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OF THE
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF
NEW SOUTH WALES
FOR 1945.

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Board of Fire Commissioners
of New South Wales,
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The Honourable J. M. Baddeley, M.L.A.,
Colonial Secretary,
Sydney.

Sir,

The Board of Fire Commissioners of N.S.W. presents its report for the year 1945, in pursuance of section 19 (2) of the Fire Brigades Act, 1909-1944; being the thirty-sixth annual report.

FIRE BRIGADES (AMENDMENT) ACTS, 1941 AND 1944.

The commencement of the Fire Brigades (Amendment) Act, 1941, which extended the application of the Fire Brigades Act, 1909-27 to Port Jackson, the Port of Newcastle, Port Kembla and any other navigable waters to which the Board, with the consent of the Minister, may, by notification in the *Gazette*, apply the Act, has not yet been proclaimed.

By Proclamation in the *Government Gazette* of 31st August, 1945, the Lieutenant-Governor appointed the day next following the signing of the Armistice at Tokio as the "appointed day" for the purposes of section 2 of the Fire Brigades (Amendment) Act, 1944. The "appointed day" thus became the 3rd September.

The application of the provisions of the Act to the fire service is later referred to under the heading of Standard Hours.

BOARD.

The personnel of the Board remained the same as that of the previous year.

A notice was published in *Government Gazette* of the 19th October, fixing the 22nd November as nomination day for the triennial elections of members to the Board. The elections will be held on the 26th February, 1946.

Mr. Henry Mayo Webb relinquished active duty as Secretary and Executive Officer of the Board on the 31st January, prior to retirement. The Board placed on record its appreciation of the outstanding ability, loyalty and devotion to duty which were characteristic of his services through forty-five years' association with the Fire Service of New South Wales. Mr. Webb was appointed Secretary on 22nd October, 1914, and from 1st January, 1927, occupied the position of Secretary and Executive Officer.

Mr. Albert L. Stark, Chief Clerk, who joined the Board's service on 5th November, 1909, was appointed Secretary.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE.

For the maintenance of the fire services in the various fire districts throughout the State, the estimates of expenditure adopted for the year 1945 totalled £563,724, as shown in Appendix II. The estimate in respect of the Sydney Fire District was £439,880, while those of the one hundred and thirty other fire districts amounted to £123,844.

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Contributions were received from one hundred and twenty-six insurance companies and forty-six firms, and which represented 16.76 per cent. of the amount of premiums in respect of the Sydney Fire District.

The number of contributory Municipal and Shire Councils in the Sydney Fire District was fifty-five. The percentage of their total contributions for 1945 to that of the assessed annual value of all ratable property returned by them in 1944 was 5/9.2; while for 1946 the contributions by the Councils will be equivalent to 7/1.2 per £100 of the assessment in accordance with the returns of values furnished in 1945 which totalled £38,637,143, an increase of £570,085.

The estimates for the year 1946 amount to £688,712, an increase of £124,988. That for the Sydney Fire District is £549,036, and for the one hundred and thirty-two other fire districts £139,676.

The area of the Sydney Fire District is 297.65 square miles.

FIRE DISTRICTS—ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS.

By Notification published in *Government Gazette* of the 20th July, the provisions of the Fire Brigades Act were applied by the Board, with the consent of the Minister, to a further part of the Shire of Baulkham Hills, viz., Castle Hill, and the boundaries of the Sydney Fire District were altered and extended by grouping the area in question in the Sydney Fire District. By Notifications in the *Gazette* of the 23rd September, the boundaries of the Cronulla and Sutherland Fire Districts were extended to include additional parts of the Shire of Sutherland, viz., Taren Point and Woronora respectively. By Notification published in the *Gazette* of the 21st September, the Act was applied to the townships of Beresfield, Hexham, Tarro and Thornton within the Shire of Lower Hunter and such constituted the Lower Hunter Fire District, and by Proclamation published in the *Gazette* of the 12th October, the Act was also applied to the town of St. Marys within the Municipality of St. Marys and such constituted the St. Marys Fire District. Three further parts of the Shire of Lake Macquarie were brought within the provisions of the Act by Notifications in the *Gazettes* of 5th and 12th October, whereby the boundaries of the Belmont Fire District were extended to include Blacksmiths and Pelican Flat, those of the Cardiff Fire District to embrace Young Wallsend and similarly the boundaries of the Charlestown Fire District to incorporate Dudley, Gateshead and Whitebridge; also, *vide Government Gazettes* dated 19th January and 12th October, the Act was applied to two further parts of the Shire of Kearsley whereby the boundaries of the Kurri Kurri Fire District were extended and the townships of Crawford and Millfield were embraced in the Paxton Fire District. The Act was also applied by Notification in *Gazette* of 27th July to an additional area of the Shire of Central Illawarra, viz., a further part of the township of Mount St. Thomas and such area was grouped in the Wollongong Fire District.

By reason of the foregoing, the number of Fire Districts was increased from one hundred and thirty-one to one hundred and thirty-three.



INCREASE OF STATUTORY LIMIT.

In order to maintain the efficiency of the fire services at Armidale, Broken Hill, Casino, Cessnock, Dubbo, Glen Innes, Hillston, Inverell, Lithgow, Maitland and West Wallsend and to establish a Brigade at St. Marys, the consent of the Minister was obtained to the statutory limit of one-fourth of a penny in the pound on the Unimproved Capital Value of all ratable land in the respective fire districts being exceeded, at the request of the Councils concerned and in pursuance of Section 34 of the Act.

FIRE STATIONS AND SITES.

Negotiations are proceeding in connection with making a site available to the Board at the southern approach of the Sydney Harbour Bridge in substitution for the Board's property at Cumberland Street and in replacement of the Circular Quay Fire Station.

Applications under the Real Property Act have been made in respect of the Paddington Fire Station property, the freehold of which was recently acquired from the Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage Board and the new site for a Station at Griffith. To meet the wishes of the Mullumbimby Council a new site for a fire station was made available by the Crown in substitution for the site previously held by the Board. Portion of the Bondi Fire Station site was sold.

Building operations have been restricted to making adjustments in regard to accommodation for officers and firemen at certain fire stations consequent upon a re-allocation of the staffs.

LEASES.

The lease of the Werris Creek Fire Station was renewed for 10 years; that at Murrurundi for 7 years; those at Cronulla, Ettalong, Malabar and Drainage Board for 5 years; Gundagai and Guyra for 3 years; Gulgong and Rydalmere for 2 years; and Cabramatta for 1 year. The agreement in respect of the Morpeth site was continued for 1 year and the tenancy in respect of the Workshops premises at Croydon was also extended.

FIRES.

In Sydney and Suburbs 5,950 alarms of fire were recorded during the year, being a decrease of 2,044 compared with the previous year. Of this number 1,679 were false alarms, 72 chimney fires and 4,199 other fires. The number of malicious false alarms was 711, needless 276 and accidental 692. Thirty-six fires were classified as suspicious in origin as compared with 38 in 1944.

The most notable fires were:—

30th March—Lord Street, Botany, F. W. Hughes Pty. Ltd., wool scourers.

23rd November—74-78 Wentworth Avenue, City, P. and R. Williams Pty. Ltd. and others, motor sales and engineers.

In the case of a furniture factory fire at 85 Derwent Street, Glebe, on 9th March, the Board has to record, with regret, the death of Second-Class Fireman Alexander V. Mancy as a result of coming into contact with electric wires.

Although a fire in a dressing room at the Tivoli Theatre, Sydney, which occurred on 1st September, was not extensive, there were unfortunately associated with it the deaths of two girls and severe burns and shock to a third girl.

In the Country Fire Districts the number of fire calls received by the Brigades was 2,368, being a decrease of 1,334 by comparison with that of the previous year.

The most notable fire was:—

17th March—Hill and Watson Streets, Molong, Sydney Flour Milling Co. Pty. Ltd., flour millers.

Fourteen (14) fires were classified as suspicious in origin.

The year was marked by an unusual loss of life associated with outbreaks of fire; fatalities occurred at Auburn, Balmain, Bexley, Bowral, Fairfield, Harbord, Murwillumbah, Petersham, and Whale Beach.

The Board appreciates the services rendered by personnel from the Armed Forces and the Police in subduing bush fires.

ELECTRICAL—FIRE ALARMS.

Four additional street fire alarms were installed at Lakemba, Manly, Parramatta and Waterloo, making a total in Sydney and Suburbs of 751, while there are in addition 96 special alarms. Connected to the various fire stations are 537 sprinkler installations of the Grinnell type, 206 of the Central, 15 of the Phoenix, 2 of the Globe, 6 of the Star, 10 of the Grimes, 1 of the Clarke-Vigilant and 1 of the Tate. There are also 5 Thermostatic alarms of the Kirkby type, 5 of the Vigilant, 52 of the Reichel, 89 of the May-Oatway and 240 private fire alarms.

