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## ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# BOARD OF RETIREMENT 

FOR THE
Year Ending November 30, 1936

Department of Treasurer and Receiver-General


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## REPORT

Division of Board of Retirement
State House, Boston, November 30, 1936.

## To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

The twenty-fifth annual report of the Board of Retirement for the year 1936 is herewith presented for your consideration.

The personnel of the Board consists of three members: (1) The Treasurer and Receiver General, Chairman ex officio; (2) A member of the Retirement Association; (3) a person appointed by the first and second members. Miss Rebecca J. Greene was elected for a term of three years beginning February 16, 1936 upon ballots cast by members of the Retirement Association as the employee representative member of the Board.

The contributory law has been in operation since January 1, 1912, twenty-five years, and the present fund consists of $\$ 7,497,104.17$ which has been deducted from the salaries or wages of the members, and $\$ 2,426,698.02$ which has been credited as interest and extra dividends to the members' accounts, so that the total of the accounts of contributing members amounts to $\$ 9,923,812.19$.

The annuity reserve for the payment of annuities to members on the retired list is $\$ 665,177.00$ and the gross assets are $\$ 10,691,437.26$. The Board with the approval of the Commissioner of Insurance, credited to active accounts on June 30, $1936, \$ 104,313.81$ as an extra dividend at the rate of one and one-quarter per cent on the dollars standing to the credit of such accounts on September 30, 1935. Regular interest amounting to $\$ 274,036.30$ was also credited to members' accounts during the year which plus $\$ 104,313.81$ (surplus) made a total distribution of interest amounting to $\$ 378,350.11$.

The interest derived from the investment of the annuity fund has provided for the last five years substantially the following yearly rate of distribution to the members' accounts: $1932,41 / 2 \% ; 1933,41 / 2 \% ; 1934,41 / 2 \% ; 1935,41 / 4 \% ; 1936,41 / 4 \%$. The annuity fund is invested in securities which are a legal investment for the sinking funds of the Commonwealth (Chap. 29, G. L., Sec. 38, as amended), these being principally the obligations of certain States and political subdivisions thereof. The savings plus accumulated interest refunded to members who left the service during the year was $\$ 278,047.31$ and the amount refunded to the heirs, estates or beneficiaries of members who died before retirement was $\$ 67,538.07$ and after retirement was $\$ 18,927.23$. There was also paid during said year in annuities $\$ 91,846.83$ from the annuity reserve fund composed of retired members' accounts, which may be compared with $\$ 3.67$, the amount of annuities paid during (1912) first year of operation of the retirement system.

The membership of the Retirement Association when it was first organized (January, 1912) was 3,324 , and the contributing members on November 30, 1936 were 14,708 ; males, 8,356 ; females, 6,352 . There are 278 accounts payable to former members who left the service between 1912-1936 inclusive, present address unknown, amounting to $\$ 8,387.19$ and 35 accounts payable to estates or beneficiaries of deceased members amounting to $\$ 21,919.51$.

Table 1
NUMBER OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES ON LIST NOVEMBER 30, 1936, ACCORDING TO AGE LAST BIRTHDAY (WIDOWS EXCLUDED)

|  | Age |  | No. |  | Age |  |  | No. |  |  |  | Age |  |  | No. |  |  | Age |  | No. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 44 | . . |  |  | 57 |  |  |  | 2 |  | 70 |  |  |  |  | 55 |  | 83 |  |  | 12 |
| 45 | . . | . | 1 | 58 | . | . | : | 5 |  | 71 |  | . | . | . | 56 |  | 84 |  | . . | 5 |
| 46 | . . | . | 1 | 59 | . | . | . | 1 |  | 72 |  | . | . |  | 45 |  | 85 |  | . . | 9 |
| 47 | . | . | - | 60 |  | - | . | 2 |  | 73 |  |  |  |  | 48 |  | 86 |  |  | 3 |
| 48 | . . | . | - | 61 | . | . | . | 9 |  | 74. |  | . |  |  | 43 |  | 87 |  | - . | 5 |
| 49 | . | . | 1 | 62 | . | . | - | 8 |  | 75 |  | - |  |  | 30 |  | 88. |  |  | - |
| 50 | . | - | - | 63 |  | - |  | 13 |  | 76 |  |  |  | - | 26 |  | 89 |  | . | - |
| 51 | . . | . | 1 | 64 |  | . | . | 11 |  | 77 |  | - |  |  | 31 |  | 90. |  |  | 1 |
| 52 | . . | . | 5 | 65 |  | . | . | 15 |  | 78 |  |  |  |  | 17 |  | 91 |  | - | 1 |
| 53 | . . | - | - | 66 |  | . | . |  |  | 79 |  |  |  |  | 21 |  | 92 |  |  | 1 |
| 54 | . . |  | 2 | 67 |  | . | - | 18 |  | 80 |  |  |  |  | 16 |  | 93 |  |  | 1 |
| 55 |  | - | 1 | 68 69 |  |  | . |  |  | 81 |  |  |  |  | 11 |  | 94 |  | . . | 1 |
| 56 | - . |  | 1 | 69 |  | . |  | 20 |  | 82 |  |  |  |  | 13 |  | Total |  | . . | 590 |

