J. Simpson (Blacktown); L. Page (Botany); J. Kelly (South Broken Hill); Captain W. J. Arnold and Volunteer Firemen C. R. Simpson, O. J. Simpson and S. A. Swan (Dapto); G. Guy, C. Osborne and A. W. Price (East Maitland); E. Parry (Gosford); S. Ringwood (Juncie); W. O. Farrell (Lismore); E. G. Philip (Maclean); J. C. Lake (Mittagong); Captain R. A. Dille (Morpeth); Captain E. J. Webster (Mudgee); Captain G. A. Priest, and Volunteer Firemen J. S. Cambridge and F. A. White (Nyngan); E. Patmore (Scarborough); W. H. Scott (Wallsend); C. J. James (West Wallsend); D. Warlters (Wauchope); and H. Burden (Yass).

Bars to the Long Service Medal for an additional 15 years Long Service were awarded to E. W. Truer (Bankstown); F. Cook and R. Hayden (Botany); Captain C. Vey (Condobolin); Captain E. J. Hamilton (Cooma); Volunteer Firemen D. McLean (Narrabeen); R. Mitchell (New Lambton); Captain A. T. Bayley and Volunteer Fireman H. C. Cooper (Tenterfield); Captain F. A. Harrison (Wentworthville); and Volunteer Fireman A. E. Watson (West Maitland).

FIRE APPLIANCES.

A new "Merryweather" 120 feet Turntable ladder was received, and after completion of body work and painting, was installed at Headquarters.

A new "Dennis" motor fire engine having a capacity of 400 g.p.m. was completed in the Workshops and installed at Eastwood; one "Mack" Pumping engine was fitted with a modern type body and installed at Headquarters and another reconstructed and fitted with a special body for salvage purposes and placed at Newcastle.

The revision of fire engine body design referred to in last report resulted in the construction of bodies of the transverse seating and internal face-to-face seating types. In the light of experience the latter has received the most favourable comment and is regarded with general favour.

A Garford-Hale motor fire engine was installed at Bellbird in replacement for a hose, reel and fire appliances of increased pumping capacity were provided at Belmont, Coff's Harbour, Gundagai and Kempsey, and exchanges of fire engines effected at Bega, Corowa, Maclean, Narromine, Warren, Yass and Young.

HOSE.

Ten thousand feet of 1 inch, 8,500 feet of 1½ inch, 6,200 feet of 2¼ inch unlined hose and 3,060 feet of 2¼ inch rubber-lined hose were received from England.

RADIO COMMUNICATION.

The operation of the Two-way Radio Tele-communication System with the call sign VL2BF has proved most beneficial in the operation of the Fire Service.

CLOTHING AND BOOT FACTORIES.

The manufacture of uniform clothing and boots in the respective Departments of the Board continued to be satisfactory.

BUILDING INSPECTIONS.

The special staff of Officers and the Officers of the Fire Service made inspections throughout the year of premises under the Height of Buildings Act, Theatres and Public Halls Act, Factories and Shops Act, as well as of Hospitals, Government Institutions, etc.

BUSH FIRES AND BUSH FIRES ACT, 1949.

Proclamations were published proclaiming a Bush Fire Danger Period in respect of the whole of the State excluding areas on the North Coast for the period of September, 1950, to 31st March, 1951.

During the year close liaison was maintained by the Board through a Senior Officer, who is a member, with the Bush Fire Committee constituted under the Bush Fires Act. Regional conferences of Shire Councils and Bush Fire Brigades at Cudal, Oberon, Parkes and Queanbeyan were attended and technical advice given at meetings of Bush Fire Brigades at various centres in the County of Cumberland.

The annual public demonstration was conducted in Martin-place in November in connection with Fire Prevention Week with which the Brigade was actively associated.

The Board recognising the potential hazards arising from abnormal seasonal conditions strengthened the personnel of the Bush Fire Organization so that the instruction and training of Brigade members in suburban and rural areas could be accelerated.

Many routine matters have been attended to on behalf of the Bush Fire Committee and where required the Board's Bush Fire Organization has rendered assistance and given instruction to bush fire brigades authorised by Shire Councils under the Bush Fires Act, 1949.

Particular attention was given to bush fire liable areas on the Blue Mountains where supervision of Council Brigades and regular inspection of fire equipment has been maintained throughout the year. In areas surrounding Sydney and suburbs the Board's Organization supervised auxiliary fire protection in bush fire areas and conducted regular drills and exercises throughout the year.

There are 45 Volunteer and 508 Reserve Firemen attached to the 80 hose box posts, situated in the following districts:—Sydney Metropolitan Area—46; Newcastle District—24; Illawarra District—4; and Blue Mountains District—6.

Field days and exercises have been held by Bush Fire Brigades in the Blue Mountains, Hornsby and Sutherland Districts.

CROWN EMPLOYEES' APPEAL BOARD.

During the year there were six Appeals against decisions of the Board, one of which was withdrawn, and two have not yet been heard. In one of the remaining three the Board's decision was confirmed; in another, the employee concerned who had been dismissed was reinstated, but with loss of pay and rank, and in the other the Appeal Board found that the Board had been justified on the evidence before it in dismissing the employee concerned, but having regard to the additional evidence presented on the appeal, the parties mutually agreed to the employee being reinstated but with loss of pay.

Fire Commissioners L. E. Duff and W. L. Currey were appointed member and alternate member respectively on the Crown Employees' Appeal Board to represent the Board of Fire Commissioners.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

One hundred and thirty-three claims were lodged under the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act with the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales with which the Board again covered its liability.

NEW BY-LAWS.

The draft new by-laws referred to in previous reports after further revision have again been submitted to the Minister.

INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT—RE BASIS OF RATES OF WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES.

In consequence of variations in the weighted average of the Retail Price Index Numbers for the five towns in this State on which the Needs Basic Wage for Government Employees is calculated, the Needs Basic Wage (apart from the increase in consequence of the Basic Wage proceedings in 1950), increased during the year by 14s., i.e., making a total Needs Basic Wage of £7 5s. for these employees. The salaries and wages payable under the Fire Brigades Officers (State) Award, the Fire Brigades Employees (State) Award and the Industrial Agreement with the Federated Clerks Union were increased accordingly.

The Needs Basic Wage for other employees of the Board subject to general State and Federal Awards (other than the Federal Clothing Trades Award) was increased by 14s. during the year, making a total Needs Basic Wage for these employees of £7 6s. Wages payable under the Federal Clothing Trades Award (based on the Index Numbers for the six capital cities of Australia) increased during the year by 12s.

RE BASIC WAGE INCREASE 1950.

As a consequence of the decision of the Commonwealth Arbitration Court, the rates of pay for the employees of the Board subject to State and Federal Awards were increased as from the commencement of the first pay period in December. The rates for Fire Brigade Officers, Firemen and Adult Male Clerks were increased by £1 per week and the rates for other employees of the Board by 19s. per week, with the appropriate increase for females, juniors and apprentices. The total Basic Wage thus became £8 5s. per week.

INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1950.

This act empowered the Industrial Commission to vary the terms of any award or agreement affecting rates of pay of male employees and to review the terms of any award or agreement affecting the rates of pay of female employees to give effect to the alteration in the Basic Wage made by the Judgment of the Commonwealth Arbitration Court on the 12th October, 1950. The increases in pay which resulted are referred to elsewhere.

FIRE BRIGADE EMPLOYEES (STATE) CONCILIATION COMMITTEE.

During the year the term of the Board's representatives on this Committee expired and fresh nominations were submitted. As a result Fire Commissioners L. E. Duff, W. L. Currey and S. Morrison were appointed as Employer's representatives and alternative representative respectively.

