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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 1949

*Ordered to be printed, 14 April, 1950*

The Honourable C. H. Matthews, M.L.A.,  
Colonial Secretary,  
SYDNEY.

Sir,

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19 (2) of the Fire Brigades Act, 1909-1949, the Board of Fire Commissioners of New South Wales presents its report for the year 1949; being the fortieth annual report.

### FIRE BRIGADES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1949.

The Fire Brigades (Amendment) Act, 1949 (Act No. 16), was assented to on 30th June. This measure was enacted to make further provision in relation to the borrowing powers and the fund of the Board of Fire Commissioners of New South Wales and for this purpose to amend the Fire Brigades Act, 1909-1948. Section 17 of the principal Act was amended so that the amount of the Board's borrowings shall not at any time exceed £500,000, in lieu of £250,000. Section 34 was amended to provide that the Estimates of the Board shall be so made that the amount of the contribution to be paid by the Councils of the Municipalities and Shires in a fire district (previously limited to  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in the pound or a higher figure where the Minister accorded consent) shall not exceed such rate in the pound on the unimproved capital value of all ratable land in the fire district as the Governor from time to time by Proclamation published in the *Gazette* may determine. Section 34 was further amended to provide that the proportions of contributions by the Colonial Treasurer and the Municipal and/or Shire Councils shall be reduced from one-fourth to one-eighth and that by the Insurance Companies increased from one-half to three-quarters; to take effect from 1st January, 1950.

### BOARD.

The Election of members of the Board which had been postponed from February, by order, until June by reason of the effect of the Local Government (Areas) Act, 1948, resulted in the re-election by the Insurance Companies of Messrs. Walter Leslie Currey and Leslie Ivan Skelton and the election of Mr. Stacy Morrison in the room of Mr. F. W. Walton. Aldermen Leslie Edye Duff and Hector Kenneth West Mackenzie were re-elected by the Councils of the Municipalities and Shires mentioned in Parts I and II of Schedule One of the Fire Brigades Act, respectively. Mr. Frederick Alfred Harrison was elected by the Members of the Volunteer Fire Brigades and Mr. Maurice Stoltmack by the permanent Firemen vice Messrs. J. F. Beswick and S. H. A. Jordan respectively, neither of whom sought re-election. By resolution the Board placed on record its appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the retiring members.

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### ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE.

In respect of the various fire districts throughout the State the estimates of expenditure amounted to £904,820 as shown in appendix 11. Of this, the estimate of the Sydney Fire District was £726,820 and those of the one hundred and forty-four other fire districts £178,000. For the year 1950 the estimates total £1,075,208; that for Sydney Fire District being £879,080 and the one hundred and forty-six other fire districts collectively £196,128.

Thirty-three Municipal and Shire Councils contributed in the Sydney Fire District and the percentage of their total contributions for 1949 to that of the assessed annual value of all ratable property therein returned by them in 1948 was 8s. 9d. However, for 1950, on account of the altered ratio, the contributions by these Councils will be equivalent to 4s. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per £100. The total amount of the assessed annual value furnished in 1949 was £44,459,332, an increase of £2,925,712 compared with the previous year.

One hundred and thirty-six insurance companies and forty-nine firms contributed to the Board during the year. The contributions represented 17.9 per cent. of the amount of the premiums in respect of the Sydney Fire District, and from 1.79 per cent. to 32.04 per cent. in other Fire Districts.

### FIRE DISTRICTS—ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS.

Two new fire districts were created when the provisions of the Fire Brigades Act were applied by Proclamations to the Moama Town Improvement Area in the Municipality of Moama (*Government Gazette*, 15th July), and the Macksville Urban Area in the Shire of Nambucca (*Government Gazette*, 18th November). By notification in *Government Gazette*, 4th March, the Act was applied to an additional part of the Shire of Warringah and the boundaries of the Sydney Fire District were altered and extended to include that area.

The boundaries of the Coff's Harbour, Crookwell, Griffith and Murwillumbah Fire Districts were extended to include additional parts of the Dorriggo, Crookwell, Wade and Tweed Shires respectively.

Under the provisions of the Local Government Act the boundaries of the Municipalities of Dubbo and Orange were extended to incorporate parts of adjoining Shires, and action was taken to re-apply the Fire Brigades Act to the Municipalities concerned as re-constituted. By Proclamations in *Government Gazette*, 14th January, the steps taken to remove from the operations of the Fire Brigades Act as on and from the 1st January, 1949, parts of Municipalities reconstituted under the provisions of the Local Government (Areas) Act, 1948, were concluded, thereby retaining for the time being the existing boundaries of the Cabramatta, Camden, Campbelltown, Liverpool, Penrith, St. Marys, and Sydney Fire Districts.

### INCREASE OF STATUTORY LIMIT.

As previously mentioned, the Fire Brigades (Amendment) Act, 1949, amended the provisions of Section 34 of the principal Act, and in lieu of one-fourth of a penny there was



substituted "such rate" as the Governor may determine and by Proclamation in *Government Gazette*, 7th October, it was declared that the contribution to be paid by the Councils of the Municipalities and Shires in the Fire Districts shall not exceed the rates on the unimproved capital value of ratable land in the fire districts set out thereunder, viz.:—

- 1½d. in respect of Barham and Moama Fire Districts.
- ¾d. in respect of Alstonville, Berrigan, Coolah, Dunedoo, Hillston, Jerilderie and Tocumwal Fire District.
- ½d. in respect of Bourke, Cessnock, Cobar, Coolamon, Coraki, Culcairn, Dorrigo, Finley, Gulgong, Henty, Lake Cargelligo, Lithgow, Liverpool, Lockhart, Murrumbidgee, Narramine, Paxton, Wentworth and West Wallend Fire Districts.
- ¼d. in respect of all other Fire Districts.

#### FIRE STATIONS AND SITES.

New temporary fire stations were provided at Bellbird and Lake Cargelligo, while at Moama, a new fire district, the Council removed to a new site and restored the fire station building which had been previously in use by a locally-controlled volunteer Brigade. The alienation of the Harbord Fire Station property to the Warringah Shire Council for use as a Baby Health Centre and the sale of that at St. Peters to the Marrickville Council for a similar purpose were completed. Negotiations were entered into in respect of new sites at Griffith and Peakhurst.

#### LEASES.

The lease of the Belmont Fire Station was renewed for five years, those in respect of Dorrigo and Gloucester for three years and for Gulgong two years. A new lease was entered into for the Wauchope Fire Station with a currency of three years, and the tenancies of the Coledale and Toongabbie Fire Stations were extended in lieu of renewing the leases.

#### FIRES.

In Sydney and Suburbs 6,665 alarms of fire were recorded during the year; being a decrease of 1,795 compared with the previous year. The total number comprised 2,216 false alarms, 128 chimney fires and 4,321 other fires; of the number of false alarms 645 were classified as malicious, 436 as needless and 1,135 as accidental. Twenty-four fires were classified as suspicious in origin compared with 29 in 1948.

The most notable fires were:—

- 12th October—Rose-crescent, Regent's Park.—R.A.A.F. Stores. Air Force Stores.
- 13th December—McEvoy-street, Waterloo.—Dominion Motors. Motor Assembling Works.
- 21st December—36-38 Hutchinson-street, Surry Hills.—J. M. McGloin Pty. Ltd. Manufacturing Chemist.

In the country districts the number of fire calls received by the Brigades totalled 2,491, being a decrease of 836 by comparison with the previous year; the most notable being:—

- 12th January—Kendall-street, Cowra.—Squire, Pepper Pty. Ltd. General Store.
- 14th January—Railway-parade, Riverstone.—Riverstone Meat Co. Pty. Ltd. Meat Preserving Works.
- 19th February—Banna-avenue, Griffith.—Australian Rice Pty. Ltd. Rice Mill.
- 8th April—Ring-street, Inverell.—Inverell Milling Pty. Ltd. Flour Mill.
- 27th December—Dobbs & Docker streets, Wagga Wagga.—Commonwealth Military Forces. Military Stores.

Loss of life associated with outbreaks of fire continued during the year; burning fatalities occurring at Albury, Balmain, Bourke, Brighton-le-Sands, Carrington, Drummoyne, Ermington, Fairfield, Mascot, Newport and Waterloo.

#### ELECTRICAL—FIRE ALARMS.

Approval was given to the erection of 8 additional street fire alarms, but due to factors outside the Board's control it has not been possible to provide all of these facilities. Similarly, many sprinkler and thermostatic alarm installations in buildings await connection to fire stations.