The average age of persons on the retired list is 72.45 years.
During the year ending November 30, 1936, 2,752 new employees became members of the Association and 1,106 left the service by reason of death or resignation before becoming eligible for retirement. Retirement allowances were granted to 62 persons during the year; 36 by reason of reaching the age of $70 ; 1$ for ordinary disability; 2 for permanent disability resulting from accidental injury in line of duty; 22 between sixty and seventy years of age upon their request. The total of the retiring allowances of the 62 employees retired during the year ending November 30,1936 is $\$ 46,097.28$. Of this amount, $\$ 15,975.84$ was annuity derived from the contributions made by the members before retirement and the balance of $\$ 30,121.44$ was pension paid from State appropriations. Three applications were approved for pensions amounting to $\$ 2,760.00$ to widows of members on account of the death of the husband from injuries received in line of duty.

The law provides compensation to a widow during her widowhood, or if there is no widow, for the benefit of a child or children under sixteen years of age, of one-half the member's rate of pay in case of the death of a member from an injury received through no fault of his own while in the discharge of his duty. Twenty-one payments are now being made under this law. The largest payment to a widow is $\$ 1,230.00$; the average is $\$ 774.51$.

Table 2
TOTAL NUMBER RETIRED UNDER THE LAW TO NOVEMBER 30, 1936 (AGE NEAREST BIRTHDAY)

Widows not included

|  | Sex | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under } \\ & 60 \end{aligned}$ | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Males Females | : | $\begin{aligned} & 48 \\ & 35 \end{aligned}$ | 33 31 | 26 18 | 27 14 | 23 23 | $\begin{aligned} & 26 \\ & 12 \end{aligned}$ | 29 22 | 41 18 | 31 | $\begin{aligned} & 33 \\ & 26 \end{aligned}$ | 28 | 413 109 | 758 332 |
| Totals | . | 83 | 64 | 44 | 41 | 46 | 38 | 51 | 59 | 39 | 59 | 44 | 522 | 1,090 |

The number of employees who have been granted a retirement allowance since the first employee was retired on June 1, 1912, is 1,084 members and 6 non-members and the total number of payments granted to widows on account of death of husband from accidental injuries received in line of duty is 21 . Since retirement 495 members and 5 non-members have died, so that retirement allowances are now being paid to 590 former employees. Of this number 266 were retired at the age of seventy or over; 258 were retired upon their request between sixty and seventy years of age; 14 were retired with 35 years of service under age sixty; 9 were retired as spouse at time of retirement of husband or wife; 21 were retired for ordinary permanent disability; 21 were retired for permanent accidental disability because of such injuries received in the line of duty. In addition 1 non-member who was over fifty-five years of age when the retirement law was passed and who was retired upon the request of the department in which he was employed is now receiving the minimum payment.

Table 3
STATISTICS RELATING TO EMPLOYEES RETIRED DURING YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1936


When a member is retired he receives a Retirement Allowance. A retirement allowance is composed of two parts: Annuity (paid from his conuributions plus interest credited thereto during scrvice) plus Pension (paid by the State). Spouse: when a husband or wife retires the spouse may also retire at the same time simply on the right acquired by the other. The retirement allowance is based on the service rendered, etc., with no minimum. Special provision is made for retirement under age 60 with 35 or more years of service.