NEW SOUTH WALES FIRE BRIGADE SENIOR OFFICERS' UNION.

In 1949 this Union of Senior Officers was granted registration by the Industrial Registrar, and against this registration the Fire Brigades Employees' Union appealed. This Appeal was heard during the year and was dismissed, and the registration of the new Union of Senior Officers confirmed.

FIRE BRIGADE OFFICERS (STATE) AWARD.

Apart from Basic Wage Variations this award continued in operation throughout the year unaltered, but is due to expire in October, 1951.

FIRE BRIGADE EMPLOYEES' (STATE) AWARD.

Apart from Basic Wage Variations this Award continued in operation throughout the year unaltered, but is due to expire in August, 1951.

RESIDENT COUNTRY INSPECTORS.

The reorganization of the system of inspection and instruction of Volunteer Fire Brigades in Country Fire Districts referred to in last report was extended. A further appointment was made in the Riverina District (Zone 6) and arrangements completed for the appointment of a Resident Country Inspector for the South Coast and Southern Tablelands District (Zone 7).

A marked improvement in the discipline and efficiency of the Volunteer Brigades in the two zones implemented last year has been most apparent.

INSPECTIONS.

Inspections of Fire Brigade Stations in Sydney and Suburbs and also the Country were made by the Board and the opportunity taken to present Long Service Medals and Bars to that decoration to members of Volunteer Fire Brigades.

Representatives of Municipal and Shire Councils were met concerning Fire Brigade matters and in special instances conferences took place with a number of Councils in the Country regarding the increased cost of Fire Brigade services and the reorganization of the permanent staff.

LOANS.

One debenture of £2,500 was redeemed by the Australian Mutual Provident Society in respect of the loan of £50,000 of 1937, one debenture of £5,000 and one of £1,000 respectively, in connection with the loans of £100,000 and £20,000 of 1941.

AUDIT.

A satisfactory report of the accounts of the Board was received from the Auditors, Messrs. Robertson, Crane and Gibbons.

CONCLUSION.

The Board, in conclusion, expresses its appreciation of the ready co-operation of the Police Department, the Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage Board, the Maritime Services Board, the Department of Labour and Industry and Social Welfare, the Explosives Department, Department of Road Transport and Tramways, the Valuer-General's Department, the Sydney County Council and the Postmaster-General's Department.

Attention is invited to the report of the Chief Officer of Fire Brigades and other appendices, which furnish additional information.

We have, etc.

T. J. SMITH (President).

W. L. CURREY,	}	Members of the Board of Fire Commissioners of N.S.W.
L. E. DUFF,		
F. A. HARRISON,		
S. MORRISON,		
M. STOLMACK,		
H. B. WATTS,		

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE for Year ended 31st December, 1950.

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AUDITORS' REPORT.

th the books of account relating thereto and have obtained all the information and the Balance Sheet and accompanying Statement of Revenue and Expenditure are in direct view of the affairs of the Board of Fire Commissioners of New South Wales and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books.

ROBERTSON, CRANE AND GIBBONS,
Chartered Accountants (Aust.).

APPENDIX II.

ESTIMATE OF THE AMOUNT PROPOSED TO BE EXPENDED FOR EACH FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 1950.

Pursuant to the "Fire Brigades Act, 1909-1949."

Fire District.	£	s.	d.	Fire District.	£	s.	d.
1. Albury—The Municipality of Albury	2,560	0	0	26. Campbelltown—The Municipality of Campbelltown, as reconstituted, 1st January, 1949. (The part which formerly comprised the Municipality of Campbelltown, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 14th January, 1949)	480	0	0
2. Alstonville—The Town of Alstonville, in Tintenbar Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 12th August, 1927).....	224	0	0	27. Canowindra—The Canowindra Urban Area, in Boree Shire. (<i>Vide Government Gazette</i> , 19th April, 1929)	384	0	0
3. Armidale—The Municipality of Armidale	2,112	0	0	28. Cardiff—The Town of Cardiff and the Village of Young Wallsend, in Lake Macquarie Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 12th October, 1945)	512	0	0
4. Ballina—The Municipality of Ballina	512	0	0	29. Casino—The Municipality of Casino	2,160	0	0
5. Balranald—The Municipality of Balranald ...	320	0	0	30. Cessnock—(1) The Municipality of Cessnock. (2) The Towns of Abernethy, Bellbird, Kearsley, Kitchener, in Kearsley Shire, as reconstituted: <i>Government Gazette</i> , 6th October, 1944. (Being the area described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 5th October, 1923, and the additional parts described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 3rd October, 1924, and 12th October, 1928,	3,776	0	0
6. Barham—The Town Improvement Area of Barham in Wakool Shire (<i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 19th November, 1948)	288	0	0	31. Charlestown—The Townships of Charlestown, Dudley, Gateshead, Kahibah, Whitebridge, in Lake Macquarie Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 12th October, 1945) ...	384	0	0
7. Barraba—The Municipality of Barraba	352	0	0	32. Cobar—The Municipality of Cobar	288	0	0
8. Bathurst—The Municipality of Bathurst	2,432	0	0	33. Coff's Harbour—The Town of Coff's Harbour, in Dorriggo Shire, including Jetty Town. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 24th June, 1949)	480	0	0
9. Bega—The Municipality of Bega	352	0	0	34. Condobolin—The Municipality of Condobolin...	608	0	0
10. Bellingen—The Town of Bellingen, in Bellingen Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 22nd August, 1924).....	448	0	0	35. Coolamon—The Town of Coolamon, in Coolamon Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 18th November, 1927)	256	0	0
11. Belmont—The Townships of Belmont, Blacksmiths, Mark's Point, Pelican Flat, South Belmont, in Lake Macquarie Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 5th October, 1945)	672	0	0	36. Coolah—The Town of Coolah in Coolah Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 4th October, 1946)	352	0	0
12. Berrigan—The Town of Berrigan, in Berrigan Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 26th July, 1946)	320	0	0	37. Cooma—The Municipality of Cooma. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 9th November, 1917)	352	0	0
13. Berry—The Shire of Shoalhaven. (The part which formerly comprised the Municipality of Berry)	288	0	0	38. Coonabarabran—The Town of Coonabarabran, in Coonabarabran Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 18th September, 1936)	256	0	0
14. Blacktown—The Town of Blacktown in Blacktown Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 7th November, 1930)	576	0	0	39. Coonamble—The Municipality of Coonamble...	384	0	0
15. Blayney—The Lyndhurst Shire. (The part proclaimed in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 26th June, 1936, as the Blayney Urban Area, which formerly comprised the Municipality of Blayney, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 13th December, 1935)	256	0	0	40. Cootamundra—The Municipality of Cootamundra	512	0	0
16. Blue Mountains—The Town of Katoomba. (The part which formerly comprised the Municipality of Katoomba.) The Town of Leura. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 13th September, 1946.) The Towns of Blaxland, Bullaburra, Faulconbridge, Glenbrook, Hazelbrook, Lapstone, Lawson, Linden, Springwood, Valley Heights, Warrimoo, Wentworth Falls, Woodford. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 13th September, 1946.) The Town of Blackheath with Medlow (the part which formerly comprised the Municipality of Blackheath, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 16th July, 1948). The Town of Mount Victoria. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 20th October, 1939.) In the Municipality of Blue Mountains, as constituted 1st October, 1947	6,880	0	0	41. Coraki—The Town of Coraki, in Woodburn Shire. (The part which formerly comprised the Municipality of Coraki, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 16th February, 1934)	320	0	0
17. Bombala—The Municipality of Bombala	384	0	0	42. Corowa—The Municipality of Corowa	512	0	0
18. Boolaroo—The Towns of Argenton, Boolaroo, Teralba, Warner's Bay, in Lake Macquarie Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 25th October, 1935)	576	0	0	43. Cowra—The Municipality of Cowra	448	0	0
19. Bourke—The Municipality of Bourke	512	0	0	44. Cronulla—The Town of Cronulla, with Buraneer Bay, Caringbah, Gunnamatta Bay, Port Hacking, Taren Point, etc., in Sutherland Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 28th September, 1945)	4,096	0	0
20. Bowral—The Municipality of Bowral	384	0	0	45. Crookwell—The Crookwell Town Improvement Area, in Crookwell Shire, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 22nd July, 1949	288	0	0
21. Braidwood—The Town of Braidwood in Tallanganda Shire. (The part which formerly comprised the Municipality of Braidwood, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 23rd October, 1936)...	256	0	0	46. Culcairn—The Town of Culcairn in Culcairn Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 31st October, 1947).....	256	0	0
22. Braxton-Greta—The Towns of Braxton, Greta in Kearsley Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 5th September, 1947)...	128	0	0	47. Dapto—The Town of Dapto in the Municipality of Greater Wollongong (as constituted 24th September, 1947). The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 27th September, 1935 ...	256	0	0
23. Broken Hill—The Municipality of Broken Hill	12,384	0	0	48. Deniliquin—The Municipality of Deniliquin ...	672	0	0
24. Cabramatta-Canley Vale—The Municipality of Fairfield as reconstituted, 1st January, 1949. The part which formerly comprised the Municipality of Cabramatta and Canley Vale, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 14th January, 1949)	832	0	0	49. Dorriggo—The Dorriggo Urban Area, in Dorriggo Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 6th February, 1948)	416	0	0
25. Camden—The Municipality of Camden, as reconstituted 1st January, 1949. (The part which formerly comprised the Municipality of Camden, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 14th January, 1949)	352	0	0	50. Dubbo—The Municipality of Dubbo (as reconstituted, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 16th September, 1949)	2,368	0	0
				51. Dunedoo—The Town of Dunedoo in Cobbora Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 18th October, 1946)	288	0	0