In the Country Fire Districts one additional telephone fire alarm was provided at Port Kembla, making the total of telephone fire alarms 247, mechanical alarms 166 and special alarms 29. Twenty-three sprinkler installations are connected to the fire stations at Newcastle, 3 at Bathurst, 2 at Broken Hill, 1 at Tamworth, 2 at West Maitland, 8 at Liverpool and 2 at Wagga Wagga. Three thermostatic fire alarms of the May-Oatway type are installed at Broken Hill and 5 at Newcastle with 3 Reichel, also 1 at West Maitland; while 189 private fire alarms are in communication with various country fire stations.

Seven additional fire alarm pillars were provided in the Sydney Fire District and 3 in the Country Districts, making the total number of pillars now installed 545 and 182 respectively.

THEFTS AND DAMAGE.

Interference with street fire alarms and thefts of parts of instruments continued, thus endangering life and property in case of fire. The localities affected include City of Sydney, Arncliffe, Auburn, Bankstown, Bexley, Bondi, Burwood, Circular Quay, Concord, Darlinghurst, Drummoyne, Eastwood, Enfield, George Street West, Gladesville, Glebe, Grafton, Granville, Guildford, Hamilton, Homebush, Kogarah, Lakemba, Leichhardt, Lidcombe, Lithgow, Manly, Maroubra, Mascot, Mittagong, Mortdale, Mudgee, New Lambton, Newtown, Oatley, Paddington, Parramatta, Pymont, Randwick, Redfern, Rozelle, Stanmore, Stockton, St. Peter's, Waverley, Wentworthville, West Maitland, West Wallsend and Weston.

OFFENCES AND CONVICTIONS.

At Bulli a man was fined for leaving a fire unattended. At Toronto a man was fined for having started a fire on vacant land in contravention of the National Security Regulations, and a fine was imposed on a man who was also bound over for two years for maliciously damaging a shed by fire at Penrith. For transmitting false alarms of fire to the Wagga Wagga and Woy Woy Brigades, convictions were obtained and fines imposed. The Court convicted seven youths for maliciously setting fire to a Tramway Shed at Mortlake, bound them over for two years and ordered the payment of damages.

BRIGADE.

The Board had under consideration for some time a plan for the reorganisation of the Fire Service in the Sydney Fire District, the object of which was to increase efficiency by a re-allocation of personnel, having regard to changes which had occurred over many years in the character and situation of fire risks, the more modern and efficient fire-fighting appliances and equipment available, vastly improved road conditions and other similar factors. A further development of the scheme requires the erection of additional stations in specially selected localities; a new station at the southern end of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, new central stations at Paddington-Woolahra and Auburn-Granville on the Parramatta Road, also new stations at Bankstown and Earlwood are thus foreshadowed.

The Order of the Industrial Commission for a substantial reduction in the hours of duty of Officers and Firemen in terms of the Fire Brigades (Amendment) Act, 1944, at a time when the manpower position was such that recruits were not available to maintain the existing strength of the Brigade, accelerated the implementation of the plan. Thereupon from the 21st September the Board put into effect the first part of the plan which involved the closing of certain fire stations and the concentration of staff at other locations to synchronise with the introduction of the new roster of hours for all permanent firemen later referred to in this report.

Accordingly the undermentioned fire stations were closed:— Alexandria, Arncliffe, Annandale, Bexley, Chatswood, Canterbury, Enfield, Five Dock, Granville, Homebush, Hunter's Hill, Harbord, Mascot, Mortdale, Maroubra, North Sydney, Pymont, Ryde, Rozelle, St. Peter's, Vaucluse, Woolahra and Waverley.

Additional to the re-allocation of staff effected by the closing of these stations, the reduction in hours of duty involved promotions in the various ranks of officers and the appointment of further recruits to the Brigade; the authorised strength in the Sydney Fire District thus became 149 officers, 754 permanent firemen (an increase of 7 officers and 130 firemen), 268 volunteer and 442 reserve firemen; in the Greater Newcastle Fire District 12 officers, 39 permanent firemen (an increase of 2 officers and 7 firemen), 115 volunteer and 38 reserve firemen, and in Maitland 1 officer, 3 permanent firemen (an increase of 2 firemen), 49 volunteer and 25 reserve firemen. At Broken Hill there are 3 officers, 7 permanent firemen, 16 volunteer and 12 reserve firemen, and in the other country districts 38 officers, 1,379 volunteer and 564 reserve firemen. Officers have replaced permanent firemen where such were stationed in country districts other than those abovementioned.

The Jerilderie and Wingham Volunteer Fire Brigades operated as from the 1st January. New Brigades were established in the Lower Hunter and St. Mary's Fire Districts pending the provision of full services on the 1st January, 1946; also at Castle Hill in substitution for that at Baukham Hills.

The Women's Fire Auxiliary and the Auxiliary Reserve Corps, established as a war-time emergency measure, were disbanded. The Board placed on record its appreciation of the services rendered during the war by the members of these units and tendered a farewell function to them in recognition thereof.

DEATHS.

In addition to the death of Second Class Fireman A. V. Mancy, previously referred to, the Board records with regret the decease of Senior Fireman W. A. Thoms; Volunteer Firemen E. Gerstenberg (Condobolin), A. V. Corby (Goulburn), Captain T. Tuckett (Homeville), Volunteer Firemen E. C. Shepherd (Tighe's Hill), R. W. Warbrooke (Tweed Heads), W. E. Jarvis (Weston); Reserve Firemen K. D. Pigott (Goulburn), and A. Armstrong (Wentworth), also J. Smith, Workshops.

SUPERANNUATION AND RETIREMENTS.

Nine hundred and twenty-seven (927) employees contributed in respect of pensions under the Superannuation Act.

The following members of the Service retired on pension:—Mr. H. M. Webb, Secretary and Executive Officer; District Officers A. G. Hammond and E. Stephensen; Station Officers J. F. Danvers, W. Edwards, W. E. Martin, A. J. Richards and E. J. Smithurst; Sub-Station Officer F. Giddey; Senior Firemen G. Andrews, C. M. Inglis, H. McDonald, J. Nicholson, W. H. Rowden and H. J. Stewart; First Class Firemen B. Deane, A. L. Eldridge, M. Fitzpatrick, R. Kearns, T. McInnes and R. W. Wilson; A. A. Ikin and W. Maunsell, Messengers, also retired.

LONG SERVICE MEDALS AND BARS.

Long Service Medals for fifteen years' good service on the permanent staff were awarded to Senior Firemen S. H. Baker, T. T. Bartle, J. J. Canning, A. E. Collings, T. W. Craig, A. Cunningham, W. T. Diggs, C. L. Eustace, G. J. Gray, J. Kavanaugh, J. T. Lennon, A. L. Merchant, J. Milnes, M. Morony, F. Orreill, P. J. O'Sullivan, J. J. Roberts, H. Roffman, G. W. Sawyer, J. T. Shiven, R. Westerway and W. J. Williams; and Bars to that medal for an additional fifteen years' service to District Officer J. Rutherford, Station Officers E. H. Fisher and J. Sheekey and Senior Fireman A. Holmes.

VOLUNTEER LONG SERVICE MEDALS AND BARS.

Volunteer Long Service Medals were granted to Volunteer Firemen R. W. Wicks (Armidale), D. Ward (Balgownie), Captain W. L. Russ and H. W. Duryea (Balranald), J. H. Barlow (Bankstown), K. A. Flood (Bega), A. Vidler (Bexley), A. R. Whitfield and H. G. South (Braidwood), Captain S. Trimmer (Canowindra), W. Wright (Chatswood), L. S. Whitehead (Coonamble), R. F. Schell and W. J. Hooley (Cronulla), G. Glover and F. Lawton (Dee Why), A. Smith (Forbes), Captain G. H. Convery and J. J. Acker (Gilgandra), W. Coombes (Gladesville), Captain J. N. Gordon (Griffith), Captain L. P. Archibald and L. R. Helyar, P. J. Jones and W. A. Roberts (Guyra), R. W. Donohoe and J. W. Parsons (Hay), A. Corfield (Homebush), A. E. Norman (Homeville), W. J. McGann (Hornsby), F. Carpenter (Hunter's Hill), H. Richardson (Hurstville), J. A. Brownlow (Katoomba), G. E. Hansen and W. Hansen (Leura), H. Perry (Mascot), J. A. Gall (Moree), S. R. Starr (Mullumbimby), Captain H. E. Bowden and J. R. Cale, F. E. Cullen and C. J. Woolfe (Narromine), F. A. Pascoe (Parkes), A. McCrohan (Paxton), J. B. Fuller and W. G. Price (Penrith), A. L. Carmichael and J. Scholley (Rhodes), H. Haddock (Rockdale), Captain W. Ferguson and T. H. Baker (Scarborough), J. R. Rodgers (South Broken Hill), C. A. Bryant, A. W. Ross and W. C. Ross (Stockton), H. J. Henry and J. E. Poole (Taree), G. Rankin (Thirroul), Captain E. P. Gain and A. H. Ashton, E. G. Chenery, J. A. Davidson, D. B. Hobbs, K. G. Bendeich (Toronto) and A. R. Wappett (Tweed Heads).