During the year ending November 30, 1936, $\$ 273,997.61$ was paid as pensions to persons upon the retired list as compared with $\$ 259,743.44$ for the previous year and in addition the State paid $\$ 7,916.95$ covering the net loss to maintain the annuity reserve on December 31, 1935. The largest retirement allowance being paid to an individual is $\$ 2,232.00$ composed of an annuity paid from the savings of the retired member of $\$ 374.64$ and a pension paid by the State of $\$ 1,857.36$. The average retirement allowance paid to retired employees on the list November 30, 1936 is $\$ 615.16$. The total annual retirement allowances of former employees on the list November 30, 1936 is $\$ 362,946.34$ divided as follows: annuity $\$ 97,289.79$; pension $\$ 281,921.36$ and in addition widows' pensions amounting to $\$ 16,264.81$.

The retirement system has 813 members who may voluntarily retire during the coming fiscal year; and 48 who must retire at the age of seventy, the compulsory retirement age. The number who will voluntarily retire is uncertain. The Board has submitted estimates for the amount of appropriations required to pay the cost of pensions for the next fiscal year upon experience it has gained that $4 \%$ of the members eligible to retire will voluntarily retire in addition to those who must retire at the age of seventy. This will require about $\$ 16,300.00$ in addition to the amount of pensions $\$ 281,921.36$ in force November 30, 1936. The Board has requested an appropriation of $\$ 298,200.00$ to cover the cost of pensions for the year ending November 30, 1937.

Table 4
ANNUAL COST TO STATE ACCOUNT OF DISBURSEMENTS FOR PENSIONS AND FOR MAINTENANCE OF PENSION SYSTEM, 1912-1936, (NOV. 30TH)

| Year | Cost of Pensions, etc. | Salaries, 1 Supplies, Reimbursement | Total (See Table 5) | No. of Pen. sioners | Year | Cost of Pension, etc. | Salaries, ${ }^{1}$ Supplies, Reimbursement | Total (See Table 5) | No. of Pen-sionels |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1912 | \$5,343 712 | \$5,082 66 | \$10,426 37 | 43 | 1925 | 120,010 05 | 12,373 90 | 132,383 95 | 342 |
| 1913 | 17,576 31 | 6,619 37 | 24,195 68 | 75 | 1926 | 128,330 75 | 12,647 23 | 140,977 98 | 352 |
| 1914 | 24,955 18 | 7,996 22 | 32,95140 | 98 | 1927 | 133,028 54 | 14,010 04 | 147,038 58 | 377 |
| 1915 | 30,433 91. | 8,999 45 | 39,433 36 | 118 | 1928 | 149,401 42 | 13,641 45 | 163,042 87 | 399 |
| 1916 | 36,753 81 | 9,725 32 | 46,479 13 | 138 | 1929 | 158,133 44 | 14,737 52 | 172,870 96 | 416 |
| 1917 | 43,944 47 | 9,421 15 | 53,365 62 | 163 | 1930 | 167,230 87 | 15,430 53 | 182,66140 | 433 |
| 1918 | 50,094 87 | 9,074 21 | 59,169 08 | 174 | 1931 | 178,078 55 | 15,841 10 | 193,91965 | 438 |
| 1919 | 56,052 47 | 10,28920 | 66,34167 | 197 | 1932 | 190,429 64 | 15,696 81 | 206,12645 | 464 |
| 1920 | 63,12537 | 11,786 93 | 74,912 30 | 210 | 1933 | 217,182 66 | 15,283 33 | 232,465 99 | 513 |
| 1921 | 72,301 18 | 10,790 65 | 83,091 83 | 243 | 1934 | 24,5227 03 | 14,706 05 | 259,933 08 | 550 |
| 1922 | 83,556 88 | 10,937 70 | 94,494 58 | 263 | 1935 | 269,190 50 | 15,733 52 | 284,924 02 | 597 |
| 1923 | 98,294 23 | 11,559 40 | 109,853 63 | 294 | 1936 | 281,914 56 | 17,146 71 | 299,061 27 | 611 |
| 1924 | 110,34684 | 12,054 23 | 122,401 07 | 329 |  |  |  |  |  |

[^0]The expenses of the administration of the system for the year were: salaries, $\$ 10,755.90$; contingent expenses, $\$ 2,239.81$; reimbursement to institutions for making deductions from members' salaries, etc., $\$ 4,151.00$. The reimbursement to State institutions is purely a bookkeeping transaction to show the probable cost of operating the system (See foot note Table 4).