APPENDIX II—continued.

Fire District.	£	s.	d.	Fire District.	£	s.	d.
52. Dungog—The Municipality of Dungog	288	0	0	83. Liverpool—The Municipality of Liverpool as reconstituted 1st January, 1949. (The part which formerly comprised the Municipality of Liverpool)	4,000	0	0
53. Finley—The Town of Finley in Berrigan Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 26th July, 1946)	352	0	0	84. Lockhart—The Lockhart Urban Area, in Lockhart Shire. (As proclaimed in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 28th February, 1930)	352	0	0
54. Forbes—The Municipality of Forbes	576	0	0	85. Lower Hunter—The Townships of Beresfield, Hexham, Tarro, Thornton, in Lower Hunter Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 21st September, 1945)	160	0	0
55. Forster—The Town of Forster in Stroud Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 24th September, 1948)	448	0	0	86. Macksville—The Macksville Urban Area, embracing the town of Macksville, in Nambucca Shire	448	0	0
56. Gilgandra—The Gilgandra Urban Area, embracing the Town of Gilgandra, in Gilgandra Shire (as reconstituted, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 9th January, 1942)	320	0	0	87. Maclean—The Municipality of Maclean. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 29th October, 1926)	352	0	0
57. Glen Innes—The Municipality of Glen Innes ...	2,144	0	0	88. Maitland—(1) The Municipality of Maitland, embracing East Maitland, Homeville, Lorn, Morpeth, Rutherford and Tenambit. (2) The Township of Kensington in Lower Hunter Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 6th October, 1944). (3) The Township of East Greta in Kearsley Shire, as reconstituted: <i>Government Gazette</i> , 6th October, 1944. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 6th October, 1944).....	7,232	0	0
58. Gloucester—The Gloucester Urban Area, embracing the Town of Gloucester, in Gloucester Shire (<i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 1st November, 1946)	384	0	0	89. Manilla—The Municipality of Manilla	320	0	0
59. Gosford—The Town of Gosford and additional areas in Gosford Shire (as constituted 1st January, 1947). The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 15th June, 1934	736	0	0	90. Mittagong—The Town of Mittagong and additional areas in Nattai Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 13th October, 1939)	320	0	0
60. Goulburn—The Municipality of Goulburn	2,496	0	0	91. Moama—The Moama Town Improvement Area, in the Municipality of Moama	256	0	0
61. Grafton—The Municipality of Grafton	1,952	0	0	92. Molong—The Municipality of Molong	384	0	0
62. Grenfell—The Municipality of Grenfell	352	0	0	93. Moree—The Municipality of Moree	448	0	0
63. Griffith—The Town of Griffith, and additional areas in Wade Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 22nd July, 1949)	512	0	0	94. Moss Vale—The Town of Moss Vale, in Wingecarribee Shire. (The part which formerly comprised the Municipality of Moss Vale, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 9th June, 1933).....	320	0	0
64. Gulgong—The Town of Gulgong, in Gulgong Shire, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 6th June, 1941. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 1st November, 1940).....	384	0	0	95. Mudgee—The Municipality of Mudgee	480	0	0
65. Gundagai—The Town of Gundagai, in Gundagai Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 21st November, 1930)	384	0	0	96. Mullumbimby—The Municipality of Mullumbimby	384	0	0
66. Gunnedah—The Municipality of Gunnedah.....	320	0	0	97. Murrumburrah—The Municipality of Murrumburrah	352	0	0
67. Guyra—The Town of Guyra, in Guyra Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 31st May, 1929)	224	0	0	98. Murrurundi—The Shire of Murrurundi. (The part which formerly comprised the Municipality of Murrurundi)	256	0	0
68. Hay—The Municipality of Hay	320	0	0	99. Murwillumbah—The Town Improvement Area of Murwillumbah, embracing Murwillumbah, Greenhills, Condong Road, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 22nd July, 1949. In Tweed Shire, as reconstituted 1st January, 1947	544	0	0
69. Henty—The Town of Henty in Culcairn Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 31st October, 1947)	288	0	0	100. Muswellbrook—The Municipality of Muswellbrook	320	0	0
70. Hillston—The Town of Hillston, in Carrathool Shire, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 24th December, 1943. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 2nd October, 1936)	416	0	0	101. Narrabri—(1) The Municipality of Narrabri. (2) The Town of West Narrabri, in Namoi Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 1st November, 1940)	480	0	0
71. Illawarra—The City of Greater Wollongong, embracing Austinmer, Balgownie, Bulli, Clifton, Coledale, Coniston, Corrimal, Fairy Meadow, Fig Tree, Mount Kiera, Mount St. Thomas, Port Kembla, Scarborough, Thirroul, Unanderra, Windang, Wollongong, Wombarra, Woonona. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 26th November, 1948)	9,856	0	0	102. Narrandera—The Municipality of Narrandera...	448	0	0
72. Inverell—The Municipality of Inverell.....	1,728	0	0	103. Narromine—The Municipality of Narromine ...	384	0	0
73. Jerilderie—The Town of Jerilderie in Jerilderie Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 20th October, 1944)	320	0	0	104. Newcastle—The City of Newcastle embracing Adamstown, Broadmeadow, Carrington, Cook's Hill, Hamilton, Honeysuckle, Inglewood, Islington, Lambton, Maryville, Mayfield, Merewether, Newcastle, New Lambton, Plattsburg, Sandgate, Shortlands, Stockton, Tighe's Hill, Wallsend, Waratah, Wickham ...	61,440	0	0
74. Junee—The Municipality of Junee	480	0	0	105. Nowra—The Shire of Shoalhaven. (The part which formerly comprised the Municipality of Nowra)	384	0	0
75. Kempsey—The Municipality of Kempsey	544	0	0	106. Nyngan—The Municipality of Nyngan	320	0	0
76. Kiama—The Municipality of Kiama	384	0	0	107. Orange—The Municipality of Orange (as reconstituted, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 24th December, 1948)	2,144	0	0
77. Kurri Kurri—The Kearsley Shire (as reconstituted: <i>Government Gazette</i> , 6th October, 1944), part of, embracing the Towns of Abermain, Heddon Greta, Kurri Kurri, Neath and Weston, also the Towns of Hebburn, Pelaw Main, Stanford-Merthyr, Spion Kop and Weston, formerly in Tarro Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 19th January, 1945)	1,568	0	0	108. Parkes—The Municipality of Parkes	544	0	0
78. Kyogle—The Kyogle Urban Area, in Kyogle Shire	320	0	0	109. Paxton—The Townships of Crawford, Millfield and Paxton, in Kearsley Shire, as reconstituted; <i>Government Gazette</i> , 6th October, 1944. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 12th October, 1945)	288	0	0
79. Lake Cargelligo—The Lake Cargelligo Urban Area in Lachlan Shire (<i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 3rd September, 1948)	288	0	0	110. Peak Hill—The Town of Peak Hill, in the Municipality of Peak Hill. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 1st November, 1929)	224	0	0
80. Leeton—The Town of Leeton, in Leeton Shire; <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 19th July, 1946. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 1st September, 1939)	800	0	0				
81. Lismore—The Municipality of Lismore	3,296	0	0				
82. Lithgow—The Municipality of Lithgow	3,840	0	0				