Bars to that medal for an additional fifteen years' service were awarded to Volunteer Firemen L. G. Winzer and J. E. Winzer (Albury), Captain W. Burgin (Boolaroo), A. E. Hodges (Campbelltown), Captain J. H. Hilder (Cowra), Captain W. Besley and A. Coulton (East Greta), Captain W. G. McKinney (Hay), T. Martin (Katoomba), W. G. Walker (Kiama), N. J. Beggs (Morpeth), W. Schadel (Muswellbrook), R. O. Wright (Temora), J. P. Cooper (Tenterfield), T. W. Corcoran (Wellington), Captain E. Frame (Weston) and H. E. Mead (Yass).

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FIRE APPLIANCES.

No new motor fire engines were placed in commission during the year, although delivery of fire engine chassis ordered during the war period is now proceeding.

Additional motor fire engines were installed at Cootamundra and Wagga Wagga. Changes in appliances were effected at Albury, Bega, Braidwood, Cooma, Dapto, Ettalong, Guyra, Hillston, Leura, Manilla, Moss Vale, Mudgee, Narrandera, Nyngan, Temora, Walgett and Windsor.

HOSE.

Delivery of fire hose from England was restricted to 1-inch unlined hose, 5,000 ft. of which was received.

CLOTHING AND BOOT FACTORIES.

The manufacture of uniform clothing and boots for the fire service continued satisfactorily.

INSPECTIONS OF BUILDINGS.

Fire Brigade Officers regularly inspected Theatres and Public Halls registered under the Theatres and Public Halls Act and premises under the Factories and Shops Act and the Height of Buildings Act. The inspections of institutions, business premises, hospitals, etc., were extended and drill and instruction imparted to the staffs in Sydney and country. Concourse duty was continued at places of public assembly.

WAR.

Hostilities in the European zone terminated on V.E. Day, proclaimed as 8th May, and in the Pacific area on V.P. Day, proclaimed as the 15th August.

BUSH FIRES.

The Bush and Rural Fire Prevention Order (No. 2) of 1944 was amended and re-applied in October and ordered to be observed until 31st March, 1946.

Arising out of the extensive bush fires which occurred in the early part of the year, the Board conferred with the Bush Fires Advisory Committee and the Local Governing Authorities concerned; as a result of which the services of a Senior Officer were made available to organise and re-establish Bush Fire Brigades on the Blue Mountains and other Districts to operate under the authority of the Councils in areas outside the Board's jurisdiction but in co-operation with the services established by the Board.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT.

One hundred and twenty-five (125) 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.

INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT—*Re* BASIS OF RATES OF WAGES AND SALARIES FOR EMPLOYEES.

During the year, 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 left such Needs Basic Wage at the end of year at £4 12s. 0d. (i.e., a reduction of 1s. since January, 1945) with which was payable the fixed loading of 5s. applicable to such employees, a total of £4 17s. 0d.

As a result of such variations, the salaries and wages payable under the Industrial Agreement with the New South Wales Fire Brigade Officers' Association, the Fire Brigade Employees (State) Award and the Industrial Agreement with the Federated Clerks' Union were reduced by 1s. from the commencement of the first pay period in February.

The Needs Basic Wage (based on the Index Numbers for Sydney) for other employees of the Board, subject to general State and Federal Awards (other than the Federal Clothing Trades' Award) was reduced by 1s. from the commencement of the first pay period in May, but increased by 1s. from the same date in November and consequently at the end of the year it remained at £4 13s. 0d. In addition the fixed loading of 6s. was payable throughout the year.

The wages payable under the Federal Clothing Trades Award (based on the Index numbers for the six capital cities of Australia) were not affected.

FIREMEN'S REFUSAL OF DUTY.

Arising out of the Judgment of the Industrial Commission on the 9th February a stop-work meeting was held by the permanent firemen on the following day but terminated that afternoon. On the 11th idem resulting from the suspension of a fireman at Stanmore for refusal to carry out certain clerical duties, a strike ensued of all permanent firemen throughout the State. The Board gave the specified notification under regulation 10 of the National Security (Industrial Peace) Regulations and on the 13th February the matter, after consideration and argument in the Commonwealth Arbitration Court, was remitted to the Industrial Commission of New South Wales. Compulsory conferences were ordered, presided over by Mr. Justice Taylor, at which representatives of the New South Wales Fire Brigades Officers' Association were present and made certain offers and suggestions toward undertaking the duties in dispute for the time being which materially assisted the settlement which was reached on the 14th February and the firemen then returned to duty in accordance with their rosters. During the period of the strike Fire Brigade officers remained on or returned to duty.

STANDARD HOURS.

FIRE BRIGADES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1944.

On the 9th February the Industrial Commission announced that on that day, but for the effect of amendments of the National Security (Economic Organisation) Regulations, it would have delivered its judgment on the application by the Fire Brigades Association of New South Wales for a 56-hour week and overtime and read the proposed judgment.

In consequence, however, of the procedure introduced by the amendment to the Regulations, the judgment was not delivered until 20th March. The effect of such judgment was, that until the date appointed by the Fire Brigades (Amendment) Act, 1944, for the reduction of working hours for firemen throughout the State to an average of fifty-six per week, overtime payment should be made to firemen when on duty in excess of an average of sixty-three hours per week, as follows: (a) at ordinary rates up to an average of seventy-eight hours per week; (b) at time and one half from an average of seventy-eight hours to an average of eighty hours per week; and (c) at double time thereafter.

This order was made operative retrospectively from the 9th February.

In preparing to bring into effect as from the "appointed day" the reduction of hours for firemen and officers required by the Act, the Board had approved of the introduction of a 56-hour week roster on a system of three shifts per day for firemen, but when the "appointed day" was proclaimed, under the provisions of the Fire Brigades (Amendment) Act, 1944, to be the 3rd September, the Fire Brigades Association expressed dissatisfaction with such roster, the grounds of such dissatisfaction including questions as to the interpretation of section 27A of the Act. In consequence, on 31st August, the Industrial Commission, adjourning legal argument on such interpretation until a later date, ordered, as an interim measure, that as from the "appointed day" the average ordinary working hours per week of firemen would be fifty-six and that until further order the roster system in operation prior to the "appointed day" and which provided for seventy-eight hours per week, would continue to be worked, but that the overtime order of the 20th March would be altered so that overtime would be payable as from fifty-six hours instead of sixty-three hours.

The Commission also ordered that the hours of officers up to and including the rank of Station Officer in accordance with the provisions of the Fire Brigades (Amendment) Act, 1944, would be 168 hours in fourteen consecutive days with provision for overtime and for which the Board proposed to introduce the two-platoon roster which had applied previously to firemen when hours of duty were an average of 84 per week.

As a result of conferences which took place prior to the date fixed by the Commission for hearing argument on the interpretation of section 27A, new rosters for officers and firemen were agreed to, with modifications of the overtime provisions to provide for payment at the rate of time and a half for the first four hours in excess of the standard hours fixed and at the rate of double time thereafter. Such new rosters came into operation on the 21st September, at 8 a.m., and formed the basis for the new awards for officers and firemen referred to elsewhere in this report, but which have not yet been finalised.

The firemen's roster provides for three platoons; the rota of hours over six days being—two day shifts of ten hours each, two night shifts of fourteen hours each followed by forty-eight hours off duty; the cycle repeating for six weeks.

The officer's roster is on the basis of twenty-four hours on and twenty-four hours off; the hours of duty averaging eighty-four over a cycle of two weeks.

Re FIRE BRIGADES EMPLOYEES (STATE) AWARD.

LOG OF CLAIMS 1943-5.

The decision of the Industrial Commission on hours and overtime as previously mentioned was delivered on 20th March. Questions of interpretation arising on the settlement of the minutes of the Order were referred to the Industrial Commission by the Industrial Registrar and Judgment thereon was delivered on 24th May.