Table 5
ASSESSMENTS UPON METROPOLITAN DISTRICT TO REIMBURSE THE STATE FOR PENSIONS PAID TO EMPLOYEES RETIRED FROM THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT SERVICE

Year 1936

| Park Division |  |  |  | Sewer Division |  | Water Division | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Park Maintenance | Boulevards ${ }^{1}$ | Charles <br> River <br> Basin | Wellington Bridge | North System | South System |  |  |
| \$7,130 43 | \$2,944 56 | \$3,586 29 | \$522 03 | \$8,179 10 | \$8,035 55 | \$20,050 17 | \$50,448 13 |

[^1]The annual cost of pensions as given in table 4 is the gross cost of all pensions including the amount paid to employees retired from the service of the Metropolitan District Commission. The net cost of pensions paid to employees retired from the direct service of the Commonwealth is the difference between the amount stated in table 4 and the reimbursement made to the state in the following year as given in table 5. The reimbursement in 1936 covers the cost for 1935.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles F. Hurley, Chairman<br>Rebecca J. Greene<br>Harry Schwartzman, M.D.

## SOME FACTS ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT LAW FOR STATE EMPLOYEES.

Membership-The Law has been in operation since January 1, 1912. The system is contributory and accumulates an amount which at retirement provides a part and ultimately in most cases one-half of the total retirement benefit. The Law compels each permanent employee of the State or Metropolitan District Commission to save systematically for retirement purposes, and when he retires the State rewards his thrift by creating a fund equal to the sum he has provided for himself, thereby increasing his account $100 \%$ and dividing the cost of retirement benefit equally between the State and the employee, with the exception that the State pays in addition the cost of administration expenses. The system is contractual and the employee has the right to retire but he also may be retired with the approval of the Board of Retirement upon the request of the head of the department in which he is employed.

Assessments-Every member of the Retirement Association except some employed prior to June 1, 1918 is required to pay $5 \%$ of the salary he receives up to but not exceeding $\$ 35.00$ per week, but in no case shall the annual maximum assessment exceed $\$ 91.00$ per year. The assessments plus interest represent the compulsory savings account to the credit of each member. In case of death or resignation before retirement, the total contributions plus interest are refunded to the employee, his estate or beneficiary as the case may be.

## Requirements for Retirement

1. Any time between ages 60 and 70 with 15 or more years service.
2. Any age with 15 years service for ordinary permanent disability.
3. Any age with 35 years service.
4. Compulsory retirement at age 70.
5. Any time after membership in retirement association for permanent disability resulting from an injury received in an accident while in the discharge of duty without fault of the member.

## Death Benefit

If an accidental injury received by a member in the discharge of his duty results in his death, his widow will receive during her widowhood a pension of one-half the member's rate of salary at the time of the injury, or, if there is no widow the amount is paid for the benefit of a child or children under sixteen years of age.

## Annual Retirement Allowance

Each retired member receives an annual income called Retirement Allowance which is guaranteed for life without change. The Retirement Allowance consists of Two Parts:-Annuity and Pension. Annuity-The annuity is purchased on the basis of regular life insurance tables by the amount which the retiring member has to his credit in the annuity fund. A member has a choice At the time of Retirement of taking (a) life annuity or (b) cash refund annuity, and he must then choose the one best suited to his particular case. If the annuitant lives to receive annuity payments equal to the purchase price the income will continue throughout the life time of the annuitant irrespective of how long he may live thereafter.
(a) Life Annuity. This form of annuity gives the largest life income provided by the law. It is paid for life and all payments cease upon death.
(b) Cash Refund Annuity. The annuity payments under this form are payable for life and if the member dies before the sum of the annuity payments which he has received equals the amount of his account used to purchase the annuity at the date of his retirement the difference will be paid in one sum to his estate or his beneficiary as the case may be. The annuity payments under this form are less than under option (a).