APPENDIX II—continued.

Fire District.	£	s.	d.	Fire District.	£	s.	d.
111. Penrith—The Municipality of Penrith, as reconstituted 1st January, 1949. (The part which formerly comprised the Municipality of Penrith, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 14th January, 1949)	608	0	0	127. The Entrance—The Town of The Entrance with North Entrance, Long Jetty, Blue Bay, Toowoona Bay, etc., in Wyong Shire, as constituted 1st January, 1947. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 19th September, 1947)	480	0	0
112. Queanbeyan—The Municipality of Queanbeyan	448	0	0	128. Tocumwal—The Town of Tocumwal, in Berrigan Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 26th July, 1946)	384	0	0
113. Quirindi—The Municipality of Quirindi, as reconstituted, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 25th March, 1948	384	0	0	129. Toronto—The Town of Toronto, in Lake Macquarie Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 22nd August, 1930)	480	0	0
114. Raymond Terrace—(1) The Town of Raymond Terrace in Port Stephens Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 20th September, 1946.) (2) The Township of Millers Forest in Lower Hunter Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 10th October, 1947)	544	0	0	130. Tumut—The Town of Tumut, in Tumut Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 29th June, 1928)	288	0	0
115. Scone—The Municipality of Scone	384	0	0	131. Tweed Heads—The Tweed Heads Urban Area, in Tweed Shire. (<i>Vide Government Gazette</i> , 4th August, 1933)	384	0	0
116. Singleton—(1) The Municipality of Singleton. (2) The Patrick Plains Shire, part of, embracing Combo, Dunolly, Kelso, Redbournberry. (The parts described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 24th September, 1937)	384	0	0	132. Wagga Wagga—The Municipality of Wagga Wagga, as reconstituted, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 5th December, 1947	2,048	0	0
117. South Grafton—The Municipality of South Grafton	384	0	0	133. Walgett—The Town of Walgett, in Walgett Shire	224	0	0
118. St. Mary's—(1) The Town of St. Mary's and that part of the Factory Area in the Municipality of Penrith, as reconstituted, 1st January, 1949. (The part, formerly in the Municipality of St. Mary's, which was described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 25th October, 1946.) (2) Part of St. Mary's Factory Area, in Blacktown Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 25th October, 1946)	672	0	0	134. Warren—The Town of Warren, in the Municipality of Warren. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 17th April, 1930)	256	0	0
119. Sutherland—The Town of Sutherland, with Como, Gympie Bay, Janalli, Miranda, Woronora, etc., in Sutherland Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 8th November, 1946)	960	0	0	135. Warringah—The Warringah Shire, part of, embracing Avalon, Bilgola, Clareville, Newport, Palm Beach, Taylor's Point, and Whale Beach. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 8th November, 1940)	1,184	0	0
120. Swansea—The Township of Swansea in Lake Macquarie Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 6th November, 1936)	384	0	0	136. Wauchope—The Wauchope Urban Area, in Hastings Shire, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 29th October, 1948	448	0	0
121. Sydney—The Municipalities and Shires, as reconstituted 1st January, 1949, by the Local Government (Areas) Act, 1948. (1) City of Sydney, (2) Ashfield, (3) Auburn, (4) Bankstown, (5) Botany, (6) Burwood, (7) Canterbury, (8) Concord, (9) Drummoyne, (10) Fairfield. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 2nd May, 1936), (11) Holroyd, (12) Hunters Hill, (13) Hurstville, (14) Kogarah, (15) Kuring-gai (<i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 14th January, 1949), (16) Lane Cove, (17) Leichhardt, (18) Manly, (19) Marrickville, (20) Mosman, (21) North Sydney, (22) Parramatta, (23) Randwick, (24) Rockdale, (25) Ryde, (26) Strathfield, (27) Waverley, (28) Willoughby, (29) Woollahra, (30) Baulkham Hills Shire. (The part embracing Baulkham Hills, Castle Hill, Pennant Hills, and Northmead, described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 20th July, 1945), (31) Blacktown Shire. (The part embracing Toongabbie and Westmead, described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 31st July, 1925), (32) Hornsby Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 31st July, 1936), (33) Warringah Shire. (The part of the Shire from Bantry Bay and Harbord to Mona Vale and Church Point, described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 4th March, 1949)	879,080	0	0	137. Wellington—The Municipality of Wellington ...	416	0	0
122. Tamworth—The Municipality of Tamworth ...	1,920	0	0	138. Wentworth—The Town of Wentworth, in the Municipality of Wentworth. (The part which formerly comprised the Municipality, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 3rd October, 1941)	304	0	0
123. Taree—The Municipality of Taree as reconstituted, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 7th February, 1947	544	0	0	139. Werris Creek—The Town of Werris Creek, in Peel Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 25th August, 1933)	288	0	0
124. Temora—The Municipality of Temora	512	0	0	140. West Wallsend—The Townships of Estellville, Holmesville, West Wallsend in Lake Macquarie Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 8th July, 1932)	352	0	0
125. Tenterfield—The Municipality of Tenterfield...	320	0	0	141. West Wyalong—The Town Improvement Areas of Wyalong and West Wyalong, in Bland Shire. (<i>Vide Government Gazette</i> , 25th September, 1936)	416	0	0
126. Terrigal—The Township of Terrigal in Gosford Shire as constituted 1st January, 1947. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 3rd October, 1947)	320	0	0	142. Windsor—The Towns of (1) Windsor, Richmond in the Municipality of Windsor, as reconstituted, 1st January, 1949. (2) The Townships of Riverstone and Schofields, in Blacktown Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 25th November, 1927, and the additional part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 6th November, 1936)	1,152	0	0
				143. Wingham—The Municipality of Wingham	416	0	0
				144. Woy Woy—The Town of Woy Woy with Blackwall, Booker Bay, Ettalong, Orange Grove, Ocean Beach, etc., in Gosford Shire, as constituted, 1st January, 1947. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 21st September, 1934)	1,088	0	0
				145. Wyong—The Town of Wyong in Wyong Shire, as constituted 1st January, 1947. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 11th September, 1941)	288	0	0
				146. Yass—The Municipality of Yass	416	0	0
				147. Young—The Municipality of Young	640	0	0
					£1,075,208	0	0

One-eighth of the sum set opposite every Fire District indicated herein is to be contributed by the Municipality or Shire, or the Municipalities and Shires, the whole or part of which is included in the Fire District; one-eighth by the Government and three-quarters by Insurance Companies.