Subsequently, a separate application was made by the Fire Brigades Association in pursuance of the National Security (Economic Organisation) Regulations for a finding that the margin between the rates of pay of a first-class fireman and a senior fireman when compared with the margins between the rates of lower ranks were too low, were therefore anomalous and should be increased. Judgment was reserved and delivered on the 6th September when the Commission found that no anomaly was established and dismissed the application.

The hearing of the balance of the log of claims for the new award was continued on the 20th, 21st and 22nd August, and reserved judgment was delivered on the 6th September.

In addition to incorporating the new hours and overtime provisions ordered in consequence of the commencement of the Fire Brigades (Amendment) Act, 1944, the Judgment *inter alia* eliminated the war loading, granted long service leave as a condition of employment and increased the meal allowance to 2s. 6d.

WAR LOADING.

In its Judgment of 6th September on the Fire Brigades Association's application for a new Award, the Commission found expressly that the conditions on which a War Loading had been granted in 1941 no longer existed, and stated therefore that the new award would not contain a war loading.

The Fire Brigades Association later made an application for the Commission to review its Judgment in this respect, on the ground that the Commission had exceeded its jurisdiction in making such an Order. This application was listed for hearing on 17th December, and the Commission upheld the Association's submission and amended its earlier Judgment and Order by deleting all references to War Loading. It added that a *prima facie* case had been established by the Board for removal of the war loading, and that a statement accordingly would be sent to the Chief Judge of the Commonwealth Arbitration Court. Pending the decision of the Chief Judge on such statement, the manner in which the Association's application would be dealt with was stood over. The Board therefore resumed payment of the war loading retrospectively to the date of the Court's prior Judgment.

FIRE BRIGADE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION—APPLICATION FOR NEW AWARD, 1945.

On the 5th January the New South Wales Fire Brigades Officers' Association filed a log of claims for an award for Officers in the employ of the Board. The rates of pay and conditions of employment for such Officers had in the past been provided for by Board's Order or by agreement and, since 1941, by an Industrial agreement. Approval of the Chief Judge of the Commonwealth Arbitration Court having been obtained in pursuance of the National Security (Economic Organisation) Regulations, the hearing by the Industrial Commission of the log of claims as to hours and overtime commenced on 23rd May and continued on 8th and 9th August when judgment was reserved. Following the Proclamation of the commencement of the Fire Brigades (Amendment) Act, 1944, interim orders were made in regard to hours and overtime, and Judgment by the Full Bench was given on 5th October.

The Commission ordered that the ordinary hours of officers up to and including the rank of District Officer should be an average of 92 per week retrospectively as from 9th February with overtime at ordinary rates between 92 and 112 hours in the Sydney and Newcastle Fire Districts and between 92 and 138 hours in other Country Districts. However, in accordance with the interim order by the Commission on 31st August, as from 3rd September to give effect to the provisions of the Fire Brigades (Amendment) Act, 1944, the ordinary hours were to be an average of 84 per week with overtime payable at the rate of time and a half for the first 4 hours in excess of that number and double time thereafter.

The Board subsequently conceded that the average ordinary weekly hours for Inspectors should be 84.

The Board also decided to observe a similar average of 84 hours, in principle, for Senior Officers, and to implement this decision created two new senior ranks, viz., Fifth and Sixth Officers.

Re MAINTENANCE OFFICERS.

In December the Board was served with a Notice of Application by the New South Wales Fire Brigades Officers' Association for an award for its members employed in the Board's Workshops and Electrical and Building Maintenance Departments. This application has not yet been listed for hearing by the Industrial Commission.

FEDERATED CLERKS' UNION.

A new Industrial Agreement governing the salaries and conditions of service of members of the clerical staff was entered into by the Board with the Federated Clerks' Union of Australia, New South Wales Branch, for a period of three years from 1st June.

CARELESS USE OF FIRES ACT, 1912.

The regulations under the Careless Use of Fires Act were amended by the addition of a new regulation (No. 2) published in *Government Gazette* of 29th March.

INSPECTIONS.

Members of the Board visited and inspected fire stations in Sydney and Country Districts during which long-service medals and bars were presented to members of the permanent staff and volunteer firemen. Matters of fire brigade interest were discussed with representatives of the Municipal and Shire Councils concerned.

LOANS.

One debenture of £2,500 was redeemed in respect of each of the two loans of £50,000 by the A.M.P. Society of 1928 and 1937, and one debenture of £5,000 and £1,000 respectively in connection with the loan 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 & Gibbons.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, the Board acknowledges with thanks and appreciation the co-operation of the Explosives Department, Labour and Industry and Social Services Department, Maritime Services Board, Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage Board, Police Department, Postmaster-General's Department, Department of Road Transport and Tramways and the Valuer-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.

J. F. BESWICK,

T. S. DOUGLAS,

E. N. HAYTHORPE,

S. H. A. JORDAN,

H. K. W. MACKENZIE,

T. D. MUTCH,

F. W. WALTON,

Members of the
Board of
Fire Commissioners
of
New South Wales.

APPENDIX II.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1945.

One-fourth payable by the Municipal or Shire Councils interested in the respective Fire Districts, one-fourth by the Government, and one-half by the Insurance Companies insuring property within such Districts.