Table 6
ANNUITIES PURCHASED BY EMPLOYEES RETIRED DURING EACH YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30TH AND OTHER PAYMENTS ON SAID DATE (See Table 1 for average retirement allowance for 1936)

| Year | Basis for Retirement |  |  | Total Annuities |  |  | Annutities <br> Paid Nov. 30th |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Age and Service (15 or More Yrs. Service) | Permanent Disability |  | Granted <br> During Year | Released by Deaths During Year | In Force November 30th | *Average Annuity on Said Date | Lalgest Annuity Date |
|  |  | Ordinary | Accidental |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1932 | \$10,526 60 | \$90 60 | \$578 16 | \$11,195 36 | 2,684 75 | \$48,424 89 | $\$ 10761$ | \$388 80 |
| 1933 | 17,113 68 | 23796 | 49764 | 17,849 28 | 2,982 98 | 63,291 19 | 12760 | 40476 |
| 1934 . | 14,322 48 | 9216 | 14124 | 14,555 88 | 3,082 07 | 74,765 00 | 13794 | 43332 |
| 1935 | 17,190 04 | 13116 | 73820 | 18,059 40 | 5,106 88 | 87,717 52 | 15229 | 47136 |
| 1936 | 15,748 20 | 10536 | 12228 | 15,975 84 | 6,403 57 | 97,289 79 | 16574 | 50664 |

[^2]
## PENSION

The Pension is a definite amount guaranteed for life without change in amount. It is paid from State appropriations and is equal to the annuity under option (a) to which the member was entitled from his own account. In order to make this annual payment, the State must create a fund as large as the member provides for himself. The employee and the State will each provide one-half of the Retirement Allowance Benefit. The pension is not reduced if the member chooses the option (b) annuity.

## SUMMARY

To arrive at the cost or amount of retirement benefits, the figures quoted in table 6 must be combined with the figures quoted in table 7 .

Table 7
TOTAL PENSIONS TO EMPLOYEES RETIRED DURING EACH YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30TH AND OTHER PAYMENTS ON SAID DATE.
(iSee Table 1 for Average Retirement Allowances for 1936)

| Year | Annual Pensions Granted |  |  |  |  | Total Pensions |  |  | Pensions Paid on Nov. 30th |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Account of Age and Service divided as follows |  |  | Permanent Disability or Death Resulting from Accidental Injuries |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (A) } \\ & \text { Service Prior } \\ & \text { to } \\ & \text { June } 1,1912 \end{aligned}$ | (B) Service after June 1, 1912 | (C) To make Minimum Retirement Allowance | Pensions to <br> Members | Pensions to Widows, etc. | Granted during Year | Released by Deaths during Year | In Force <br> Nov. 30th | *Average Pension on said Date | Largest Pension Date |
| 1932 | \$15,600 67 | \$12,103 92 | \$1,253 76 | \$2,308 08 | - | \$31,266 43 | \$12,226 55 | \$198,710 94 | \$419 16 | \$1,989 36 |
| 1933 | 16,442 28 | 19,440 00 | 1,318 44 | 2,248 08 | \$2,192 52 | 41,641 32 | $11,54300$ | 228,809 26 | 43632 | 1,857 36 |
| 1934 | 9,21936 1172436 | 16,448 <br> 19,475 <br> 04 | 1,43748 <br> 1,711 <br> 1 | 1,156 3,999 | 1,573 <br> 1,230 <br> 14 | 29,83500 3814068 | 10,805 <br> 16,251 <br> 102 <br> 1 | 247,839 <br> 269,728 <br> 1 | 43251 <br> 447 <br> 1 | 1,857 1,857 36 |
| ${ }_{1936}^{1935}$ : | 11,72436 10,43628 | 19,47504 17,770 | 1,71156 1,089 | 1,999 <br> 1,005 | 1,230 <br> 2,760 <br> 100 | 38,140 33,0614 | 16,251 <br> 20,868 <br> 1 | 269,728 231,921 | $\begin{array}{r}447 \\ 450 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 1,857 <br> 1,857 |

 tions plus interest credited to the member's account during his service. (See Table 1.)
 provisions. The entire cost of the retirement allowance (pension plus annuity) for service prior to $6-1-12$ is paid by the State.
 , Any member retired after September, 1929 , with twenty-five or more
*The average retirement allowance is the sum of the average annuity Table 6, and the average pension Table 7 .