APPENDIX III.

Contributions by Municipal and Shire Councils, 1950.

Council.	Contributions.		Council.	Contributions.	
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
1. Albury	320	0 0	62. Gosford Shire, on account of the town of Gosford, etc.	92	0 0
2. Armidale	254	0 0	63. Gosford Shire, on account of the township of Terrigal	40	0 0
3. Ashfield	2,531	2 8	64. Goulburn	312	0 0
4. Auburn	2,195	3 5	65. Grafton	244	0 0
5. Ballina	64	0 0	66. Grafton, South	48	0 0
6. Balranald	40	0 0	67. Greater Wollongong, on account of Austinmer, Balgownie, Bulli, Clifton, Caledale, Coniston, Corrimall, Fairy Meadow, Mount Keira, Mount St. Thomas, Port Kembla, Scarborough, Thairoual, Wollongong, Wombarra and Woonona, etc.	1,232	0 0
7. Bankstown	1,835	0 0	68. Greater Wollongong, on account of the town of Dapto	32	0 0
8. Barraba	41	0 0	69. Grenfell	44	0 0
9. Bathurst	304	0 0	70. Gulgong Shire, on account of the town of Dinedoo	36	0 0
10. Baulkham Hills Shire, portion gazetted 20th July, 1945	338	17 8	71. Gulgong Shire, on account of the town of Gulgong	48	0 0
11. Bega	41	0 0	72. Gundagai Shire, on account of the town of Gundagai	48	0 0
12. Bellingen Shire, on account of the town of Bellingen	53	0 0	73. Gunnedah	40	0 0
13. Berrigan Shire, on account of the town of Berrigan	40	0 0	74. Guyra Shire, on account of the town of Guyra	23	0 0
14. Berrigan Shire, on account of the town of Finley	44	0 0	75. Hastings Shire, on account of the Wauchope Urban Area	56	0 0
15. Berrigan Shire, on account of the town of Tocumwal	48	0 0	76. Hay	40	0 0
16. Bland Shire, on account of the town improvement areas of Wyalong and West Wyalong ..	52	0 0	77. Holroyd Municipality	871	4 5
17. Blacktown Shire, on account of the township of Blacktown	72	0 0	78. Hornsby Shire, portion gazetted 31st July, 1936 ..	1,403	7 9
18. Blacktown Shire, on account of Sydney Fire District	220	8 7	79. Hunter's Hill	567	7 2
19. Blacktown Shire, on account of the townships of Riverstone and Schofields	32	8 3	80. Hurstville	2,032	9 1
20. Blacktown Shire, on account of part of St. Mary's Factory Area; gazetted 25th October, 1946	4	1 9	81. Inverell	216	0 0
21. Blue Mountains, on account of Blackheath, Blaxland, Bullaburra, Faulconbridge, Glenbrook, Hazelbrook, Katoomba, Lapstone, Lawson, Leura, Linden, Mount Victoria, Springwood, Valley Heights, Warrimoo, Westworth Falls, Woodford	860	0 0	82. Jerilderie Shire, portion gazetted 20th October, 1944	40	0 0
22. Bombala	48	0 0	83. Junee	60	0 0
23. Boree Shire, on account of the Canowindra Urban Area	48	0 0	84. Kearsley Shire, on account of the townships of Abernethy, Kearsley, Bellbird and Kitchener ..	103	7 1
24. Botany	1,637	6 7	85. Kearsley Shire, on account of the townships of Kurri Kurri, Weston, Abermain, Haddon-Greta, Neath, etc.	196	0 0
25. Bourke	64	0 0	86. Kearsley Shire, on account of the township of East Greta	8	13 10
26. Bowral	48	0 0	87. Kearsley Shire, on account of the township of Paxton, Crawford and Millfield	33	0 0
27. Broken Hill	1,548	0 0	88. Kearsley Shire, on account of the town of Branxton and Greta	16	0 0
28. Burwood	2,011	5 5	89. Kempsey	68	0 0
29. Camden	41	0 0	90. Kiama	48	0 0
30. Campbelltown	60	0 0	91. Kogarah	2,047	18 9
31. Canterbury	4,936	17 11	92. Ku-ring-gai	2,373	2 10
32. Carrathool Shire, on account of the town of Hillston	52	0 0	93. Kyogle Shire, on account of the Kyogle Urban Area	40	0 0
33. Casino	270	0 0	94. Lachlan Shire, on account of the Lake Cargelligo Urban Area	36	0 0
34. Cessnock	362	12 11	95. Lake Macquarie Shire, on account of the townships of Belmont, South Belmont, Marks Point, etc.	84	0 0
35. Cobar	36	0 0	96. Lake Macquarie Shire, on account of the townships of Boolaroo, Argenton, Teralba and Warner's Bay	72	0 0
36. Concord	1,918	17 3	97. Lake Macquarie Shire, on account of the town of Cardiff	64	0 0
37. Condobolin	76	0 0	98. Lake Macquarie Shire, on account of the townships of Charlestown, Kahibah, etc.	48	0 0
38. Coolah Shire, on account of the town of Coolah	44	0 0	99. Lake Macquarie Shire, on account of the township of Swansea	48	0 0
39. Coolamon Shire, on account of the town of Coolamon	32	0 0	100. Lake Macquarie Shire, on account of the townships of Estellville, Holmesville and West Wallsend	44	0 0
40. Cooma, portion gazetted 9th November, 1917 ..	44	0 0	101. Lake Macquarie Shire, on account of the township of Toronto	60	0 0
41. Coonabarabran Shire, on account of the town of Coonabarabran	32	0 0	102. Lane Cove	1,277	2 5
42. Coonamble	48	0 0	103. Leeton Shire, on account of the town of Leeton ..	100	0 0
43. Cootamundra	64	0 0	104. Leichhardt	3,338	6 0
44. Corowa	64	0 0	105. Lismore	412	0 0
45. Cowra	56	0 0	106. Lithgow	480	0 0
46. Crookwell Shire, on account of the town of Crookwell	36	0 0	107. Liverpool	500	0 0
47. Culcairn Shire, on account of the town of Culcairn	32	0 0	108. Lockhart Shire, on account of the Urban Area of Lockhart	41	0 0
48. Culcairn Shire, on account of the town of Henty ..	36	0 0	109. Lower Hunter Shire, on account of the township of Kensington	31	10 11
49. Deniliquin	84	0 0	110. Lower Hunter Shire, portion gazetted 21st September, 1945 ..	20	0 0
50. Dorrigo Shire, on account of the town of Dorrigo ..	52	0 0	111. Lower Hunter Shire, on account of the township of Millers Forest	27	14 10
51. Dorrigo Shire, on account of the town of Coff's Harbour	60	0 0	112. Lyndhurst Shire, on account of the Blayney Urban Area	32	0 0
52. Drummoyne	2,027	0 10	113. Maclean	14	0 0
53. Dubbo	296	0 0			
54. Dungog	36	0 0			
55. Fairfield, portion gazetted 2nd May, 1930	496	8 8			
56. Fairfield, as re-constituted 1st January, 1943, the part which formerly comprised the Municipality of Cabramatta and Canley Vale ..	104	0 0			
57. Forbes	72	0 0			
58. Gilgandra Shire, on account of the Gilgandra Urban Area	40	0 0			
59. Glen Innes	263	0 0			
60. Gloucester Shire, on account of the Gloucester Urban Area	48	0 0			
61. Gosford Shire, on account of the town of Woy Woy, etc., part gazetted 21st September, 1934 ..	136	0 0			