| Fire District. | £ | s. | d. | Fire District. | £ | s. | d. |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|----|----|-----------------------------------------------------|--------|----|----|
| 1. Albury—The Municipality of Albury..... | 2,112 | 0 | 0 | 31. Coff's Harbour—The Town of Coff's Har- | | | |
| 2. Alstonville—The Town of Alstonville, in | | | | bour, in Dorrigo Shire, including Jetty | | | |
| Tintenbar Shire. (The part described in | | | | Town. (The part described in <i>Govern-</i> | 440 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Government Gazette</i> , 12th August, 1927)... | 248 | 0 | 0 | ment <i>Gazette</i> , 15th September, 1939) | | | |
| 3. Armidale—The Municipality of Armidale... | 1,156 | 0 | 0 | 32. Condobolin—The Municipality of Condo- | 608 | 0 | 0 |
| 4. Ballina—The Municipality of Ballina | 400 | 0 | 0 | bolin | | | |
| 5. Balranald—The Municipality of Balranald | 364 | 0 | 0 | 33. Coolamon—The Town of Coolamon, in | | | |
| 6. Barraba—The Municipality of Barraba..... | 304 | 0 | 0 | Coolamon Shire. (The part described in | | | |
| 7. Bathurst—The Municipality of Bathurst... | 1,500 | 0 | 0 | <i>Government Gazette</i> , 18th November, 1927) | 472 | 0 | 0 |
| 8. Bega—The Municipality of Bega | 276 | 0 | 0 | 34. Cooma—The Municipality of Cooma. | | | |
| 9. Bellingen—The Town of Bellingen, in | | | | (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , | | | |
| Bellingen Shire. (The part described in | | | | 9th Nov., 1917) | 360 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Government Gazette</i> , 22nd August, 1924)... | 348 | 0 | 0 | 35. Coonabarabran—The Town of Coonabara- | | | |
| 10. Belmont—The Towns of Belmont, Mark's | | | | bran, in Coonabarabran Shire.—(The | | | |
| Point, South Belmont, in Lake Macquarie | | | | part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 18th | | | |
| Shire. (The part described in <i>Govern-</i> | | | | September, 1936) | 300 | 0 | 0 |
| ment <i>Gazette</i> , 30th August, 1929)..... | 576 | 0 | 0 | 36. Cocnamble—The Municipality of Coon- | | | |
| 11. Berry—The Municipality of Berry..... | 252 | 0 | 0 | amble | 372 | 0 | 0 |
| 12. Blackheath—(1) The Municipality of Black- | | | | 37. Cootamundra—The Municipality of Coota- | | | |
| heath. (The part described in <i>Government</i> | | | | mundra | 496 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Gazette</i> , 10th November, 1939.) (2) The | | | | 38. Coraki—The Town of Coraki, in Wood- | | | |
| Town of Mount Victoria, in Blue Moun- | | | | burn Shire. (The part which formerly | | | |
| tains Shire. (The part described in | | | | comprised the Municipality of Coraki, <i>vide</i> | | | |
| <i>Government Gazette</i> , 20th October, 1939)... | 748 | 0 | 0 | <i>Government Gazette</i> , 16th February, 1934) | 252 | 0 | 0 |
| 13. Blacktown—The Town of Blacktown, in | | | | 39. Corowa—The Municipality of Corowa..... | 572 | 0 | 0 |
| Blacktown Shire. (The part described in | | | | 40. Cowra—The Municipality of Cowra | 564 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Government Gazette</i> , 7th November, 1930) | 244 | 0 | 0 | 41. Cronulla—The Town of Cronulla, with | | | |
| 14. Blayney—The Shire of Lyndhurst. (The | | | | Burraneer Bay, Caringbah, Gunnamatta | | | |
| part proclaimed in <i>Government Gazette</i> , | | | | Bay, Port Hacking, &c., in Sutherland | | | |
| 26th June, 1936, as the Blayney Urban | | | | Shire. (The part described in <i>Government</i> | | | |
| Area, which formerly comprised the Muni- | | | | <i>Gazette</i> , 13th November, 1936)..... | 1,712 | 0 | 0 |
| cipality of Blayney, <i>vide Government</i> | | | | 42. Crookwell—The Town of Crookwell, in | | | |
| <i>Gazette</i> , 13th December, 1935)..... | 304 | 0 | 0 | Crookwell Shire. (The part described in | | | |
| 15. Blue Mountains—The Blue Mountains | | | | <i>Government Gazette</i> , 15th September, 1939) | 408 | 0 | 0 |
| Shire, part of, embracing Lapstone, | | | | 43. Dapto—The town of Dapto, in Central | | | |
| Glenbrook, Blaxland, Warrimoo, Valley | | | | Illawarra Shire. (The part described in | | | |
| Heights, Springwood, Faulconbridge, | | | | <i>Government Gazette</i> , 27th September, 1935) | 332 | 0 | 0 |
| Linden, Woodford, Hazelbrook, Lawson, | | | | 44. Deniliquin—The Municipality of Denili- | | | |
| Bullaburra, Wentworth Falls. (The part | | | | quin | 676 | 0 | 0 |
| described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 29th | | | | 45. Dorrigo—The Town of Dorrigo, in | | | |
| October, 1937)..... | 1,340 | 0 | 0 | Dorrigo Shire. (The part described in | | | |
| 16. Boolaroo—The Towns of Argenton, Boo- | | | | <i>Government Gazette</i> , 29th October, 1926)... | 420 | 0 | 0 |
| laroo, Teralba, Warner's Bay, in Lake | | | | 46. Dubbo—The Municipality of Dubbo..... | 1,312 | 0 | 0 |
| Macquarie Shire. (The part described in | | | | 47. Dungog—The Municipality of Dungog..... | 260 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Government Gazette</i> , 25th October, 1935)... | 600 | 0 | 0 | 48. Forbes—The Municipality of Forbes | 760 | 0 | 0 |
| 17. Bourke—The Municipality of Bourke | 360 | 0 | 0 | 49. Gilgandra—The Gilgandra Urban Area, | | | |
| 18. Bowral—The Municipality of Bowral | 348 | 0 | 0 | embracing the Town of Gilgandra in | | | |
| 19. Braidwood—The Town of Braidwood, in | | | | Gilgandra Shire (as re-constituted, <i>vide</i> | | | |
| Tallaganda Shire. (The part which form- | | | | <i>Government Gazette</i> , 9th January, 1942)... | 404 | 0 | 0 |
| erly comprised the Municipality of Braid- | | | | 50. Glen Innes—The Municipality of Glen | | | |
| wood, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 23rd | | | | Innes | 1,228 | 0 | 0 |
| October, 1936) | 244 | 0 | 0 | 51. Gosford—(1) The Municipality of Gosford, | | | |
| 20. Broken Hill—The Municipality of Broken | | | | part of; (2) The Shire of Erina, part of; | | | |
| Hill | 7,240 | 0 | 0 | being the Town of Gosford with boundar- | | | |
| 21. Bulli—The Towns of Austinmer, Bulli, | | | | ies as described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , | | | |
| Clifton, Coledale, Scarborough, Thirroul, | | | | 15th June, 1934) | 704 | 0 | 0 |
| Wombarra, Womona, in Bulli Shire. | | | | 52. Goulburn—The Municipality of Goulburn | 1,796 | 0 | 0 |
| (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , | | | | 53. Grafton—The Municipality of Grafton ... | 1,168 | 0 | 0 |
| 13th October, 1939) | 1,368 | 0 | 0 | 54. Greater Newcastle—The City of Greater | | | |
| 22. Cabramatta-Canley Vale—The Municipal- | | | | Newcastle, embracing Adamstown, Broad- | | | |
| ity of Cabramatta and Canley Vale | 508 | 0 | 0 | meadow, Carrington, Cook's Hill, Hamil- | | | |
| 23. Camden—The Municipality of Camden..... | 448 | 0 | 0 | ton, Honeysuckle, Inglewood, Islington, | | | |
| 24. Campbelltown—The Municipality of Camp- | | | | Lambton, Maryville, Mayfield, Merewether, | | | |
| belltown | 456 | 0 | 0 | Newcastle, New Lambton, Plattsburg, | | | |
| 25. Canowindra—The Canowindra Urban Area | | | | Sandgate, Shortlands, Stockton, Tighe's | | | |
| in Boree Shire (<i>vide Government Gazette</i> , | | | | Hill, Wallsend, Waratah, Wickham) | 31,956 | 0 | 0 |
| 19th April, 1929) | 376 | 0 | 0 | 55. Grenfell—The Municipality of Grenfell..... | 392 | 0 | 0 |
| 26. Cardiff—The Town of Cardiff, in Lake | | | | 56. Griffith—The Town of Griffith, and addi- | | | |
| Macquarie Shire. (The part described in | | | | tional areas in Wade Shire. (The part | | | |
| <i>Government Gazette</i> , 16th October, 1931) | 436 | 0 | 0 | described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 23rd | | | |
| 27. Casino—The Municipality of Casino..... | 1,348 | 0 | 0 | October, 1936) | 556 | 0 | 0 |
| 28. Cessnock—(1) The Municipality of Cess- | | | | 57. Gulgong—The Town of Gulgong, in Gulgong | | | |
| nock. (2) The Towns of Abernethy, Bell- | | | | Shire, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 6th June, | | | |
| bird, Keareley, Kitchener, in Kearsley | | | | 1941. (The part described in <i>Government</i> | | | |
| Shire, as re-constituted— <i>Government</i> | | | | <i>Gazette</i> , 1st November, 1940) | 424 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Gazette</i> , 6th October, 1944. Being the | | | | 58. Gundagai—The Town of Gundagai, in | | | |
| area described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 5th | | | | Gundagai Shire. (The part described in | | | |
| October, 1923, and the additional parts | | | | <i>Government Gazette</i> , 21st November, 1930) | 408 | 0 | 0 |
| described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 3rd Oct., | | | | 59. Gunnedah—The Municipality of Gunnedah | 324 | 0 | 0 |
| 1924, and 12th Oct., 1928)..... | 2,272 | 0 | 0 | 60. Guyra—The Town of Guyra, in Guyra Shire | | | |
| 29. Charlestown—The Townships of Charles- | | | | (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , | | | |
| town and Kahibah, in Lake Macquarie | | | | 31st May, 1929) | 280 | 0 | 0 |
| Shire. (The part described in <i>Government</i> | | | | 61. Hay—The Municipality of Hay..... | 300 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Gazette</i> , 6th November, 1936) | 312 | 0 | 0 | 62. Hillston—The Town of Hillston, in Car- | | | |
| 30. Cobar—The Municipality of Cobar. | 263 | 0 | 0 | athool Shire, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 24th | | | |
| | | | | December, 1943. (The part described in | | | |
| | | | | <i>Government Gazette</i> , 2nd October, 1936) | 308 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | 63. Inverell—The Municipality of Inverell ... | 1,184 | 0 | 0 |

APPENDIX II—continued.