Of the eight additional street fire alarms abovementioned one was installed at Kogarah, making a total in Sydney and Suburbs of 773.

The number of special alarms is now 89, and connected also to the various Fire Stations there are 901 sprinkler installations of various types, 169 thermostatic alarms and 240 private fire alarms.

No additional telephone fire alarms were provided in the country fire districts; thus there are 250 telephone, 168 mechanical alarms and 23 special alarms connected to fire stations

in those areas. Twenty-nine sprinkler installations are connected to the fire stations at Newcastle, 4 at Albury, 8 at Bathurst, 2 at Broken Hill, 3 at Orange, 7 at Goulburn, 3 at Tamworth, 5 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; 189 private fire alarms are also in communication with various country fire stations.

Additional fire alarm pillars were provided in the Sydney and Country Fire Districts, making a total of 563 and 189 respectively now installed. Sirens were installed at Armidale, Ballina, Bellbird, Casino, Coff's Harbour, Kempsey, Lake Cargelligo, Macksville, Moama, Wauchope and West Wyalong. Electric bells were connected to the residences of Volunteer Firemen at Balranald (9), Glen Innes (4), Grafton (5), Inverell (3), Lismore (3), South Grafton (3) and Tamworth (4).

#### THEFTS AND DAMAGES.

It is a continued matter of regret that thefts of parts of street fire alarms and damage to instruments occurred during the year; the following localities being affected:—Auburn, Bankstown, Bondi, Burwood, City of Sydney, Crow's Nest, Enfield, Gladesville, Glebe, Granville, Hurstville, Kingsford, Kogarah, Kurri Kurri, Lakemba, Leichhardt, Liverpool, Maitland, Manly, Maroubra, Marrickville, Matraville, Mosman, Newtown, Orange, Paddington, Parramatta, Randwick, Redfern, Revesby, Rockdale, Ryde, St. Peters, Waratah and Wentworthville.

#### OFFENCES AND CONVICTIONS.

A prosecution was successfully launched under the Fire Brigades Act against the man giving a false alarm of fire at Moree, while at Gosford a man was convicted of setting fire to buildings.

In addition to the above there were a number of instances of false alarms being given and interference with fire alarm instruments by children. Appropriate action in these cases was taken in conjunction with Police, Schoolmasters and Parents.

#### BRIGADE.

Consequent upon the retirement of Third Officer H. Bissett, the following appointments were made:—Mr. J. Edge, Third Officer; Mr. G. H. Gilmour, Fourth Officer; Mr. C. A. Milledge, Fifth Officer; and Mr. J. S. McGrath, Sixth Officer.

Mr. H. G. Watson was appointed Principal Electrician in the room of Mr. J. C. Broadhurst, retired.

The re-organisation of certain Brigades in Country Fire Districts, referred to in last report, was effected during the year. At Albury, Armidale, Bathurst, Casino, Dubbo, Glen Innes, Goulburn, Grafton, Inverell, Lismore, Orange, Tamworth and Wagga Wagga the Brigades were reconstituted in accordance with the variation of the Fire Brigade Officers (State) Award whereby one permanent Officer remained in charge of the Brigade where previously there had been three Officers. So that the Station would be effectively staffed a volunteer fireman took up residence in the living quarters provided, assisted by another volunteer fireman residing in the single men's quarters. The Permanent Officer now performs duty on five days a week from 8.0 a.m. to 6.0 p.m. in accordance with the Award, and the resident volunteer fireman, by mutual arrangement, in respect of the remaining hours of the week for which services a special remuneration is paid. The strength of the volunteer staff was augmented in each case and extensions of the telephone and fire alarms systems were made to the residences of other volunteer firemen as a further protective measure. The change in the system has been attended with satisfactory results.

The authorised strength of the Brigade in Sydney and Suburbs ("A" Division) is 249 Officers, 772 permanent, 299 volunteer and 748 reserve firemen; in the Newcastle Fire District, 16 Officers, 39 permanent, 109 volunteer and 60 reserve firemen; in Broken Hill, 3 Officers, 9 permanent, 19 volunteer and 14 reserve firemen; in Maitland, 3 Officers, 3 permanent, 48 volunteer and 30 reserve firemen; and in other districts 29 officers, 1,534 volunteer and 1,031 reserve firemen; the total strength of the Brigade is thus 300 Officers, 823 permanent firemen, 2,009 volunteer firemen and 1,883 reserve firemen.

The routine operations of the patrol system were slightly varied in the light of the experience of the first year and improvements effected. It has continued to demonstrate its practical value in adding to the efficiency of the Brigade.

The new Brigades established at Barham, Forster, Lake Cargelligo and Wauchope operated under the Act as from the 1st January. Coincidental with the application of the provisions of the Fire Brigades Act, Brigades were formed at Macksville and Moama to operate with full services as on and from 1st January, 1950.

### DEATHS.

The deaths of Sub-Station Officer A. McGrath and Fourth Class Fireman J. E. Harvey are recorded with regret.

### 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:—Third Officer H. Bissett, Inspector G. Challis, Motor Officer G. Eadie, Station Officers T. Croker, R. Holt, R. Pepper, W. Phillips, H. J. Young and A. E. Wyndham, Sub-Station Officer J. H. Purdy, Senior Firemen S. Brogden, J. Ferguson, F. H. Johnson and W. Weir, First Class Firemen K. A. Campbell and A. J. Peters, Messrs. C. O. Anderson and R. B. Lynch of the Clerical Staff, Messrs. J. C. Broadhurst and G. H. Moate of the Electrical Department, and J. Mitchell of the Clothing Factory also retired.

### 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 N. Butler, W. L. Hatton, J. Kendall, W. J. Kinnear, N. Meads, J. E. Meeve, S. R. Rowley, A. M. Stewart and R. Swift, and Senior Firemen G. Connors, T. Ellis, W. Hooley, R. Houghton, K. Oldfield, H. Robinson, J. Tomlins and W. Unwin. A bar to the Long Service Medal for an additional 15 years' service was awarded to District Officer F. W. Howell.

### VOLUNTEER LONG SERVICE MEDALS AND BARS.

Volunteer Long Service Medals were awarded to Volunteer Firemen H. W. Simpson (Bathurst), W. Outram (Belmont), R. A. Gourlay (Braidwood), Captain J. E. Bradley (Coff's Harbour), Volunteer Firemen D. P. Strathford (Cronulla), G. W. Cable (Deniliquin), A. E. Rothwell (Gladesville), Captain W. J. Gaudry, and Volunteer Firemen H. G. Evans and W. E. Oldfield (Gulgong), J. Bewes (Homeville), C. H. Townend (Kiama), J. C. Hagans (Kurri Kurri), C. V. Hall (Lismore), Captain A. Smith (Manilla), D. J. O'Brien (Molong), Captain C. K. Simpson and Volunteer Firemen V. B. Anderson (Murrumburrah), A. A. Munro (Murwillumbah), Captain A. V. Hardman (Narrabri), Volunteer Firemen D. L. Edwards (Penrith), K. C. Taylor (Queanbeyan), E. Lawrence (Stockton), H. G. Spinks and J. A. Sanders (Tamworth), F. W. Newsham (Waratah), N. Kennedy (Warren), and C. Milnes (Wollongong).

Bars to the Long Service Medal for an additional 15 years' service were awarded to Volunteer Firemen H. G. Hawkins (Bowral), W. Gourlay (Braidwood), A. E. Ball (Bulli), J. A. B. Clark (Casino), F. J. O'Brien and A. Sneddon (Cessnock), L. Andrews (Cobar), E. Walton (East Greta), G. J. Tighe (Hay), Captain S. J. Schwinghammer (South Grafton), Volunteer Firemen H. Radcliffe and H. Fern (Kempsey), P. H. Shields (Richmond), and T. J. Rule (Young).

### FIRE APPLIANCES.

New Dennis Motor Fire Engines having a capacity of 400 gallons per minute were completed in the Workshops and installed at Concord, Dee Why, Hornsby and Rockdale and appliances of increased pumping capacity were provided at Castle Hill, Dorrigo, Gosford, Griffith, Manilla, West Maitland and Wyong, and exchanges made in fire engines at Avalon, Glen Innes and Wentworth. Motor fire engines were installed in the two new fire districts at Macksville and Moama.

Motor fire engine body design was reviewed and with a view to gaining experience under service conditions approval was given to the construction of appliances embodying the feature of internal seating as against the "Braidwood" external seating type which has been the standard for many years. Work to this end is proceeding.