APPENDIX III—*cont'ued.*

Council.	Contributions.			Council.	Contributions.		
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
114. Maitland, on account of East Maitland, West Maitland, Homeville, Lorn, Morpeth, Rutherford and Tenambit	863	15	3	155. Stroud Shire, on account of the town of Forster	56	0	0
115. Manilla	40	0	0	156. Sutherland Shire, on account of the town of Cronulla, Burraneer Bay, Caringbah, Gunnamatta Bay, Port Hacking, etc.	512	0	0
116. Manly	2,360	6	1	157. Sutherland Shire, on account of the town of Sutherland, Gympsea Bay, Janalli, Miranda, etc.	120	0	0
117. Marrickville	4,583	0	6	158. Sydney, as reconstituted 1st January, 1949 ...	29,446	0	1
118. Mittagong Shire, on account of the town of Mittagong	40	0	0	159. Tallaganda Shire, on account of the town of Braidwood	32	0	0
119. Moama, on account of the town improvement area	32	0	0	160. Tamworth	240	0	0
120. Molong Shire, on account of the town of Molong	48	0	0	161. Taree	68	0	0
121. Moree	56	0	0	162. Temora	64	0	0
122. Mosman	2,103	19	1	163. Tenterfield	40	0	0
123. Mudgee	60	0	0	164. Tintenbar Shire, on account of the township of Alstonville	28	0	0
124. Mullumbimby	43	0	0	165. Tumut Shire, on account of the town of Tumut	36	0	0
125. Murrumburrah	44	0	0	166. Tweed Shire, on account of Tweed Heads Urban Area	48	0	0
126. Murrurundi Shire, on account of former Municipality of Murrurundi	32	0	0	167. Tweed Shire, on account of the town of Murwillumbah and the Green Hills Subdivision, etc. (part gazetted 22nd July, 1949).....	68	0	0
127. Muswellbrook	40	0	0	168. Wade Shire, on account of the town of Griffith, etc.	64	0	0
128. Nambucca Shire, on account of the Macksville Urban Area	56	0	0	169. Wagga Wagga	256	0	0
129. Namoi Shire, on account of the town of West Narrabri	7	17	2	170. Wakool Shire, on account of the town Improvement Area of Barham	36	0	0
130. Narrabri	52	2	10	171. Walgett Shire, on account of the town of Walgett	28	0	0
131. Narrandera	56	0	0	172. Warren, on account of the town of Warren	32	0	0
132. Narromine	48	0	0	173. Warringah Shire, portions gazetted 4th March, 1949	1,485	6	11
133. Newcastle	7,680	0	0	174. Warringah Shire, on account of Avalon, Bilgola, Clareville, Newport, Palm Beach, Taylor's Point and Whale Beach	148	0	0
134. North Sydney	4,169	7	6	175. Waverley	4,579	1	9
135. Nyngan	40	0	0	176. Wellington Shire, on account of the former Municipality of Wellington	52	0	0
136. Orange	268	0	0	177. Wentworth, on account of the town of Wentworth	38	0	0
137. Parkes	68	0	0	178. Willoughby	3,398	14	2
138. Parramatta	3,212	14	4	179. Windsor, as reconstituted 1st January, 1949 ...	111	11	9
139. Patrick Plains Shire, on account of Combo, Dunolly, Kelso and Redbournberry	2	17	9	180. Wingecarribee Shire, on account of the town of Moss Vale	40	0	0
140. Peak Hill, on account of the town of Peak Hill	28	0	0	181. Wingham	52	0	0
141. Peel Shire, on account of the town of Werris Creek	36	0	0	182. Woollahra	5,278	4	2
142. Penrith, as reconstituted 1st January, 1949 ...	76	0	0	183. Woodburn Shire, on account of the town of Coraki	40	0	0
143. Penrith, on account of the town of St. Marys and that portion of the Factory Area in the Municipality as reconstituted 1st January, 1949	79	18	3	184. Wyong Shire, on account of the town of The Entrance, etc.	60	0	0
144. Port Stephens Shire, on account of the town of Raymond Terrace	40	5	2	185. Wyong Shire, on account of the town of Wyong	36	0	0
145. Queanbeyan	56	0	0	186. Yass	52	0	0
146. Quirindi	48	0	0	187. Young	80	0	0
147. Randwick	6,455	3	0				
148. Rockdale	3,980	2	10				
149. Ryde	2,085	8	0				
150. Scone	48	0	0				
151. Shoalhaven, the part which formerly comprised the Municipality of Berry	36	0	0				
152. Shoalhaven Shire, on account of former Municipality of Nowra	48	0	0				
153. Singleton	45	2	3				
154. Strathfield	1,551	4	2				
				Total	£134,401	0	0

APPENDIX IV.

CONTRIBUTORY INSURANCE COMPANIES AND FIRMS.

Insurance Companies.