| Fire District. | £ | s. | d. | Fire District. | £ | s. | d. |
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| 64. Jerilderie—The Town of Jerilderie in Jerilderie Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 20th October, 1944) ... | 420 | 0 | 0 | 98. Peak Hill—The Town of Peak Hill, in the Municipality of Peak Hill. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 1st November, 1929) | 208 | 0 | 0 |
| 65. Junee—The Municipality of Junee | 516 | 0 | 0 | 99. Penrith—The Municipality of Penrith..... | 380 | 0 | 0 |
| 66. Katoomba—(1) The Municipality of Katoomba; (2) the Town of Leura, in the Shire of Blue Mountains. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 17th August, 1934)..... | 2,044 | 0 | 0 | 100. Port Kembla—The Town of Port Kembla, in the Shire of Central Illawarra. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 11th October, 1940) | 1,256 | 0 | 0 |
| 67. Kempsey—The Municipality of Kempsey... .. | 516 | 0 | 0 | 101. Queanbeyan—The Municipality of Queanbeyan | 468 | 0 | 0 |
| 68. Kiama—The Municipality of Kiama..... | 356 | 0 | 0 | 102. Quirindi—The Municipality of Quirindi ... | 408 | 0 | 0 |
| 69. Kurri Kurri—The Kearsley Shire, (as reconstituted: <i>Government Gazette</i> , 6th Oct., 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> , 6th October, 1944) | 1,340 | 0 | 0 | 103. Seone—The Municipality of Seone | 452 | 0 | 0 |
| 70. Kyogle—The Kyogle Urban Area, in Kyogle Shire | 444 | 0 | 0 | 104. Singleton—(1) The Municipality of Singleton, (2) The Patrick Plains Shire, part of, embracing Combo, Dunolly, Kelso and Redbournberry. (The parts described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 24th September, 1937) | 376 | 0 | 0 |
| 71. Leeton—The Town of Leeton, in Willimong Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 1st September, 1939) | 916 | 0 | 0 | 105. South Grafton—The Municipality of South Grafton | 376 | 0 | 0 |
| 72. Lismore—The Municipality of Lismore ... | 1,780 | 0 | 0 | 106. Sutherland—The Town of Sutherland, with Como, Gynea Bay, Janalli, Miranda, &c., in Sutherland Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 15th November, 1940) | 508 | 0 | 0 |
| 73. Lithgow—The Municipality of Lithgow..... | 1,424 | 0 | 0 | 107. Swansea—The Township of Swansea, in Lake Macquarie Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 6th Nov., 1936) ... | 360 | 0 | 0 |
| 74. Liverpool—The Municipality of Liverpool | 1,192 | 0 | 0 | 108. Sydney—The Municipality of (1) City of Sydney, (2) Alexandria, (3) Annandale, (4) Ashfield, (5) Auburn, (6) Balmain, (7) Bankstown, (8) Bexley, (9) Botany, (10) Burwood, (11) Canterbury, (12) Concord, (13) Darlington, (14) Drummoyne, (15) Dundas, (16) Eastwood, (17) Enfield, (18) Ermington and Rydalmere, (19) Erskineville, (20) Fairfield (the part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 2nd May, 1930), (21) The Glebe, (22) Granville, (23) Holroyd, (24) Homebush, (25) Hunter's Hill, (26) Marrickville, (27) Kogarah, (28) Ku-ring-gai, (29) Lane Cove, (30) Leichhardt, (31) Lidcombe, (32) Manly, (33) Marrickville, (34) Mascot, (35) Mosman, (36) Newtown, (37) North Sydney, (38) Paddington, (39) Parramatta, (40) Petersham, (41) Randwick (as reconstituted, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 6th October, 1944), (42) Redfern, (43) Rockdale, (44) Ryde, (45) St. Peters, (46) Strathfield, (47) Vaucluse, (48) Waterloo, (49) Waverley (as reconstituted, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 6th October, 1944), (50) Willoughby, (51) Woollahra, (52) Baulkham Hills Shire (the part embracing Baulkham Hills and Northmead, described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 22nd August, 1924), (53) Blacktown Shire (the part embracing Toongabbie and Westmead, described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 31st July, 1925), (54) Hornsby Shire (the part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 31st July, 1936), (55) Warringah Shire (the part of the Shire from Harbord to Mona Vale and Church Point described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 8th November, 1940) | 439,880 | 0 | 0 |
| 75. Lockhart—The Lockhart Urban Area, in Lockhart Shire. (As proclaimed in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 28th February, 1930) | 456 | 0 | 0 | 109. Tamworth—The Municipality of Tamworth | 1,524 | 0 | 0 |
| 76. Maclean—The Municipality of Maclean. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 29th October, 1926)..... | 360 | 0 | 0 | 110. Taree—The Municipality of Taree..... | 356 | 0 | 0 |
| 77. 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) | 3,544 | 0 | 0 | 111. Temora—The Municipality of Temora..... | 468 | 0 | 0 |
| 78. Manilla—The Municipality of Manilla..... | 388 | 0 | 0 | 112. Tenterfield—The Municipality of Tenterfield | 360 | 0 | 0 |
| 79. Mittagong—The Town of Mittagong and additional areas in Nattai Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 13th October, 1939) | 520 | 0 | 0 | 113. Toronto—The Town of Toronto, in Lake Macquarie Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 22nd August, 1930) .. | 596 | 0 | 0 |
| 80. Molong—The Municipality of Molong | 340 | 0 | 0 | 114. Tumut—The Town of Tumut, in Tumut Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 29th June, 1928) | 248 | 0 | 0 |
| 81. Moree—The Municipality of Moree | 500 | 0 | 0 | 115. Tweed Heads—The Tweed Heads Urban Area in Tweed Shire. (<i>Vide Government Gazette</i> , 4th August, 1933) | 280 | 0 | 0 |
| 82. 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) | 348 | 0 | 0 | 116. Wagga Wagga—The Municipality of Wagga Wagga..... | 2,156 | 0 | 0 |
| 83. Mudgee—The Municipality of Mudgee | 356 | 0 | 0 | 117. Walgett—The Town of Walgett, in Walgett Shire..... | 300 | 0 | 0 |
| 84. Mullumbimby—The Municipality of Mullumbimby | 352 | 0 | 0 | 118. Warren—The Town of Warren, in the Municipality of Warren. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 17th April, 1930) | 288 | 0 | 0 |
| 85. Murrumburrah—The Municipality of Murrumburrah | 468 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| 86. Murrurundi—The Municipality of Murrurundi..... | 340 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| 87. Murwillumbah—The Municipality of Murwillumbah | 652 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| 88. Muswellbrook—The Municipality of Muswellbrook..... | 344 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| 89. 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). | 532 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| 90. Narrandera—The Municipality of Narrandera | 424 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| 91. Narromine—The Municipality of Narromine..... | 408 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| 92. North Illawarra—The Townships of Balgownie, Corrimal, and Fairy Meadow, in the Municipality of North Illawarra. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 30th October, 1931) | 612 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| 93. Nowra—The Municipality of Nowra..... | 296 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| 94. Nyngan—The Municipality of Nyngan..... | 392 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| 95. Orange—The Municipality of Orange | 1,416 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| 96. Parkes—The Municipality of Parkes | 592 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| 97. Paxton—The Township of Paxton, in Kearsley Shire, as reconstituted: <i>Government Gazette</i> , 6th October, 1944. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 18th October, 1929)..... | 82 | 0 | 0 | | | | |

APPENDIX II—continued.

| Fire District. | £ | s. | d. | Fire District. | £ | s. | d. |
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| 119. 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) | 732 | 0 | 0 | 126. Wingham—The Municipality of Wingham... | 440 | 0 | 0 |
| 120. Wellington—The Municipality of Wellington | 432 | 0 | 0 | 127. Wollongong—(1) The Municipality of Wollongong, (2) the Township of Coniston, in the Shire of Central Illawarra (the part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 16th November, 1934). The Township of Mt. St. Thomas, part of, in Central Illawarra Shire (the part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 22nd October, 1943). The Township of Mt. Keira, part of, in Central Illawarra Shire. (3) The Township of Mt. Keira, part of, in the Municipality of North Illawarra, being the Township of Mt. Keira, with boundaries as described in <i>Government Gazettes</i> , 8th November and 15th November, 1940 | 2,468 | 0 | 0 |
| 121. 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) | 324 | 0 | 0 | 128. Woy Woy—The Town of Woy Woy, with Blackwall, Booker Bay, Ettalong, Orange Grove, Ocean Beach, Pearl Beach, etc., in the Shire of Woy Woy. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 21st September, 1934) | 888 | 0 | 0 |
| 122. Werris Creek—The Town of Werris Creek, in Peel Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 25th August, 1933)... | 368 | 0 | 0 | 129. Wyong—The Town of Wyong, in Erina Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 11th September, 1936)..... | 332 | 0 | 0 |
| 123. West Wallsend—The Townships of (1) Estellville, (2) Holmesville, (3) West Wallsend, in Lake Macquarie Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 8th July, 1932) | 352 | 0 | 0 | 130. Yass—The Municipality of Yass..... | 524 | 0 | 0 |
| 124. West Wyalong—The Town Improvement Areas of Wyalong and West Wyalong, in Bland Shire (<i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 25th September, 1936) | 648 | 0 | 0 | 131. Young—The Municipality of Young | 720 | 0 | 0 |
| 125. Windsor—The Municipalities of (1) Windsor; (2) Richmond; (3) 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) | 1,104 | 0 | 0 | Total | £563,724 | 0 | 0 |

APPENDIX III.