### HOSE.

Ten thousand feet of 1 inch, 5,000 feet of 1½ inch and 3,000 feet of 2¼ inch fire hose of English manufacture were received during the year.

### RADIO COMMUNICATIONS.

The contract for the installation of the Radio Telephone Communication System by Thom & Smith Ltd. was completed and its full operation has demonstrated the value of this modern system of communication, in facilitating the work of the brigade in actual fire-fighting activities and as an efficient adjunct to the ordinary telephone system of the Brigade.

### CLOTHING AND BOOT FACTORIES.

The Board's activities in the manufacture of uniform clothing and boots for the Fire Service have been satisfactorily continued.

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### BUILDING INSPECTIONS.

Officers of the Fire Service conducted regular inspections of theatres and public halls under the Theatres and Public Halls Act and of premises under the Factories and Shops Act and the Height of Buildings Act. Inspections were also made of business premises, Hospitals, etc., in Sydney and Country areas and drill and instruction imparted to the various staffs in the matters of fire prevention and fire extinction.

### BUSH FIRES AND BUSH FIRES ACT, 1949.

Close co-operation with the Bush Fire Committee and the Local Government Authorities in the various districts where a bush fire hazard exists was continued by the Board and the Brigade throughout the year. Officers assisted to establish Bush Fire Brigades and imparted drill and instruction in many instances. Field Days were held at French's Forest, Berowra and Springwood.

New hose-box posts staffed by Reserve Firemen with requisite fire fighting equipment were established at Bantry Bay, in the Municipality of Manly; Dartford and Mt. Wilga, in Hornsby Shire; Beacon Hill and Makim-street, Dee Why, in Warringah Shire; and East Roseville, in the Municipality of Ku-ring-gai. Such auxiliaries to the regular Brigades in the Bush Fire danger areas are now located as follows:—

Sutherland Shire.—Kirrawee, West Como, Woronora River, Gynea Bay, Jannali, Oyster Bay, Prince Edward Park and Caringbah.

Warringah Shire.—Careel Bay, Clareville, Newport, Palm Beach (2), Avalon, Church Point, Elanora, Dee Why, Beacon Hill.

Hornsby Shire.—Dartford and Mount Wilga.

Manly Municipality.—Bantry Bay.

Ku-ring-gai Municipality.—East Roseville, St. Ives, East Lindfield, Killara (2), Wahroonga.

Hurstville Municipality.—Oatley, Lugarno, Peakhurst and South Peakhurst.

Kogarah Municipality.—Connell's Point, Oatley Bay, Blakehurst and Georgetown.

Bankstown Municipality.—Herne Bay, Picnic Point, George's Hall, East Hills, Padstow and Chester Hill.

Baulkham Hills Shire.—Baulkham Hills.

City of Blue Mountains.—Mount Victoria, Medlow Bath, Woodford, Hazelbrook and Warrimoo.

City of Greater Wollongong.—Cringilla, Primbee, Spoonerville and Windang.

A demonstration by Reserve Firemen stationed within the Sutherland Shire was held at Como on 11th September. The Board placed on record its appreciation of the excellent standard attained by the Reserve Firemen as demonstrated in the competition events.

The Bush Fires Act, 1949, was enacted and, by Proclamation, came into operation on 9th December. It is an Act to make provision for the prevention, control and suppression of bush and other fires and for the mitigation of dangers resulting from such fires, to repeal the Careless Use of Fire Act, 1912-1946, and the Bush Fires Act (1930), to amend the Local Government Act, 1919, and certain other Acts in certain respects and for purposes connected therewith. Regulations made in pursuance of the Act were published in *Government Gazette* of 9th December.

Fourth Officer G. H. Gilmour was made a member of the Bush Fire Committee constituted under the Act.

### CROWN EMPLOYEES APPEAL BOARD.

During the year there were seven appeals against decisions of the Board. Two appeals were dismissed, one was withdrawn, one has not yet been heard and three were allowed. Of the three appeals allowed two concerned cases where an employee had allegedly reported late for duty under the influence of liquor and had been dismissed, and one was a case where an employee, a probationary fireman, failed to report for duty and had been dismissed. In each of these three cases the Appeal Board reinstated the employee with loss of rank, loss of pay and other consequences.

In dismissing the two appeals first mentioned the Appeal Board gave a Judgment of major significance to the Board. The appeals had been lodged in consequence of the Board having appointed to the important and responsible positions of Sixth Officer and Board's Inspectional Officer (Building Inspector) respectively, Officers who were, in the opinion of the Board, more suited to perform the duties of those positions than the Officers who according to seniority only might otherwise have been appointed. Two of the Officers higher in the seniority list than those appointed appealed.



In upholding the appointments and giving its reasons for dismissing the appeals the Appeal Board said, amongst other things, that seniority was a guiding principle in making promotions or appointments but never the only factor; further, that seniority was subordinated to fitness for the position and the Board had discharged the onus of proving that the persons selected by it were better fitted to the positions than the appellants.

#### WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT.

One hundred and sixty-eight claims were lodged under 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 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 at the end of the year was £6 6s. 0d. (an increase of 10s. during the year) with which was payable the fixed loading of 5s. applicable to Government employees, making a total Needs Basic Wage of £6 11s. 0d.

As a result of these variations the salaries and wages payable under the Fire Brigade 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 (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) also increased by 10s. during the year to £6 6s. 0d. at the end of the year. In addition, the fixed loading of 6s. applicable to such employees was payable.

Wages payable under the Federal Clothing Trades Award based on the index numbers for the six capital cities of Australia increased by 5s. from the commencement of the first pay periods in both May and November respectively. The rates for females under this Award are fixed by the National Security (Female Minimum Rates) Regulations at 75 per cent. of the male rates.

#### NEW BY-LAWS.

The draft new By-Laws referred to in the last report were submitted to the Minister, and after consideration have been the subject of conferences between the Board and representatives of the Union.

#### FIRE BRIGADE EMPLOYEES (STATE) AWARD AND FIRE BRIGADE OFFICERS (STATE) AWARD.

Apart from basic wage variations these Awards continued in operation throughout the year unaltered, and there were no applications filed on behalf of the Board or the Unions for variation, other than that relating to Resident Country Inspectors.

Two prosecutions against the Board for alleged breaches of the Officers' Award were instituted by the Union during the year but both were dismissed.

#### AMALGAMATION OF UNIONS.

During the year an amalgamation of the New South Wales Fire Brigades Officers' Association and the Fire Brigade Employees' Union of New South Wales took place, thus bringing into one new Union (named the New South Wales Fire Brigade Employees' Union) all Officers (except the six senior executive officers) and all firemen in the Service.

However, as this amalgamation became effective a number of Officers senior to the rank of Station Officer formed a new Union which, notwithstanding opposition, obtained registration both as a Trade Union and as an Industrial Union under the name "New South Wales Fire Brigade Senior Officers' Association." The Board understands that an appeal to the Industrial Commission by the amalgamated Union against this decision of the Industrial Registrar was lodged but the hearing has not yet been listed.

#### RESIDENT COUNTRY INSPECTORS.

As previously referred to in this report, steps to implement the scheme of re-organising the system of inspection and instruction of Brigades in Country Fire Districts mentioned in the previous reports were taken during the year.

The Board created the new position of Resident Country Inspector to which there were to be seven appointments and called for applications of which a number were received but,

before the Board had the opportunity of deciding what appointments were to be made, the new Union created by the amalgamation of the former Firemen's Union and Officers' Union (as elsewhere referred to) directed those Officers who had already applied to withdraw their applications. Some of the Officers complied with the Union's instruction, but those who did not do so were fined by the Union allegedly for disobeying the Union's instruction. The Board immediately brought the matter before the Industrial Commission by applying for a variation of the Fire Brigade Officers' (State) Award to provide that all Officers who comply with conditions of eligibility should be entitled to apply for appointment to any position created by the Board and that no person or Union should do anything to incite or encourage or induce or compel an officer to refrain from applying or to withdraw an application already made or to cease from performing or undertaking the duties of any position to which he may have been appointed.

The Commission listed the application for hearing as a matter of urgency, and on the evidence before it severely condemned the Union's action in imposing fines on its members who had applied for the positions and also expressed the view that the rule under which the Union purported to act was too vague to be applied.