1. A.C.I. Insurances Pty. Ltd.
2. Ajax Insurance Co. Ltd.
3. Alliance Assurance Co. Ltd.
4. Assurance and Thrift Association Ltd.
5. Atlas Assurance Co. Ltd.
6. Australasian Catholic Assurance Co. Ltd.
7. Australasian Mutual Insurance Society.
8. Australian Alliance Assurance Co.
9. Australian Amicable Assurance Association Ltd.
10. Australian General Insurance Co. Ltd.
11. Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Society Ltd.
12. Australian Provincial Assurance Association Ltd.
13. Automobile Fire & General Insurance Co. of Australia Ltd.
14. Bankers and Traders Insurance Co. Ltd.
15. Batavia Sea and Fire Insurance Co. Ltd.
16. British America Assurance Co.
17. British Crown Assurance Corporation Ltd.
18. British Equitable Assurance Co. Ltd.
19. British and Foreign Marine Insurance Co. Ltd.
20. British General Insurance Co. Ltd.
21. British Traders' Insurance Co. Ltd.
22. Caledonian Insurance Co.
23. Canton Insurance Office Ltd.
24. Catholic Church Prop. Insurance Co. of A'sia Ltd.
25. Central Insurance Co. Ltd.
26. Century Insurance Co. Ltd.
27. Chamber of Manufactures Insurance Ltd.
28. China Underwriters Ltd.
29. Church of England Insurance Co. of Aust. Ltd.
30. City Mutual Fire Insurance Co. Ltd.
31. Colonial Mutual Fire Insurance Co. Ltd.
32. Commercial of Australia Insurance Co. Ltd.
33. Commercial Union Assurance Co. Ltd.
34. Commonwealth General Assurance Corporation Ltd.
35. Commonwealth Insurance Co.
36. Commonwealth Life (Amalgamated) Assurances Ltd.
37. Consolidated Insurances Pty. Ltd.
38. Co-operative Insurance Co. of Australia Ltd.
39. Cornhill Insurance Co. Ltd.
40. Derwent & Tamar Assurance Co. Ltd.
41. Eagle Star Insurance Co. Ltd.
42. Eastern States Insurance Co. Ltd.
43. Economic Insurance Co. Ltd.
44. Edinburgh Assurance Co. Ltd.
45. Empire Insurances Ltd.
46. Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation Ltd.
47. Farmers & Graziers Co-op. G.I. and A. Co. Ltd.
48. Farmers & Settlers' Co-op. Ins. Co. of Australia Ltd.
49. Federal Mutual Insurance Co. of Australia Ltd.
50. Federation Insurance Ltd.
51. General Accident F. and L. Assurance Corporation Ltd.
52. Government Insurance Office of N.S.W.
53. Gresham Fire and Accident Insurance Society Ltd.
54. Guardian Assurance Co. Ltd.
55. Guildhall Insurance Co. Ltd.
56. Hartford Fire Insurance Co.
57. Home Insurance Co.
58. Indemnity Marine Assurance Co. Ltd.
59. Insurance Company of North America.
60. Insurance Office of Australia Ltd.
61. Invincible Fire and General Insurance Co. Ltd.
62. Java Sea and Fire Insurance Co. Ltd.
63. Lancashire Insurance Co.
64. Law Union & Rock Insurance Co. Ltd.
65. Legal & General Assurance Society Ltd.
66. Legal Insurance Co. Ltd.
67. Licenses & General Insurance Co. Ltd.
68. Lift Inspection and Insurance Ltd.
69. Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Co. Ltd.
70. London Assurance.
71. London Guarantee & Accident Co. Ltd.
72. London & Lancashire Insurance Co. Ltd.
73. London & Provincial M. and G. Insurance Co. Ltd.
74. London & Scottish Assurance Corporation Ltd.
75. Manufacturers' Mutual Insurance Ltd.
76. Maritime Insurance Co. Ltd.
77. Master Builders' Insurance Co. Ltd.
78. Medical & Dental Insurance Ltd.
79. Mercantile Mutual Insurance Co. Ltd.
80. Merchants' Marine Insurance Co. Ltd. of London.
81. Motor Traders Insurance Co. Pty. Ltd.
82. National Co-operative Insurance Socy. Ltd.
83. National Employers M.G. Insurance Assn. Ltd.
84. National Insurance Co. of New Zealand Ltd.
85. National Union Insurance Society.
86. New Zealand Insurance Co. Ltd.
87. North British & Mercantile Insurance Co. Ltd.
88. Northern Assurance Co. Ltd.
89. Northern Maritime Insurance Co. Ltd.
90. Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society Ltd.
91. Nottingham Insurance Company Pty. Ltd.
92. Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corporation Ltd.
93. Orion Insurance Co. Ltd.
94. Pacific Insurance Co. Ltd.
95. Palatine Insurance Co. Ltd.
96. Patriotic Assurance Co. Ltd.
97. Pearl Assurance Co. Ltd.
98. Perpetual General Insurance & Guarantee Co. Ltd.
99. Phoenix Assurance Co. Ltd.
100. Provincial Insurance Co. Ltd.
101. Prudential Assurance Co. Ltd.
102. Queensland Insurance Co. Ltd.
103. Reliance Marine Insurance Co. Ltd.
104. Royal Insurance Co. Ltd.
105. Royal Exchange Assurance Corporation.
106. Scottish Insurance Corporation Ltd.
107. Scottish Union & National Insurance Co.
108. Sea Insurance Co. Ltd.
109. Security & General Insurance Co. Ltd.
110. Services Mutual Insurance Society Ltd.
111. Southern Cross Marine Insurance Co. Ltd.
112. Southern Pacific Insurance Co. Ltd.
113. Southern Union Insurance Co. of Australia Ltd.
114. South British Insurance Co. Ltd.
115. Standard Insurance Co. Ltd.
116. State Assurance Co. Ltd. (N.S.W. Branch).
117. State Assurance Co. Ltd. (Gibbs, Bright & Co.).
118. Sun Insurance Office Ltd.
119. Switzerland General Insurance Company Ltd.
120. Sydney Fire Office Ltd.
121. Thames & Mersey Marine Insurance Co. Ltd.
122. Transport & General Insurance Co. Ltd.
123. Triton Insurance Co. Ltd.
124. Union Assurance Society Ltd.
125. Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd.
126. Union Marine and General Insurance Co. Ltd.
127. United Insurance Co. Ltd.
128. Victoria Insurance Co. Ltd.
129. Victorian Auto-Chamber of Commerce Insurance Co. Ltd.
130. Victorian Wheat Growers Corporation Ltd.
131. Works & Housing, Dept. of (War Service Homes Division).
132. Westchester Fire Insurance Co.
133. Western Assurance Co.
134. Western Australian Insurance Co. Ltd.
135. World Auxiliary Insurance Corporation Ltd.
136. World Marine & General Insurance Co. Ltd.
137. Yorkshire Insurance Co. Ltd.

APPENDIX IV—*continued.*CONTRIBUTORY INSURANCE COMPANIES AND FIRMS—*continued.**Firms.*

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| 1. Abel, Lemon & Co. Pty. Ltd. | 25. Hudson, G., Pty. Ltd. |
| 2. Allen & Hanbury's Asia Ltd. | 26. King, L. L., & Prior Pty. Ltd. |
| 3. Amalgamated Dental Co. Ltd. | 27. Lake George Mines Ltd. |
| 4. Armco (Aust.) Pty. Ltd. | 28. Levy, J. A. |
| 5. Asphalt Cold Mix (Aust.) Pty. Ltd. | 29. Lumley, Edward, & Sons (N.S.W.) Pty. Ltd. |
| 6. Austral Engineering Supplies Pty. Ltd. | 30. Lumley, Edward, & Sons (Queensland) Pty. Ltd. |
| 7. Beard Watson & Co. Ltd. | 31. Lumley, Edward, & Sons (Vic.) Pty. Ltd. |
| 8. Briscoe & Co. Ltd. | 32. Mount Isa Mines Ltd. |
| 9. Caltex (Aust.) Pty. Ltd. | 33. Mollwraith McEacharn Ltd. |
| 10. Caltex (Queensland) Pty. Ltd. | 34. Neptune Oil Co. Pty. Ltd. |
| 11. Central Agency (Aust.) Ltd. | 35. Nestles Food Specialities (Aust.) Ltd. |
| 12. Clark, T. P., Pty. Ltd. | 36. New Zealand & Aust. Land Co. Ltd. |
| 13. Commonwealth Oil Refineries Ltd. | 37. Orton, Douglas & Co. |
| 14. Dreyfus, Louis & Co. Ltd. | 38. Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Aust.) |
| 15. Farleigh Nettheim Pty. Ltd. | 39. Phillips Electrical Industries of Aust. Pty. Ltd. |
| 16. Fassett & Johnson Ltd. | 40. Poland, H. G., (Aust.) Pty. Ltd. |
| 17. Foley Bros. Pty. Ltd. | 41. Reckitt & Colman (Aust.) Ltd. |
| 18. Gestetner Pty. Ltd. | 42. Shell Company of Aust. Ltd. |
| 19. Goldring, Magnus. | 43. Sheller Bros. (Aust.) Pty. Ltd. |
| 20. Harrison & Attwood Pty. Ltd. | 44. Steeves, Agnew & Co. (Aust.) Pty. Ltd. |
| 21. Harvey Trinder (N.S.W.) Pty. Ltd. | 45. Steeves, Agnew & Co. (Vic.) Pty. Ltd. |
| 22. Harvey Trinder (Vict.) Pty. Ltd. | 46. Universal Pictures Pty. Ltd. |
| 23. Hoffnung, S., & Co. Ltd. | 47. Wallarah Coal Company Ltd. |
| 24. Hordern, A., & Sons Ltd. | 48. Wiggins, Teape & Alex Pirie (Export) Ltd. |

APPENDIX V.

Attendance at Board Meetings for the Year 1959.

	Meetings.	
	Present.	Absent.
The Hon. Thomas Januarius Smith	49	4
Walter Leslie Currey	49	4
* Alderman Leslie Edge Duff	48	5
† Alderman Hector Kenneth West Mackenzie	50	...
Stacy Morrison	51	2
‡ Harold Bourne Watts	40	2
Maurice Stelmack	52	1
Frederick Alfred Harrison	51	2
§ Leslie Ivan Skelton	3	...

Total: 51 Ordinary Meetings.

2 Extraordinary Meetings.

* Leave of absence, British Empire Games, N.Z.

† Ceased to hold office 2nd December.

‡ Elected 10th March.

§ Resigned 17th January.

APPENDIX VI.

The Secretary,
Board of Fire Commissioners of N.S.W.