CONTRIBUTIONS by Municipal and Shire Councils, 1945.

| Council. | Contribution. | Council. | Contribution. |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| | £ s. d. | | £ s. d. |
| 1. Albury | 528 0 0 | 35. Campbelltown | 114 0 0 |
| 2. Alexandria | 1,196 6 0 | 36. Canterbury | 4,552 7 6 |
| 3. Annandale | 612 13 2 | 37. Carrathool Shire, on account of the town of Hillston | 77 0 0 |
| 4. Armidale | 289 0 0 | 38. Casino | 337 0 0 |
| 5. Ashfield | 2,866 13 1 | 39. Central Illawarra Shire, on account of the town of Port Kembla | 314 0 0 |
| 6. Auburn | 1,028 9 9 | 40. Central Illawarra Shire, on account of the townships of Coniston, Mt. Keira and Mount St. Thomas..... | 25 15 4 |
| 7. Ballina | 100 0 0 | 41. Central Illawarra Shire, on account of the town of Dapto | 83 0 0 |
| 8. Balmain | 1,365 6 6 | 42. Cessnock..... | 429 7 3 |
| 9. Balranald | 91 0 0 | 43. Cobar | 67 0 0 |
| 10. Bankstown..... | 1,344 14 8 | 44. Concord | 1,968 19 11 |
| 11. Barraba | 76 0 0 | 45. Condobolin..... | 152 0 0 |
| 12. Bathurst..... | 375 0 0 | 46. Coolamon Shire, on account of the town of Coolamon | 118 0 0 |
| 13. Baulkham Hills Shire, portion gazetted 22nd August, 1924..... | 83 5 2 | 47. Cooma, portion gazetted 9th November, 1917..... | 90 0 0 |
| 14. Bega | 69 0 0 | 48. Coonabarabran Shire, on account of the town of Coonabarabran | 75 0 0 |
| 15. Bellingen Shire, on account of the town of Bellingen..... | 87 0 0 | 49. Coonamble | 93 0 0 |
| 16. Berry | 63 0 0 | 50. Cootamundra..... | 124 0 0 |
| 17. Bexley | 1,249 8 2 | 51. Corowa | 143 0 0 |
| 18. Blackheath, portion gazetted 10th November, 1939 | 108 12 6 | 52. Cowra | 141 0 0 |
| 19. Bland Shire, on account of the town improvement areas of Wyalong and West Wyalong..... | 162 0 0 | 53. Crookwell Shire, on account of the town of Crookwell | 102 0 0 |
| 20. Blacktown Shire, on account of the township of Blacktown | 61 0 0 | 54. Darlington | 158 3 9 |
| 21. Blacktown Shire, on account of Sydney Fire District..... | 218 7 11 | 55. Deniliquin | 169 0 0 |
| 22. Blacktown Shire, on account of the townships of Riverstone and Schofields | 63 18 0 | 56. Dorrigo Shire, on account of the town of Dorrigo | 105 0 0 |
| 23. Blue Mountains Shire, portion gazetted 17th August, 1934, Katoomba | 43 3 2 | 57. Dorrigo Shire, on account of the town of Coff's Harbour | 110 0 0 |
| 24. Blue Mountains Shire, portion gazetted 29th October, 1937 | 335 0 0 | 58. Drummoyne | 2,101 16 10 |
| 25. Blue Mountains Shire, on account of the town of Mount Victoria | 18 7 6 | 59. Dubbo | 328 0 0 |
| 26. Boree Shire, on account of the Canowindra Urban Area..... | 94 0 0 | 60. Dundas | 414 13 9 |
| 27. Botany | 638 14 1 | 61. Dungog | 65 0 0 |
| 28. Bourke | 90 0 0 | 62. Eastwood | 189 19 8 |
| 29. Bowral | 87 0 0 | 63. Enfield | 776 3 8 |
| 30. Broken Hill | 1,810 0 0 | 64. Erina Shire, on account of the town of Gosford | 1 15 8 |
| 31. Bulli Shire, on account of the townships of Bulli, Woonona, Austinsmer, Thirroul, Coledale, Clifton, Scarborough and Wombarra | 342 0 0 | 65. Erina Shire, on account of the town of Wyong | 83 0 0 |
| 32. Burwood | 1,595 10 6 | 66. Ermington and Rydalmere | 99 18 3 |
| 33. Cabramatta—Canley Vale, portion gazetted 1st November, 1940 | 127 0 0 | 67. Erskineville | 257 14 10 |
| 34. Camden | 112 0 0 | 68. Fairfield, portion gazetted 2nd May, 1930 | 350 17 10 |
| | | 69. Forbes | 190 0 0 |
| | | 70. Gilgandra Shire, on account of the Gilgandra Urban Area | 101 0 0 |