On the Union undertaking to rescind all fines unpaid, to refund any fines collected by it and to remove any ban sought to be imposed by it on Officers applying for the positions, the Board's application was adjourned. The Union subsequently satisfied the Court that it had carried out its undertaking, and up to the present there has been no need for the Board to have its application re-listed for hearing.

The difficulty abovementioned having been removed, the Board proceeded and selected a number of Officers from whom appointments were to be made. Two appointments have been made and the others are expected to be made shortly.

#### FRIENDLY RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

The Friendly Relations Committee referred to in last report met and discussed several outstanding matters.

#### 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 re-organization of the permanent staff.

#### LOANS.

As previously mentioned, the Fire Brigades Amendment Act, 1949, made provision for the borrowing limit by the Board to be increased to £500,000.

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

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.

S. MORRISON.

H. K. W. MACKENZIE.

F. A. HARRISON.

M. STOLMACK.

L. E. DUFF.

Members of the  
Board of Fire  
Commissioners  
of N.S.W.



## APPENDIX I.

## BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

## STATEMENT of Revenue and Expenditure for Year ended 31st December, 1949.

REVENUE.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Contributions—				Balance brought forward, as at 1st January, 1949			88,484 4 3
Government .....	226,205	0	0	Clothing .....	24,726	9	5
Insurance Companies and Firms.....	452,410	0	0	Fire Appliances, Minor .....	1,139	4	6
Municipalities and Shires—				Fire Expenses .....	49	13	1
Sydney .....	181,705	0	0	Fuel and Oil (Motor).....	12,904	13	3
Country .....	44,500	0	0	Furniture, Fittings, etc. ....	2,629	13	2
			904,820	Gratuities and Compensations .....	84	16	8
Sale of Materials .....	1,975	14	11	Hose .....	4,008	18	11
Services Rendered .....	22,814	4	6	Insurance, Stations and Plant.....	5,382	14	7
			24,789	Life and Accident Assurance .....	1,699	1	1
Balance Carried forward to 1950 .....			189,143	Lighting and Heating .....	5,243	17	9
			8	Medical Fees .....	562	5	6
			4	Miscellaneous .....	5,439	12	8
				Pay Roll Tax .....	17,597	5	10
				Pensions .....	1,534	12	9
				Petty Expenses .....	281	19	8
				Printing, Postage, Stationery .....	3,454	18	3
				Rates .....	9,560	0	8
				Rent .....	15,151	18	9
				Repairs and Replacements .....	35,723	7	6
				Salaries and Allowances .....	668,830	16	2
				Station Repairs .....	19,433	16	2
				Sundries .....	4,284	5	5
				Sundry Materials .....	7,589	11	1
				Superannuation .....	64,019	7	3
				Telephones and Electric Plant .....	3,077	11	9
				Telephone Maintenance .....	3,937	17	4
				Tools and Utensils .....	2,489	5	3
				Travelling, Cartage and Freight .....	8,547	8	1
				Volunteers, Payments to .....	34,300	12	10
							963,685 15 4
				Equipment, Charge for .....	23,679	6	1
				Property, Charge for .....	5,872	0	10
							29,551 6 11
				Administration .....			28,832 1 10
				Life and Accident Assurance—			
				Provision for accrued premiums .....			8,200 0 0
							£1,118,753 8 4

## ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT for Year ended 31st December, 1949.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance from 1948.....			66 7 9	By Charge for Administration as per Estimates,			
Audit Fees .....	420	0	0	1949—			
Board Fees .....	1,050	0	0	Sydney, 2½% .....	19,452	12	1
Furniture and Equipment .....	408	17	3	Other Districts, 5% and 7% .....	9,379	9	9
Guarantee Premiums.....	38	19	1				28,832 1 10
Exchange and Bank Charges .....	93	10	3	Balance .....			1,208 18 2
Law Costs .....	1,447	6	10				
Life Assurance .....	105	1	0				
Pay Roll Tax .....	482	11	3				
Pensions .....	234	6	6				
Printing .....	1,919	6	10				
Salaries .....	20,671	17	2				
Sundries .....	396	16	0				
Superannuation .....	1,390	6	1				
Telephone Maintenance .....	110	15	5				
Travelling .....	1,204	18	7				
			29,974 12 3				
			£30,041 0 0				£30,041 0 0

## BALANCE SHEET as at 31st December, 1949.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS, ETC.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Fund Account .....			31,305 14 6	Land—At Cost .....			47,068 12 1
Property and Equipment Account .....			807,169 3 11	Buildings—At Cost .....			418,613 16 0
Debentures (Secured)—				Fire Appliances—At Cost or at valuation where			
Advances .....	92,000	0	0	units have been reconditioned .....			401,430 6 10
Accrued Interest to date .....	1,260	0	0	Stock on Hand as Certified—			
			93,260 0 0	Stores .....	29,772	18	0
Mobile Canteen Fund, as per contra .....			1,192 10 0	Workshops .....	76,712	9	5
Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd.				Electrical .....	9,545	11	6
Current Account—Overdraft .....			233,840 2 6				116,030 18 11
Life and Accident Assurance, Provision for				Petty Cash—Secretary .....	50	0	0
accrued premiums .....			8,200 0 0	Brigades .....	229	0	0
							279 0 0
				Mobile Canteen Fund, as per contra—			
				Commonwealth Stock .....	1,000	0	0
				Current Account .....	192	10	0
							1,192 10 0
				Administration Account .....			1,208 18 2
				Revenue and Expenditure Account .....			189,143 8 11
			£1,174,967 10 11				£1,174,967 10 11

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have examined the above Balance Sheet with the books of account relating thereto and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion, the Balance Sheet and accompanying Statement of Revenue and Expenditure are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the affairs of the Board of Fire Commissioners of New South Wales according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books.

ROBERTSON, CRANE AND GIBBONS,

Chartered Accountants (Aust.).

Sydney, 23rd January, 1950.

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## APPENDIX II.

## ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1949.

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 .....	3,632	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) .....	452	0	0
2. Alstonville—The Town of Alstonville, in Tintenbar Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 12th August, 1927).....	232	0	0	29. Casino—The Municipality of Casino .....	2,160	0	0
3. Armidale—The Municipality of Armidale .....	2,572	0	0	30. Cessnock—(1) The Municipality of Cessnock. (2) The Towns of Abernethy, Bellbird, Kearsley, Kitchener, in Kearsley Shire, as re-constituted: <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) .....	3,828	0	0
4. Ballina—The Municipality of Ballina .....	436	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) ...	328	0	0
5. Balranald—The Municipality of Balranald ...	348	0	0	32. Cobar—The Municipality of Cobar .....	268	0	0
6. Barham—The Town Improvement Area of Barham in Wakool Shire ( <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 19th November, 1948) .....	316	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> , 15th September, 1939) .....	516	0	0
7. Barraba—The Municipality of Barraba .....	300	0	0	34. Condobolin—The Municipality of Condobolin...	608	0	0
8. Bathurst—The Municipality of Bathurst .....	3,088	0	0	35. Coolamon—The Town of Coolamon, in Coolamon Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 18th November, 1927) .....	288	0	0
9. Bega—The Municipality of Bega .....	312	0	0	36. Coolah—The Town of Coolah in Coolah Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 4th October, 1946) .....	364	0	0
10. Bellingen—The Town of Bellingen, in Bellingen Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 22nd August, 1924).....	420	0	0	37. Cooma—The Municipality of Cooma. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 9th November, 1917) .....	360	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) .....	624	0	0	38. Coonabarabran—The Town of Coonabarabran, in Coonabarabran Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 18th September, 1936) .....	264	0	0
12. Berrigan—The Town of Berrigan, in Berrigan Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 26th July, 1946) .....	348	0	0	39. Coonamble—The Municipality of Coonamble...	372	0	0
13. Berry—The Shire of Shoalhaven. (The part which formerly comprised the Municipality of Berry) .....	284	0	0	40. Cootamundra—The Municipality of Cootamundra .....	476	0	0
14. Blacktown—The Town of Blacktown in Blacktown Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 7th November, 1930) .....	416	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) .....	344	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) .....	284	0	0	42. Corowa—The Municipality of Corowa .....	528	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 .....	6,436	0	0	43. Cowra—The Municipality of Cowra .....	468	0	0
17. Bombala—The Municipality of Bombala .....	424	0	0	44. Cronulla—The Town of Cronulla, with Burren Bay, Caringbah, Gunnamatta Bay, Port Hacking, Taren Point, etc., in Sutherland Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 28th September, 1945) .....	4,484	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) .....	568	0	0	45. Crookwell—The Town of Crookwell, in Crookwell Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 15th September, 1939) .....	292	0	0
19. Bourke—The Municipality of Bourke .....	360	0	0	46. Culcairn—The Town of Culcairn in Culcairn Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 31st October, 1947).....	300	0	0
20. Bowral—The Municipality of Bowral .....	288	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 ...	332	0	0
21. Braidwood—The Town of Braidwood in Talla-ganda Shire. (The part which formerly comprised the Municipality of Braidwood, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 23rd October, 1936) .....	268	0	0	48. Deniliquin—The Municipality of Deniliquin ...	676	0	0
22. Branxton-Greta—The Towns of Branxton, Greta, in Kearsley Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 5th September, 1947) .....	152	0	0	49. Dorriggo—The Town of Dorriggo, in Dorriggo Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 29th October, 1926) .....	420	0	0
23. Broken Hill—The Municipality of Broken Hill .....	10,708	0	0	50. Dubbo—The Municipality of Dubbo .....	2,232	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 .....	680	0	0	51. Dunedoo—The Town of Dunedoo in Cobbora Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 18th October, 1946) .....	312	0	0
25. Camden—The Municipality of Camden, as reconstituted 1st January, 1949. (The part which formerly comprised the Municipality of Camden) .....	380	0	0	52. Dungog—The Municipality of Dungog .....	252	0	0
26. Campbelltown—The Municipality of Campbelltown, as reconstituted, 1st January, 1949. (The part which formerly comprised the Municipality of Campbelltown) .....	480	0	0	53. Finley—The Town of Finley in Berrigan Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 26th July, 1946) .....	380	0	0
27. Canowindra—The Canowindra Urban Area, in Boree Shire. ( <i>Vide Government Gazette</i> , 19th April, 1929) .....	368	0	0	54. Forbes—The Municipality of Forbes .....	600	0	0
				55. Forster—The Town of Forster in Stroud Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 24th September, 1948) .....	440	0	0
				56. Gilgandra—The Gilgandra Urban Area, embracing the Town of Gilgandra, in Gilgandra Shire (as re-constituted, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 9th January, 1942) .....	300	0	0
				57. Glen Innes—The Municipality of Glen Innes ...	2,920	0	0
				58. Gloucester—The Gloucester Urban Area, embracing the Town of Gloucester, in Gloucester Shire ( <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 1st November, 1946) .....	396	0	0