Table 8
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP, AS OF NOVEMBER 30


Retirement association organized Feb. 1, 1912 with membership $3,324$.
Active membership Nov: 30, 1936 -males 8,356 ; females 6,352 ; a/c payable 313 -including (a) deceased former members, (b) former members present address unknown. iPayments to widow during widowhood, or if no widow, for benefit of child or children while under sixteen years of age, if death is the natural and proximate result of accidental injuries occuring in performance and within the scope of duty.
 unknown.

Table 9
COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF DECEMBER 31ST

| Year | Deposits During the Year | Interest and Surplus Credited, Members' Accounts During the Year | Refunds of Deposits and Interest |  |  | Annuities |  | Contributing Members |  | Reserve for Payment of Annuities to Retired Members | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Gross } \\ & \text { Assets } \end{aligned}$ | Rate of Surplue Credited to Members' Accounts |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | To Estate or Beneficiary |  | To Member Who Left the Service | Deposits and Interest of Members Retired during Year to Purchase | Paid <br> During <br> Year to <br> Retired <br> Members | $\stackrel{\text { Net }}{\text { Deposits }}$ | Net Interest |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Before Retirement | After <br> Retirement |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1912 | \$54,737 11 | \$278 74 | $\$ 2273$ | - | \$1,352 23 | $\$ 14960$ | \$3 67 | \$53,212 55 | \$278 74 | \$149 53 | \$53,831 61 |  |
| 1913 | 108,255 86 | 2,63088 | -354 54 |  | 61,966 58 | 92665 | 8179 | 153,296 68 | 2,833 58 | 1,04259 | 159,122 78 |  |
| 1914 | 132,142 37 | 7,587 34 | 1,101 92 |  | 15,213 21 | 1,626 71 | 20498 | 267,786 14 | 10,07586 | 2,524 89 | 282,380 79 | 11/5\% |
| 1915 | 140.75010 | 10,68148 | ${ }_{2}^{2,541} 65$ |  | 23.91150 | $\stackrel{2}{5888} 71$ | ${ }_{846} 4312$ | 380,253 <br> 485 <br> 48 <br> 1 | 19,799 34 | 8,88950 | 410,455 <br> 549 <br> 954 | 11/2\% |
| 1916 | 151.663 <br> 169,200 <br> 16 | 18,196 52 | 2,819 4,532 4 |  | 40,31947 50,84419 | 4,803 <br> 6,857 <br> 8 | 84624 1,45064 | 485,95361 <br> 596,946 <br> 60 | 35,890 <br> 55,511 <br> 506 | $\begin{array}{r}8,60271 \\ 14.596 \\ \hline 19\end{array}$ | 549,95450 687,823 90 |  |
| 1918 | 176,071 58 | 27,648 72 | 6,575 11 |  | 83,33485 | 7,407 79 | 2,124 26 | 682,637 94 | 76,222 27 | 20,092 37 | 806,26136 |  |
| 1919 | 224,562 91 | 32,993 48 | 9,513 08 |  | 69,674 41 | 9,874 14 | 3,058 87 | 825,887 84 | 101,467 13 | 27,688 53 | 988,821 53 |  |
| 1920 | 272,480 80 | 42,465 44 | 7,496 99 | \$400 59 | 99,219 03 | 12,248 85 | 4,272 91 | 989,814 74 | 133,521 60 | 36,666 25 | 1,200,076 44 |  |
| 1921 | 308,478 58 | 52,89843 | 7,356 19 |  | 70,122 22 | 19,83413 | 5,900 70 | 1,210,591 20 | 176,809 61 | 51,825 63 | 1,489,063 57 |  |
| 1922 | 367,408 79 | 65,325 45 | 16,162 12 |  | 87,389 89 | 20,299 24 | 7,744 97 | 1,466,713 45 | 229,570 35 | 67,075 58 | 1,827,095 86 |  |
| 1923 | 404,690 87 | 82,271 12 | 11,153 11 | 94523 | 140,923 79 | 25,62619 | 10,434 65 | 1,710,605 33 | 294,937 37 | 82,740 33 | 2,163,158 67 |  |