APPENDIX III—CONTRIBUTIONS by Municipal and Shire Councils—*continued.*

| Council. | Contribution. | | Council. | Contribution. | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| | £ | s. d. | | £ | s. d. |
| 71. Glebe | 1,098 | 9 6 | 135. Nattai Shire, on account of the town of Mittagong | 130 | 0 0 |
| 72. Glen Innes | 307 | 0 0 | 136. Narrabri | 114 | 15 0 |
| 73. Gosford | 174 | 4 4 | 137. Narrandera | 106 | 0 0 |
| 74. Goulburn | 449 | 0 0 | 138. Narromine | 102 | 0 0 |
| 75. Grafton | 292 | 0 0 | 139. Newtown | 1,301 | 10 7 |
| 76. Grafton, South | 94 | 0 0 | 140. North Illawarra, on account of the townships of Corimal, Balgownie and Fairy Meadow | 153 | 0 0 |
| 77. Granville | 1,062 | 13 7 | 141. North Illawarra, on account of the township of Mt. Keira | 6 | 1 6 |
| 78. Greater Newcastle..... | 7,989 | 0 0 | 142. North Sydney | 4,402 | 13 11 |
| 79. Grenfell | 98 | 0 0 | 143. Nowra..... | 74 | 0 0 |
| 80. Gulgong Shire, on account of the town of Gulgong | 106 | 0 0 | 144. Nyngan | 98 | 0 0 |
| 81. Gundagai Shire, on account of the town of Gundagai | 102 | 0 0 | 145. Orange | 254 | 0 0 |
| 82. Gunnedah | 81 | 0 0 | 146. Paddington | 1,157 | 0 7 |
| 83. Guyra Shire, on account of the town of Guyra | 70 | 0 0 | 147. Parkes | 148 | 0 0 |
| 84. Hay..... | 75 | 0 0 | 148. Parramatta | 1,126 | 6 2 |
| 85. Holroyd Municipality | 807 | 0 6 | 149. Patrick Plains Shire, on account Combo, Dunolly, Kelso and Redbournberry | 6 | 14 8 |
| 86. Homebush | 250 | 15 11 | 150. Peak Hill, on account of the town of Peak Hill..... | 52 | 0 0 |
| 87. Hornsby Shire, portion gazetted 31st July, 1936 | 1,046 | 9 10 | 151. Peel Shire, on account of the town of Werris Creek | 92 | 0 0 |
| 88. Hunter's Hill | 546 | 17 6 | 152. Penrith | 95 | 0 0 |
| 89. Hurstville | 1,623 | 3 4 | 153. Petersham | 1,669 | 15 6 |
| 90. Inverell | 296 | 0 0 | 154. Queanbeyan | 117 | 0 0 |
| 91. Jerilderie Shire, portion gazetted, 20th October, 1944..... | 105 | 0 0 | 155. Quirindi | 102 | 0 0 |
| 92. Junee | 129 | 0 0 | 156. Randwick | 6,664 | 6 7 |
| 93. Katoomba | 467 | 16 10 | 157. Redfern | 1,018 | 14 2 |
| 94. Kearsley Shire, on account of the townships of Abernethy, Kearsley, Bellbird, and Kitchener | 133 | 12 9 | 158. Richmond | 95 | 11 0 |
| 95. Kearsley Shire, on account of the townships of Kurri Kurri, Weston, Abermain, Heddon Greta, Neath, etc. | 335 | 0 0 | 159. Rockdale | 2,368 | 18 11 |
| 96. Kearsley Shire, on account of the township of East Greta | 13 | 0 3 | 160. Ryde | 1,865 | 6 0 |
| 97. Kearsley Shire, on account of the township of Paxton | 13 | 0 0 | 161. Scone | 113 | 0 0 |
| 98. Kempsey | 129 | 0 0 | 162. Singleton | 87 | 5 4 |
| 99. Kiama | 89 | 0 0 | 163. St. Peters | 577 | 10 5 |
| 100. Kogarah | 1,918 | 1 4 | 164. Strathfield | 1,123 | 7 6 |
| 101. Ku-ring-gai | 3,698 | 8 4 | 165. Sutherland Shire, on account of the town of Cronulla, Burraneer Bay, Caringbah, Gunnamatta Bay, Port Hacking, &c..... | 428 | 0 0 |
| 102. Kyogle Shire, on account of the Kyogle Urban Area | 111 | 0 0 | 166. Sutherland Shire, on account of the town of Sutherland, Gympie Bay, Janall, Miranda, etc. | 127 | 0 0 |
| 103. Lake Macquarie Shire, on account of the townships of Belmont, South Belmont, Marks Point | 144 | 0 0 | 167. Sydney | 22,733 | 18 0 |
| 104. Lake Macquarie Shire, on account of the townships of Boolaroo, Argenton, Teralba and Warner's Bay | 150 | 0 0 | 168. Tallaganda Shire, on account of the town of Braidwood | 61 | 0 0 |
| 105. Lake Macquarie Shire, on account of the town of Cardiff | 109 | 0 0 | 169. Tamworth | 381 | 0 0 |
| 106. Lake Macquarie Shire, on account of the townships of Charlestown and Kahibah | 78 | 0 0 | 170. Taree | 89 | 0 0 |
| 107. Lake Macquarie Shire, on account of the township of Swansea | 90 | 0 0 | 171. Temora | 117 | 0 0 |
| 108. Lake Macquarie Shire, on account of the townships of Estellville, Holmesville, and West Wallsend | 88 | 0 0 | 172. Tenterfield | 90 | 0 0 |
| 109. Lake Macquarie Shire, on account of the township of Toronto | 149 | 0 0 | 173. Tintenbar Shire, on account of the township of Alstonville | 62 | 0 0 |
| 110. Lane Cove | 1,194 | 11 9 | 174. Tumut Shire, on account of the town of Tumut | 62 | 0 0 |
| 111. Leichhardt | 1,329 | 7 0 | 175. Tweed Shire, on account of Tweed Heads Urban Area..... | 70 | 0 0 |
| 112. Lidcombe | 1,053 | 17 0 | 176. Vaucluse..... | 988 | 6 7 |
| 113. Lismore | 445 | 0 0 | 177. Wade Shire, on account of the town of Griffith..... | 139 | 0 0 |
| 114. Lithgow | 356 | 0 0 | 178. Wagga Wagga | 539 | 0 0 |
| 115. Liverpool | 298 | 0 0 | 179. Walgett Shire, on account of the town of Walgett | 75 | 0 0 |
| 116. Lockhart Shire, on account of the Urban Area of Lockhart | 114 | 0 0 | 180. Warren, on account of the town of Warren | 72 | 0 0 |
| 117. Lower Hunter Shire, on account of the township of Kensington | 11 | 18 2 | 181. Warringah Shire, portions gazetted 8th November, 1940..... | 1,170 | 1 1 |
| 118. Lyndhurst Shire, on account of the Blayney Urban Area | 76 | 0 0 | 182. Warringah Shire, on account of Avalon, Bilgola, Clareville, Newport, Palm Beach, Taylor's Point and Whale Beach | 183 | 0 0 |
| 119. Maclean | 90 | 0 0 | 183. Waterloo | 1,198 | 6 6 |
| 120. Maitland, on account of East Maitland, West Maitland, Homeville, Lorn, Morpeth, Rutherford and Tenambit | 861 | 1 7 | 184. Waverley | 4,977 | 16 10 |
| 121. Manilla | 97 | 0 0 | 185. Wellington | 108 | 0 0 |
| 122. Manly | 2,488 | 13 3 | 186. Wentworth, on account of the town of Wentworth..... | 81 | 0 0 |
| 123. Marrickville | 2,782 | 10 0 | 187. Willimong Shire, on account of the town of Leeton | 229 | 0 0 |
| 124. Mascot | 937 | 0 7 | 188. Willoughby | 3,304 | 4 2 |
| 125. Molong | 85 | 0 0 | 189. Windsor | 116 | 11 0 |
| 126. Moree | 125 | 0 0 | 190. Wingecarribee Shire, on account of the town of Moss Vale..... | 87 | 0 0 |
| 127. Mosman | 2,320 | 15 3 | 191. Wingham | 110 | 0 0 |
| 128. Mudgee | 89 | 0 0 | 192. Woollahra | 5,092 | 16 10 |
| 129. Mullumbimby | 88 | 0 0 | 193. Wollongong | 585 | 3 2 |
| 130. Murrumburrah | 117 | 0 0 | 194. Woodburn Shire, on account of the town of Coraki..... | 63 | 0 0 |
| 131. Murrurundi..... | 85 | 0 0 | 195. Woy Woy Shire, portion gazetted 21st September, 1934 | 222 | 0 0 |
| 132. Murwillumbah | 163 | 0 0 | 196. Yass | 131 | 0 0 |
| 133. Muswellbrook | 86 | 0 0 | 197. Young..... | 180 | 0 0 |
| 134. Namoi Shire, on account of the town of West Narrabri..... | 18 | 5 0 | | | |
| | | | Total | £140,931 | 0 0 |

APPENDIX IV.
CONTRIBUTORY INSURANCE COMPANIES AND FIRMS.
Insurance Companies.

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

Firms.

1. Abel, Lemon & Co. Pty. (Ltd.)
2. Allen & Hanbury's (Asia) Ltd.
3. Amalgamated Dental Co. (Ltd.)
4. Austral Engineering Supplies Pty. Ltd.
5. Beard, Watson & Co. (Ltd.)
6. Bennett & Barkell (Ltd.)
7. Briscoe & Co. (Ltd.)
8. Bristol-Myers Co. Pty. Ltd.
9. British Drug Houses (Aust.) Pty. Ltd.
10. Cable & Wireless Limited.
11. California Asphalt Products Pty. Ltd.
12. Caltex Ltd.
13. Caltex (Queensland) Proprietary Ltd.
14. Central Agency (Aus.) (Ltd.)
15. Clark, T. P. & Co.
16. Columbia Gramophone (Aust.) Pty. Ltd.
17. Commonwealth Oil Refineries (Ltd.)
18. Dreyfus, Louis & Co. (Ltd.)
19. Farleigh, Nettheim Proprietary Ltd.
20. Fassett & Johnson (Ltd.)
21. Foley Bros. Pty. (Ltd.)
22. Fox Film Corporation (Australia) Pty. Ltd.
23. Gestetner, D. (Australia) Pty. Ltd.
24. Goldring, Magnus.
25. Harrison & Attwood Pty. Ltd.
26. Harvey Trinder (N.S.W.) Pty. (Ltd.)
27. Harvey Trinder (Vic.) Pty. Ltd.
28. Hoffnung, S. & Co. (Ltd.)
29. Hordern, A. & Sons (Ltd.)
30. Hudson, G. Pty. Ltd.
31. International Harvester Co. of Australia Pty. (Ltd.)
32. Lake George Mines (Ltd.)
33. Levy, J. A.
34. Lumley Edward & Sons (N.S.W.) Pty. Ltd.
35. Lumley Edward & Sons (Vic.) Pty. Ltd.
36. McIlwraith, McEacharn (Ltd.)
37. Nestle & Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co. (Asia) (Ltd.)
38. New Zealand & Australian Land Co. (Ltd.)
39. Phillips Electrical Industries of Aust. Pty. Ltd.
40. Poland, H. G. (Aust.) Proprietary Ltd.
41. Reckitt & Colman (Aust.) (Ltd.)
42. Sheller Bros. (Australia) Pty. (Ltd.)
43. Steeves, Agnew & Co. (Aust.) Pty. (Ltd.) (N.S.W.)
44. Steeves, Agnew & Co. Pty. Ltd. (Vic.)
45. Universal Pictures Pty. Ltd.
46. Wiggins, Teape & Alex. Pirie (Export) (Ltd.)

APPENDIX V.

Attendances at Board Meetings for the year 1945.

| | Meetings. | |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| | Present. | Absent. |
| The Hon. Thomas Januarius Smith | 51 | 5 |
| Thomas Sidney Douglas, J.P. | 41 | 15 |
| Edward Noel Haythorpe, J.P. | 49 | 7 |
| Francis Westlake Walton | 36 | 20 |
| The Hon. Thomas Davies Mutch | 53 | 3 |
| Alderman Hector Kenneth West Mackenzie..... | 37 | 19 |
| John Franklin Beswick, J.P. | 50 | 6 |
| Sydney Henry Alexander Jordan | 46 | 10 |

Total: 51 Ordinary Meetings.
5 Extraordinary Meetings.

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