## APPENDIX II—continued.

Fire District.	£	s.	d.	Fire District.	£	s.	d.
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 .....	676	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) .....	6,000	0	0
60. Goulburn—The Municipality of Goulburn .....	3,400	0	0	89. Manilla—The Municipality of Manilla .....	268	0	0
61. Grafton—The Municipality of Grafton .....	3,140	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) .....	356	0	0
62. Greater Newcastle—The City of Greater Newcastle, embracing Adamstown, Broadmeadow, Carrington, Cook's Hill, Hamilton, Honey-suckle, Inglewood, Islington, Lambton, Maryville, Mayfield, Merewether, Newcastle, New Lambton, Plattsburg, Sandgate, Shortlands, Stockton, Tighe's Hill, Wallsend, Waratah, Wickham .....	40,400	0	0	91. Molong—The Municipality of Molong .....	340	0	0
63. Grenfell—The Municipality of Grenfell .....	300	0	0	92. Moree—The Municipality of Moree .....	460	0	0
64. Griffith—The Town of Griffith, and additional areas in Wade Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 23rd October, 1936) ...	520	0	0	93. 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) .....	300	0	0
65. 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) .....	400	0	0	94. Mudgee—The Municipality of Mudgee .....	420	0	0
66. Gundagai—The Town of Gundagai, in Gundagai Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 21st November, 1930) .....	380	0	0	95. Mullumbimby—The Municipality of Mullumbimby .....	368	0	0
67. Gunnedah—The Municipality of Gunnedah .....	340	0	0	96. Murrumburrah—The Municipality of Murrumburrah .....	344	0	0
68. Guyra—The Town of Guyra, in Guyra Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 31st May, 1929) .....	212	0	0	97. Murrurundi—The Shire of Murrurundi. (The part which formerly comprised the Municipality of Murrurundi) .....	240	0	0
69. Hay—The Municipality of Hay .....	320	0	0	98. Murwillumbah—The Town of Murwillumbah. (The part which formerly comprised the Municipality of Murwillumbah.) The Greenhills Subdivision. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 21st June, 1946.) In Tweed Shire, as reconstituted 1st January, 1947 .....	540	0	0
70. Henty—The Town of Henty in Culcairn Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 31st October, 1947) .....	324	0	0	99. Muswellbrook—The Municipality of Muswellbrook .....	328	0	0
71. 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) .....	344	0	0	100. 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
72. Illawarra—The City of Greater Wollongong, embracing Austinmer, Balgownie, Bulli, Clifton, Coledale, Coniston, Fairy Meadow, Fig Tree, Mount Keira, Mount St. Thomas, Port Kembla, Scarborough, Thirroul, Unanderra, Wollongong, Wombarra, Woonona. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 26th November, 1948) .....	9,668	0	0	101. Narrandera—The Municipality of Narrandera ...	400	0	0
73. Inverell—The Municipality of Inverell .....	2,936	0	0	102. Narromine—The Municipality of Narromine ...	400	0	0
74. Jerilderie—The Town of Jerilderie in Jerilderie Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 20th October, 1944) .....	312	0	0	103. Nowra—The Shire of Shoalhaven. (The part which formerly comprised the Municipality of Nowra) .....	348	0	0
75. Junee—The Municipality of Junee .....	500	0	0	104. Nyngan—The Municipality of Nyngan .....	300	0	0
76. Kempsey—The Municipality of Kempsey .....	580	0	0	105. Orange—The Municipality of Orange .....	3,168	0	0
77. Kiama—The Municipality of Kiama .....	400	0	0	106. Parkes—The Municipality of Parkes .....	544	0	0
78. 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) .....	1,424	0	0	107. 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) .....	264	0	0
79. Kyogle—The Kyogle Urban Area, in Kyogle Shire .....	360	0	0	108. Peak Hill—The Town of Peak Hill, in the Municipality of Peak Hill. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 1st November, 1929) .....	220	0	0
80. Lake Cargelligo—The Lake Cargelligo Urban Area in Lachlan Shire; ( <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 3rd September, 1948) .....	300	0	0	109. Penrith—The Municipality of Penrith, as reconstituted 1st January, 1949. (The part which formerly comprised the Municipality of Penrith) .....	600	0	0
81. 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	110. Queanbeyan—The Municipality of Queanbeyan .....	456	0	0
82. Lismore—The Municipality of Lismore .....	3,300	0	0	111. Quirindi—The Municipality of Quirindi, as reconstituted, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 25th March, 1948 .....	400	0	0
83. Lithgow—The Municipality of Lithgow .....	3,572	0	0	112. Raymond Terrace—(1) The Town of Raymond Terrace in Port Stephen's 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) .....	372	0	0
84. Liverpool—The Municipality of Liverpool as reconstituted 1st January, 1949. (The part which formerly comprised the Municipality of Liverpool) .....	3,184	0	0	113. Scone—The Municipality of Scone .....	400	0	0
85. Lockhart—The Lockhart Urban Area, in Lockhart Shire. (As proclaimed in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 28th February, 1930) .....	312	0	0	114. 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) .....	364	0	0
86. Lower Hunter—The Townships of Beresfield, Hexham, Tarro, Thornton, in Lower Hunter Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 21st September, 1945) .....	100	0	0	115. South Grafton—The Municipality of South Grafton .....	428	0	0
87. Maclean—The Municipality of Maclean. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 29th October, 1926) .....	312	0	0	116. 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) .....	700	0	0