Sir,

I herewith submit my report on the work and operations of the New South Wales Fire Brigades for the year ended 31st December, 1950.

During the year 6,997 calls of fire were received, an increase of 332 on the number for 1949. Of these calls, 1,859 were to fires in buildings, 22 ship fires, 52 chimney fires, 1,988 bush, grass and rubbish fires, 201 motor car fires, 11 omnibus fires, 268 on other motor vehicles, 224 miscellaneous fires and 2,372 false alarms.

The following are the serious fires for the year:—

- 1st February—"McQuitty House," 67 Regent-street, City—Paul Ungar & Co. Pty. Ltd. and others. Clothing Manufacturers.
- 30th June—71-75 Regent-street, City—Publicity Press (1938) Pty. Ltd. Printers and Publishers.
- 4th September—Abattoir-road Lilyfield—Department of Railways. Railway Bulk Stores.
- 27th September—No. 5 Wharf, off Victoria-road, Glebe Island, Balmain—Maritime Services Board. Wharf Shed.
- 17th November—Off John-street, Berry's Bay, North Sydney—Australian Fishing Industries Ltd., T/A Berry's Bay Boat Yard. Boatbuilding and Repair Yards.
- 17th November—107 Liverpool-street, City—Manning Bros. & Other. Pleaters, etc.
- 6th December—Off Driver-avenue, City—Royal Agricultural Society of N.S.W. Cotton Store.
- 7th December—Mary-street, St. Peters—Taubmans Ltd. Paint Manufacturers.
- 25th December—"O'Reilly's Chambers," 327-329 George-street, City—Several Occupiers. Offices, etc.

Forty-six (46) firemen were injured at fires, of whom twenty (20) did not relinquish duty.

The authorised strength of the Permanent Staff of the Brigade is 292 Officers and 823 Firemen.

During the year fifty-three (53) firemen resigned their appointments, and the services of two firemen were terminated.

There were 825 cases of sickness and accident, 95 of which did not necessitate members going off duty. The total number of days lost was 9,482.

The following members retired from the Department; Station Officers A. E. Wyndham, E. H. Fisher, T. A. Lusty, S. P. Medcalf, F. Macquarie and Motor Inspector A. H. Campbell.

Sub-Station Officers W. E. Turner and G. J. Davis, Senior Fireman J. G. Edwards and First Class Firemen H. E. Hooper and A. G. Redden were retired through physical incapacity.

FIRE ALARMS.

There are now 776 street fire alarms in the City and suburbs and in the country fire districts there are 256 telephone-type and 164 mechanical type street fire alarms. Thefts of parts of street fire alarms still continue, and the instruments rendered temporarily useless.

WATER SUPPLY.

6,415,834 gallons of fresh water and 586,566 gallons of salt water were used in extinguishing fires in the Metropolitan Area. Extensions and improvements to the water supply in Sydney and Suburbs continue so far as the supply of labour and materials will allow.

All street hydrants are inspected regularly, and any defects are immediately brought under the notice of the Authority concerned.

THEATRES AND PLACES OF AMUSEMENT.

All premises licensed under the Theatres and Public Halls Act in the fire districts throughout the State are inspected regularly to ensure that fire appliances and protective devices are maintained in good order and in the interests of public safety.

FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT INSPECTIONS.

Officers of the Department carry out inspections of premises registered and to be registered under the Factories and Shops Act, with a view to ensuring that adequate and efficient means of escape in case of fire are provided and maintained in good order.

BUSH FIRES.

By proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, dated 15th December, 1950, in pursuance of the provisions of section 7 of the Bush Fires Act, a bush fire danger period was proclaimed in respect of the whole of the State of New South Wales, excluding portions of the North Coast, from the date of proclamation until 31st March, 1951.

The Board's Officers continue to maintain close co-operation with the Bush Fire Committee and the Local Government Authorities, and the various districts in the Sydney and Country districts where the bush fire hazard is most severe, have been given close attention throughout the year. New hose box posts have been established and advice and instruction given freely.

There are now 36 new hose box posts in the Sydney area, 20 in the Newcastle and adjoining districts, 6 in the Illawarra District and 5 in the Blue Mountain District. Reserve Firemen attached to the posts number 436.

PATROL SYSTEM.

The Brigade Patrol System continues to function effectively, and in addition to attending fires, inspectional and instructional work is carried out in the course of the patrols.

RADIO TELEPHONY.

Radio telephony continues to maintain its interest and value in the Service, in facilitating the transmission of information, and the directing of appliances to where they may be required.

RESIDENT COUNTRY INSPECTORS.

At the end of 1950, three of the seven zones into which the State has been divided had been placed under the supervision of Resident Country Inspectors, and it was already apparent that the system would bring about an increase of interest and efficiency on the part of all Brigades concerned.

MOTOR FIRE APPLIANCES.

During the year a new "Merryweather" 120 foot Ladder was received and placed into service, and also a "Dennis" Light 4 motor fitted with open transverse seating body. A "Mack" motor was provided with an enclosed cab for the driver and officer and face to face seating for the crew, and was installed at Headquarters where it has proved satisfactory. Another "Mack" was reconstructed as a salvage appliance and replaced the existing salvage waggon at Newcastle.

No. 7 "Morris-Magirus" ladders are being reconstructed following the collapse of the ladder sections, and this appliance will be available again in the near future.

CONCOURSE DUTY.

Members of the staff continue to carry out Concourse Duty and 258 such duties were carried out during 1950.

COUNTRY.

Re-organization of Country Brigades.

The re-organization of those country brigades at which three permanent officers were formerly attached has been almost completed, and it is expected that the whole scheme will be finalised in the near future, and will bring about increased efficiency in the Brigade affected.

APPENDIX VI—*continued.*

NEW BRIGADES.

New volunteer brigades were established at Holbrook, Sawtell, Tumbarumba and Walcha, and a motor appliance installed in each of these districts.

FIRES.

The total number of calls received during 1950 was 2,616, an increase of 125 on the number for the preceding year. Of the calls given, 2,110 were for actual fires, 187 for chimney fires, and 319 false alarms. The most serious fires were:—

18th March—103 Hunter-street, Newcastle—Lerna Lea Pty. Ltd. and Others. Dressmakers.

18th April—Recreation Reserve, Lithgow—Jeldi Pty. Ltd. Bedspread Manufacturers.

17th October—Queen-street, Yamba—"The Ritz" Guest House. Guest House.

1st November—Off Oxley Highway, Wauchope—Veneer Timber Products Pty. Ltd. Veneer Manufacturers.

The Chief Officer regrets to record the deaths of two honorary members of the Service—Ex-Captain J. Dorrington (Kitchener) and Ex-Volunteer Fireman P. Jewell (Wellington).

The appliances throughout the State have been maintained in a satisfactory condition, and exchanges effected where such

was needed. Appliances at the following towns were replaced by engines of a larger or more modern type: Gundagai, Kempsey, Coff's Harbour and Belmont.

Regular and more frequent visits of inspection have been carried out in those zones where a resident country inspector is placed. In the other areas the usual half-yearly visits have been carried out from Headquarters.

Visits have also been made by members of the Board and the Chief Officer, and where such visits were made, long service awards were presented to the volunteer firemen. The Motor Officer and Assistant Motor Officers and members of the Electrical and Mechanical staffs have also made visits to country areas, and in general have contributed to the maintenance of equipment and appliances and to the efficiency of the Service generally.

In conclusion, appreciation is expressed for the ready co-operation extended to the Brigade at all times by the Commissioner of Police and staff of the Police Department; by officers of the Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage Board, and the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, the Sydney Municipal Council and the Sydney County Council.

(Sgd.) E. GRIFFITHS,

Chief Officer,

28th February, 1951.