PHOENIX ASSURANCE COMPANY
LIMITED

Report of the Directors for the year Ending 31st December, 1919

The Directors have the pleasure of submitting their Report on the business of the Company for the year ending 31st December, 1919, the 138th year of the Company's existence together with the accounts duly audited.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The net premiums amounted to $11,320,195 and the net losses to $4,812,610 or 42.5 per cent. of the premiums. The expenses and commission together amounted to $4,335,700, being 38.3 per cent. of the premiums. The Fire Funds have been increased by $540,000 to a total of $11,465,000. A sum of $1,631,885 has been transferred to Profit and Loss Account.

LIFE DEPARTMENT

During the year, 2,966 Life policies were issued, assuring $11,627,195, with new premiums of $494,040. Re-assurances were effected with other companies for $814,075 at premiums of $26,505. The net new assurances were thus $10,813,120, and the net new premium income $467,535, including $25,015 of single premiums.

One hundred immediate annuities were granted for $40,195 per annum, the consideration money received being $442,930. One deferred annuity for $50 per annum at a premium of $45 was also granted.

Claims for the aggregate sum of $3,155,750 arose by the death of 639 persons assured under 776 policies. The total amount paid was within the normal expectation. A further sum of $1,004,785 was paid in respect of endowment assurances matured. Fifty-nine annuitants, in receipt of $$27,620 per annum, died during the year.

The income of this department for the year was $6,076,235 and the outgoings were $4,922,915. The Life Assurance funds at the close of the year stood at $55,734,430. The rate of interest calculated upon the average funds of the year was 3.94 per cent., after deduction of income tax.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

By the operations of the year there has been passed to Profit and Loss from the Fire, Accident and Marine Accounts gross profits of $3,183,185, but the provision of $1,753,040 for income Tax, Excess Profits Duty and other Taxes has reduced this to $991,885. Interest amounted to $938,000.

After payment of dividends and the interest on Debenture Stock, together amounting to $1,007,445, the Directors have applied $854,885 in writing down the securities in the Fire, Accident, Marine and Shareholders' Accounts to the values at 31st December 1919, and have carried $125,000 to Office Premise account. A balance of $1,676,875 remains to be carried to the credit of next year's account.

The Directors recommend that a dividend of $3 per share be declared, to be payable in two instalments of $1,50 each on 1st May and 1st November next, to members on the register 30th April and 31st October respectively. This compares with a total payment in 1919 of $2.75 per share.