## APPENDIX II—continued.

Fire District.	£	s.	d.	Fire District.	£	s.	d.
117. Sutherland—The Town of Sutherland, with Como, Gynea Bay, Janalli, Miranda, Woronora, etc., in Sutherland Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 8th November, 1946) .....	812	0	0	130. Wagga Wagga—The Municipality of Wagga Wagga, as reconstituted, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 5th October, 1947 .....	3,340	0	0
118. Swansea—The Township of Swansea, in Lake Macquarie Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 6th November, 1936).....	392	0	0	131. Walgett—The Town of Walgett, in Walgett Shire .....	200	0	0
119. 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, (11) Holroyd, (12) Hunters Hill, (13) Hurstville, (14) Kogarah, (15) Kuring-gai, (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 Harbord to Mona Vale and Church Point, described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 8th November, 1940) .....	726,820	0	0	132. Warren—The Town of Warren, in the Municipality of Warren. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 17th April, 1930) .....	264	0	0
120. Tamworth—The Municipality of Tamworth ...	3,092	0	0	133. 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) .....	860	0	0
121. Taree—The Municipality of Taree as reconstituted, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 7th February, 1947 .....	536	0	0	134. Wauchope—The Wauchope Urban Area, in Hastings Shire, <i>vide Government Gazette</i> , 29th October, 1948 .....	444	0	0
122. Temora—The Municipality of Temora .....	484	0	0	135. Wellington—The Municipality of Wellington ...	400	0	0
123. Tenterfield—The Municipality of Tenterfield ...	340	0	0	136. 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) .....	260	0	0
124. Terrigal—The Township of Terrigal in Gosford Shire, as constituted 1st January, 1947. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 3rd October, 1947) .....	372	0	0	137. Werris Creek—The Town of Werris Creek, in Peel Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 25th August, 1933) .....	284	0	0
125. 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) .....	460	0	0	138. West Wallsend—The Townships of Estellville, Holmesville, West Wallsend, in Lake Macquarie Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 8th July, 1932) .....	344	0	0
126. Tocumwal—The Town of Tocumwal, in Berrigan Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 26th July, 1946) .....	392	0	0	139. West Wyalong—The Town Improvement Areas of Wyalong and West Wyalong, in Bland Shire. ( <i>Vide Government Gazette</i> , 25th September, 1936) .....	420	0	0
127. Toronto—The Town of Toronto, in Lake Macquarie Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 22nd August, 1930) .....	516	0	0	140. 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) .....	1,100	0	0
128. Tumut—The Town of Tumut, in Tumut Shire. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 29th June, 1928) .....	264	0	0	141. Wingham—The Municipality of Wingham .....	400	0	0
129. Tweed Heads—The Tweed Heads Urban Area, in Tweed Shire. ( <i>Vide Government Gazette</i> , 4th August, 1933) .....	392	0	0	142. 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) .....	1,020	0	0
				143. Wyong—The Town of Wyong in Wyong Shire, as constituted 1st January, 1947. (The part described in <i>Government Gazette</i> , 11th September, 1946) .....	280	0	0
				144. Yass—The Municipality of Yass .....	400	0	0
				145. Young—The Municipality of Young .....	624	0	0
					£904,820	0	0

## APPENDIX III.

## Contributions by Municipal and Shire Councils, 1949.

Council.	Contribution.	Council.	Contribution.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1. A bury .....	908 0 0	63. Gosford Shire, on account of the town of Gosford	169 0 0
2. Armidale .....	643 0 0	64. Gosford Shire, on account of the township of Terrigal .....	93 0 0
3. Ashfield .....	4,476 5 1	65. Goulburn .....	850 0 0
4. Auburn .....	3,567 11 8	66. Grafton .....	785 0 0
5. Ballina .....	109 0 0	67. Grafton, South .....	107 0 0
6. Balranald .....	87 0 0	68. Greater Newcastle .....	10,100 0 0
7. Bankstown .....	3,281 11 8	69. Greater Wollongong, on account of Austinmer, Balgownie, Bulli, Clifton, Coledale, Coniston, Corrimal, Fairy Meadow, Mount Keira, Mount St. Thomas, Port Kembla, Scarborough, Thirroul, Wollongong, Wombarra and Woonona .....	2,417 0 0
8. Barraba .....	75 0 0	70. Greater Wollongong, on account of the town of Dapto .....	83 0 0
9. Bathurst .....	772 0 0	71. Grenfell .....	75 0 0
10. Baulkham Hills Shire, portion gazetted 20th July, 1945 .....	537 7 1	72. Gulgong Shire, on account of the town of Gulgong .....	100 0 0
11. Bega .....	78 0 0	73. Gundagai Shire, on account of the town of Gundagai .....	95 0 0
12. Bellingen Shire, on account of the town of Bellingen .....	105 0 0	74. Gunnedah .....	85 0 0
13. Berrigan Shire, on account of the town of Berrigan .....	87 0 0	75. Guyra Shire, on account of the town of Guyra...	53 0 0
14. Berrigan Shire, on account of the town of Finley .....	95 0 0	76. Hastings Shire, on account of the Wauchope Urban Area .....	111 0 0
15. Berrigan Shire, on account of the town of Tocumwal .....	98 0 0	77. Hay .....	80 0 0
16. Bland Shire, on account of the town improvement areas of Wyalong and West Wyalong ...	105 0 0	78. Holroyd Municipality .....	1,511 17 9
17. Blacktown Shire, on account of the township of Blacktown .....	104 0 0	79. Hornsby Shire, portion gazetted 31st July, 1936	2,489 14 10
18. Blacktown Shire, on account of Sydney Fire District .....	372 12 9	80. Hunter's Hill .....	852 11 11
19. Blacktown Shire, on account of the townships of Riverstone and Schofields .....	62 17 0	81. Hurstville .....	2,677 4 9
20. Blacktown Shire, on account of part of St. Marys Factory Area; gazetted 25th October, 1946...	8 15 1	82. Inverell .....	734 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, Wentworth Falls, Woodford .....	1,609 0 0	83. Jerilderie Shire, portion gazetted 20th October, 1944 .....	78 0 0
22. Bombala .....	106 0 0	84. Junee .....	125 0 0
23. Boree Shire, on account of the Canowindra Urban Area .....	92 0 0	85. Kearsley Shire, on account of the townships of Abernethy, Kearsley, Bellbird and Kitchener .....	226 9 4
24. Botany .....	2,678 18 0	86. Kearsley Shire, on account of the townships of Kurri Kurri, Weston, Abermain, Heddon Greta, Neath, etc. ....	356 0 0
25. Bourke .....	90 0 0	87. Kearsley Shire, on account of the township of East Greta .....	17 6 6
26. Bowral .....	72 0 0	88. Kearsley Shire, on account of the township of Paxton, Crawford and Millfield .....	66 0 0
27. Broken Hill .....	2,677 0 0	89. Kearsley Shire, on account of the towns of Branxton and Greta .....	38 0 0
28. Burwood .....	3,545 5 3	90. Kempsey .....	145 0 0
29. Camden .....	95 0 0	91. Kiama .....	100 0 0
30. Campbelltown .....	120 0 0	92. Kogarah .....	3,602 4 0
31. Canterbury .....	7,221 15 0	93. Ku-ring-gai .....	5,937 0 4
32. Carrathool Shire, on account of the town of Hillston .....	86 0 0	94. Kyogle Shire, on account of the Kyogle Urban Area .....	90 0 0
33. Casino .....	540 0 0	95. Lachlan Shire, on account of the Lake Cargelligo Urban Area .....	75 0 0
34. Cessnock .....	730 10 8	96. Lake Macquarie Shire, on account of the townships of Belmont, South Belmont, Marks Point, etc. ....	156 0 0
35. Cobar .....	67 0 0	97. Lake Macquarie Shire, on account of the townships of Boolaroo, Argenton, Teralba and Warner's Bay .....	142 0 0
36. Cobbora Shire, on account of the town of Dunedoo .....	78 0 0	98. Lake Macquarie Shire, on account of the town of Cardiff .....	113 0 0
37. Concord .....	3,373 10 4	99. Lake Macquarie Shire, on account of the townships of Charlestown, Kahibah, etc. ....	82 0 0
38. Condobolin .....	152 0 0	100. Lake Macquarie Shire, on account of the township of Swansea .....	98 0 0
39. Coolah Shire, on account of the town of Coolah .....	91 0 0	101. Lake Macquarie Shire, on account of the townships of Estellville, Holmesville and West Wallsend .....	86 0 0
40. Coolamon Shire, on account of the town of Coolamon .....	72 0 0	102. Lake Macquarie Shire, on account of the township of Toronto .....	129 0 0
41. Cooma, portion gazetted 9th November, 1917...	90 0 0	103. Lane Cove .....	2,224 19 10
42. Coonabarabran Shire, on account of the town of Coonabarabran .....	66 0 0	104. Leeton Shire, on account of the town of Leeton .....	200 0 0
43. Coonamble .....	93 0 0	105. Leichhardt .....	5,308 12 11
44. Cootamundra .....	119 0 0	106. Lismore .....	825 0 0
45. Corowa .....	132 0 0	107. Lithgow .....	893 0 0
46. Cowra .....	117 0 0	108. Liverpool .....	796 0 0
47. Crookwell Shire, on account of the town of Crookwell .....	73 0 0	109. Lockhart Shire, on account of the Urban Area of Lockhart .....	78 0 0
48. Culcairn Shire, on account of the town of Culcairn .....	75 0 0	110. Lower Hunter Shire, on account of the township of Kensington .....	63 2 0
49. Culcairn Shire, on account of the town of Henty .....	81 0 0	111. Lower Hunter Shire, portion gazetted 21st September, 1945 .....	25 0 0
50. Deniliquin .....	169 0 0	112. Lower Hunter Shire, on account of the township of Millers Forest .....	38 15 4
51. Dorrigo Shire, on account of the town of Dorrigo .....	105 0 0	113. Lyndhurst Shire, on account of the Blayney Urban Area .....	71 0 0
52. Dorrigo Shire, on account of the town of Coff's Harbour .....	129 0 0	114. Maclean .....	78 0 0
53. Drummoyne .....	3,289 9 6	115. Maitland, on account of East Maitland, West Maitland, Homeville, Lorn, Morpeth, Ruthersford and Tenambit .....	1,419 11 6
54. Dubbo .....	558 0 0		
55. Dungog .....	63 0 0		
56. Fairfield, portion gazetted 2nd May, 1930 .....	871 3 1		
57. Fairfield, as reconstituted 1st January, 1949, the part which formerly comprised the Municipality of Cabramatta and Canley Vale .....	170 0 0		
58. Forbes .....	150 0 0		
59. Gilgandra Shire, on account of the Gilgandra Urban Area .....	75 0 0		
60. Glen Innes .....	730 0 0		
61. Gloucester Shire, on account of the Gloucester Urban Area .....	99 0 0		
62. Gosford Shire, on account of the town of Woy Woy, etc., part gazetted 21st September, 1934	255 0 0		

## APPENDIX III—continued.

Council.	Contribution.			Council.	Contribution.		
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
116. Manilla .....	67	0	0	155. Sutherland Shire, on account of the town of Sutherland, Gympsea Bay, Janalli, Miranda, etc.	203	0	0
117. Manly .....	4,166	6	5	156. Sydney, as reconstituted 1st January, 1949 ...	48,049	10	4
118. Marrickville .....	7,940	16	7	157. Tallaganda Shire, on account of the town of Braidwood .....	67	0	0
119. Molong .....	85	0	0	158. Tamworth .....	773	0	0
120. Moree .....	115	0	0	159. Taree .....	134	0	0
121. Mosman .....	3,721	9	2	160. Temora .....	121	0	0
122. Mudgee .....	105	0	0	161. Tenterfield .....	85	0	0
123. Mullumbimby .....	92	0	0	162. Tintenbar Shire, on account of the township of Alstonville .....	58	0	0
124. Murrumburrah .....	86	0	0	163. Tumut Shire, on account of the town of Tumut	66	0	0
125. Murrurundi .....	60	0	0	164. Tweed Shire, on account of Tweed Heads Urban Area .....	98	0	0
126. Muswellbrook .....	82	0	0	165. Tweed Shire, on account of the town of Murwillumbah and the Green Hills Subdivision (part gazetted 21st June, 1946) .....	135	0	0
127. Namoi Shire, on account of the town of West Narrabri .....	14	15	1	166. Wade Shire, on account of the town of Griffith, etc. ....	130	0	0
128. Nattai Shire, on account of the town of Mittagong, etc. ....	89	0	0	167. Wagga Wagga .....	835	0	0
129. Narrabri .....	105	4	11	168. Wakool Shire, on account of the town Improvement Area of Barham .....	79	0	0
130. Narrandera .....	100	0	0	169. Walgett Shire, on account of the town of Walgett	50	0	0
131. Narromine .....	100	0	0	170. Warren, on account of the town of Warren .....	66	0	0
132. North Sydney .....	6,867	5	2	171. Warringah Shire, portions gazetted 8th November, 1940 .....	2,155	12	2
133. Nyngan .....	75	0	0	172. Warringah Shire, on account of Avalon, Bilgola, Clareville, Newport, Palm Beach, Taylor's Point and Whale Beach .....	215	0	0
134. Orange .....	792	0	0	173. Waverley .....	8,086	9	0
135. Parkes .....	136	0	0	174. Wellington .....	100	0	0
136. Parramatta .....	4,717	1	8	175. Wentworth, on account of the town of Wentworth .....	65	0	0
137. Patrick Plains Shire, on account of Combo, Dunolly, Kelso and Redbournberry .....	6	13	11	176. Willoughby .....	5,990	3	11
138. Peak Hill, on account of the town of Peak Hill	55	0	0	177. Windsor, as reconstituted 1st January, 1949 ...	212	3	0
139. Peel Shire, on account of the town of Werris Creek .....	71	0	0	178. Wingecarribee Shire, on account of the town of Moss Vale .....	75	0	0
140. Penrith, as reconstituted 1st January, 1949 ...	150	0	0	179. Wingham .....	100	0	0
141. Penrith, on account of the town of St. Marys and that portion of the Factory Area in the Municipality as reconstituted 1st January, 1949 .....	166	4	11	180. Woollahra .....	9,335	10	7
142. Port Stephens Shire, on account of the town of Raymond Terrace .....	54	4	8	181. Woodburn Shire, on account of the town of Coraki .....	86	0	0
143. Queanbeyan .....	114	0	0	182. Wyong Shire, on account of the town of The Entrance, etc. ....	115	0	0
144. Quirindi .....	100	0	0	183. Wyong Shire, on account of the town of Wyong	70	0	0
145. Randwick .....	10,286	12	10	184. Yass .....	100	0	0
146. Rockdale .....	6,390	3	8	185. Young .....	156	0	0
147. Ryde .....	3,666	3	3				
148. Scone .....	100	0	0				
149. Shoalhaven, the part which formerly comprised the Municipality of Berry .....	71	0	0				
150. Shoalhaven Shire, on account of former Municipality of Nowra .....	87	0	0				
151. Singleton .....	84	6	1				
152. Strathfield .....	2,511	19	6				
153. Stroud Shire, on account of the town of Forster	110	0	0				
154. Sutherland Shire, on account of the town of Cronulla, Burraneer Bay, Caringbah, Gunnamatta Bay, Port Hacking, etc. ....	1,121	0	0				
				Total .....	£226,205	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 and 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 Manufacturers Insurance Ltd.
28. China Underwriters Ltd.
29. Church of England Insurance Co. of Aust. Ltd.
30. City Mutual Fire Insurance Co. Ltd.
31. Coal Mines Insurance Pty. Ltd.
32. Colonial Mutual Fire Insurance Co. Ltd.
33. Commercial of Australia Insurance Co. Ltd.
34. Commercial Union Assurance Co. Ltd.
35. Commonwealth General Assurance Corporation Ltd.
36. Commonwealth Insurance Co. Ltd.
37. Commonwealth Life (Amalgamated) Assurances Ltd.
38. Consolidated Insurances Pty. Ltd.
39. Co-operative Insurance Co. of Australia Ltd.
40. Cornhill Insurance Co. Ltd.
41. Derwent & Tamar Assurance Co. Ltd.
42. Eagle Star Insurance Co. Ltd.
43. Eastern States Insurance Co. Ltd.
44. Economic Insurance Co. Ltd.
45. Edinburgh Assurance Co. 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. Halifax Insurance Co.
57. Hartford Fire Insurance Co.
58. Home Insurance Co.
59. Indemnity Marine Assurance Co. Ltd.
60. Insurance Company of North America.
61. Insurance Office of Australia Ltd.
62. Invincible Fire and General Insurance Co. Ltd.
63. Java Sea and Fire Insurance Co. Ltd.
64. Lancashire Insurance Co.
65. Law Union & Rock Insurance Co. 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. Sydney Fire Office Ltd.
120. Thames & Mersey Marine Insurance Co. Ltd.
121. Transport & General Insurance Co. Ltd.
122. Triton Insurance Co. Ltd.
123. Union Assurance Society Ltd.
124. Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd.
125. Union Marine and General Insurance Co. Ltd.
126. United Insurance Co. Ltd.
127. Victoria Insurance Co. Ltd.
128. Victorian Auto-Chamber of Commerce Insurance Co. Ltd.
129. Victorian Wheat Growers Corporation Ltd.
130. Works & Housing, Dept. of War Service Homes Division.
131. Westchester Fire Insurance Co.
132. Western Assurance Co.
133. Western Australian Insurance Co. Ltd.
134. World Auxiliary Insurance Corporation Ltd.
135. World Marine & General Insurance Co. Ltd.
136. Yorkshire Insurance Co. Ltd.

*Firms*

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

## APPENDIX V.

## Attendances at Board Meetings for Year 1949.

	Meetings.	
	Present.	Absent.
The Hon. Thomas Januarius Smith .....	48	2
* Francis Westlake Walton .....	20	3
† Walter Leslie Currey .....	42	8
† Leslie Ivan Skelton .....	48	2
† Alderman Leslie Edye Duff .....	49	1
† Alderman Hector Kenneth West Mackenzie .....	42	8
* John Franklin Beswick, J.P. ....	19	4
* Sydney Henry Alexander Jordan .....	4	19
‡ Frederick Alfred Harrison .....	25	2
‡ Maurice Stelmack .....	27	0
‡ Stacy Morrison .....	26	1

Total : 49 Ordinary Meetings.

1 Special Meeting.

\* Term expired in June.

† Re-elected in June.

‡ Elected in June.

Mr. Currey granted leave—Absent from the State.

Mr. Mackenzie absent on account of illness.

## APPENDIX VI.

The Secretary,

Board of Fire Commissioners of N.S.W.,  
Sydney.

Sir,

I herewith submit my report on the work and operations of the New South Wales Fire Brigades for the year ended 31st December, 1949.

During the year 6,665 calls to fires were received; of these, 1,863 were fires in buildings, 24 ship fires, 128 chimney fires, 1,532 bush, grass and rubbish fires, 459 miscellaneous fires, 197 motor car fires, 10 motor bus fires, 236 on other kinds of motor vehicles and 2,216 false alarms. The number of calls represent a decrease of 1,795 compared with 1948.

There were three (3) serious fires during the year, viz.:—

12th October—Regents Park.—R.A.A.F. Stores. Air Force Store.

13th December—Waterloo.—Dominion Motors. Motor Assembling Works.

21st December—Surry Hills.—J. M. McGloin Pty. Ltd. Manufacturing Chemists.

Forty-eight (48) firemen were injured at fires, thirty-one (31) of whom did not relinquish duty.

The strength of the Brigade is 300 Officers and 823 permanent men.

During the year 22 Firemen resigned their appointments, and three (3) were dismissed.

It is with regret that the Chief Officer reports the deaths of Sub-Station Officer A. McGrath, and Fourth Class Fireman J. E. Harvey.

There were 749 cases of sickness and accident, 115 of which did not necessitate members going off duty, the total number of days lost being 10,222.

The following members retired from the Department:—Third Officer H. Bissett, Inspector G. M. Challis, Motor Officer G. Eadie, Station Officers R. Pepper, W. Phillips, H. J. Young, A. Wyndham, and Senior Fireman W. H. Arnold, and Senior Fireman J. F. Hudson.

Station Officers R. Holt and T. Croker, Sub-Station Officer J. H. Purdy, Senior Firemen S. Brogden, J. Ferguson, W. H. Weir and First Class Firemen K. A. Campbell, and J. A. Peters were retired through physical incapacity.

#### MOTOR FIRE APPLIANCES.

New Dennis Motor Pumping Fire Engines were installed at Concord, Dee Why, Hornsby and Rockdale, whilst appliances with an increased pumping capacity were installed at Castle Hill and Avalon.

#### FIRE ALARMS.

Street fire alarms in Sydney and Suburbs now number 773.

Thefts of parts of street fire alarms are still prevalent, and the alarms are rendered useless.

#### WATER SUPPLY.

3,583,558 gallons of fresh water and 375,997 gallons of salt water were used in extinguishing fires.

Extensions and improvements of the water supply in the City and Suburbs still continues.

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

#### THEATRES AND PLACES OF AMUSEMENT.

All Theatres and Public Halls licensed under the Theatres and Public Halls Act situated in any fire district are regularly inspected to ensure the efficiency of the fire appliances, and that precautions for the safety of the public are efficiently maintained.

#### CONCOURSE DUTY.

Concourse duty is maintained and 306 such duties were carried out, and covered a period of 1,192 hours.

#### FACTORIES AND SHOPS INSPECTIONS.

The means of escape in Factories and Shops registered under the Factories and Shops Act are regularly inspected with a view to the means of escape in case of fire or panic being maintained in an efficient condition.

#### BUSH FIRES.

By Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, the Bush Fires Act, 1949, came into effect on Friday, 9th December instant, and at the same time in pursuance of the provisions of Section 7 of the said Act, a bush fire danger period was proclaimed in respect of that part of the State of New South Wales situated within the Counties of Cumberland, Northumberland, Camden, Westmoreland, and Cook, for the period commencing on the 9th December, 1949, and terminating on 31st March, 1950.

The Board's Officers continue to maintain a close co-operation with the Bush Fire Committee and Local Government Authorities, and attention was given throughout the year to the various districts in Sydney and Country where the bush fire hazard is most severe.

Assistance was rendered in the establishment of new Bush Fire Brigades by various Councils, whilst drill and instruction was continued to those previously established. Technical advice is provided to the Local Government Department and Councils ensuring proper supply of fire equipment.

Seven new Hose Box Posts equipped with fire extinguishing appliances were established in bush fire areas, and Reserve Firemen appointed at each. The total number of Hose Box Posts is now 66, including Newcastle, and Reserve Firemen total 416.

A notable feature is the issue of 5,000 feet of 1½ diameter canvas forestry hose of English manufacture supplemented by a large amount of 1 inch diameter canvas fire hose to be used in conjunction with high-pressure pumps and hydrant services. By this means, fires are extinguished more expeditiously with a lesser number of firemen and with consequent saving of wear and tear on the more expensive and heavier hose previously used.

All mechanical bush fire pumping equipment has given exceptional service at very little operational cost.

#### PATROL SYSTEM.

The Brigade Patrol System has proved its efficiency in the attendance at fires, and general inspectional work.

#### RADIO TELEPHONY.

Radio Telephony has been installed in the Service, and is now directly under the supervision of Brigade personnel. It is most effective.

#### RESIDENT COUNTRY INSPECTORS.

In accordance with the Board's policy to effect a change in the supervision of the Country, the State was divided into seven zones, each of which is to be supervised by a Resident Country Inspector. This system is now being put into operation.

#### AMALGAMATION OF UNIONS.

Amalgamation of members of the New South Wales Fire Brigades Officers' Association and the Fire Brigade Employees' Union was effected, and the new Union is now known as the New South Wales Fire Brigade Employees' Union.

The Senior Officers, including District Officers, sought and obtained registration as a Trade Union.

#### COUNTRY.

##### *Re-organisation of Country Brigades.*

The re-organisation of those Country Brigades at which three Permanent Officers were formerly attached has now been effected by the withdrawal of two of these Officers from the stations concerned.

#### NEW BRIGADES.

New Brigades have been established at Macksville and Moama.

In the country fire districts the number of calls totalled 2,491, being a decrease of 836 by comparison with the previous year.

The most notable fires were:—

12th January—Kendall-street, Cowra.—Squire Pepper Pty. General Store.

14th January—Railway-parade, Riverstone.—Riverstone Meat Co. Pty. Ltd. Meat Preserving Works.

19th February—Banna-avenue, Griffith.—Australian Rice Co. Ltd. Rice Mills.

8th April—Ring-street, Inverell.—Inverell Milling Co. Pty. Ltd. Flour Mills.



APPENDIX VI—*continued.*

Changes in appliances were effected at a number of stations, whilst improved types and larger capacity engines were installed at Castle Hill, Dorrigo, Gosford, Griffith, Manilla, West Maitland and Wyong.

The Chief Officer regrets to record the deaths of the following honorary members of the Service:—Ex-Captain A. B. Lake (Kempsey), Ex-Captain R. A. Innes (Morpeth), and Ex-V/F V. A. Fing (Moree).

Visits of inspection were regularly made by Brigade Inspectors, Motor Officers and members of the Mechanical and Electrical Staffs. Members of the Board and the Chief Officer inspected a number of stations throughout the State and presented long service awards to Volunteer Firemen.

Opportunity is taken to thank the Commissioner of Police and staff of the Police Department, Officers of the Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage Board, the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, also those of the Sydney Municipal Council and the Sydney County Council for their valued assistance.

E. GRIFFITHS, Chief Officer,  
20th February, 1950.

The Secretary,  
Board of Fire Commissioners.

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