| 1924 | 443,704 72 | 98,448. 62 | 9,804 00 | 2,745 83 | 127,692 04 | 31,684 58 | 12,778 96 | 2,003,384 45 | 375,130 87 | 103,211 44 | 2,567,712 86 | $2 \%$ |
| 1925 | 474,821 44 | 115,396 18 | 19,888 83 | 3,299 23 | 191,446 16 | 27,720 <br> 65 | 15,337 06 | $2,267.27435$ 2 | 462,38680 | 121.12000 | $2,939,15089$ |  |
| 1926 | 510,79124 562,073 45 | 126,421 <br> 146.113 <br> 7 | 34,8665 24,602 86 | 2,145 3,231 31 | 207,183 <br> 176,068 <br> 1 | 31,28136 42,262 31 | 17,92064 <br> 20,618 | $2,608,522$ 2,963 2,613 57 | 557,985 <br> 671,727 <br> 15 | 135,742 <br> 161,737 <br> 00 <br> 18 | $3,354,894$ <br> $3,855,584$ <br> 11 |  |
| 1928 | 596,918 82 | 168,177 11 | 36,626 36 | 3,281 3,081 | 186,691 10 | 46,795 19 | 25,001 10 | 3,332,893 | -799,227 84 | 189,304 00 | 4, $4,381,416$ 58 |  |
| 1929 | 624,882 19 | 182,003 47 | 29,682 32 | 2,418 12 | 200,955 78 | 51,439 12 | 28,397 92 | $3,721,20414$ | 937,248 95 | 215,17100 | 4,944,428 98 |  |
| 1930 | 693,636 33 | 206,624 46 | 37,487 30 | 3,971 84 | 187,344 83 | $62,310 \quad 53$ | 33,276 08 | 4,186,233 69 | 1,094,577 04 | 254,025 00 | 5,610,997 33 |  |
| 1931 | 755,755 11 | 234,775 26 | 50,229 31 | 3,40963 | 166,541 46 | 46,722 56 | 38,603 79 | 4,727,428 45 | 1,283,131 89 | 271,792 00 | ${ }_{6}^{6}, 370,97295$ | 11/2\% |
| 1932 | 824,09714 | 266,778 29 | 47,11225 | 7,942 71 | 166,287 09 | 102,417 35 | 44,85245 | $5,311,48185$ | 1,482,494 49 | 339,40900 | 7,239,416 02 |  |
| 1934 | 858,048 39 | 331,042 70 | 64,455 18 | 10,96414 8,566 12 | 271,297 <br> 26 | 142,126 134,113 62 | -70,547 24 | 5,839,167 $6,325,886$ 34 | $1,691,137$ $1,926,285$ 17 | 437,796 520,715 00 | $8,079,423$ $8,889,477$ 42 |  |
| 1935 | 900,031 62 | 334,164 98 | 62,433 08 | 16,337 25 | 256,827 39 | 155,262 06 | 82,283 24 | 6,862,321 44 | 2,160,370 52 | 610,31700 | ${ }_{9}^{9,755,840} 32$ |  |
| 193 | 996,556 18 | 378,350 11 | 67,538 07 | 18,927 23 | 278,047 31 | 134,863 03 | 91,846 83 | 7,497,104 17 | 2,426,698 02 | 665,17700 | 10,691,437 26 | 114\% |

", 'Regular Interest,' interest at three per cent per annum, compounded semi-annually on the last days of December and June and reckoned for full three and six months periods only." Surplus is extra interest, in addition to "regular interest," and is distributed on June thirtieth of each year and is figured on the accumulation of the account on the preceding September thirtieth. To obtain the interest rate each year add $3 \%$ to the rate of surplus, i.e., 1936,3 plus $11 / 2$ equals $41 / 2 \%$.

# ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS OF THE STATE EMPLOYERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. CONTRIBUTIONS BEGAN JUNE 1, 1912. 


#### Abstract

STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1936, MADE TO THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 5, SECTION 3, CHAPTER 32, GENERAL LAWS.


## INCOME



## DISBURSEMENTS



## LEDGER ASSETS

## Investments par value $\$ 10,014,107.15$; amortized value

Total ledger assets
$\$ 10,468,42775$

## NON-LEDGER ASSETS

[^3]P.D. 99 ..... 11
LIABILITIES
LIABILITIES
Deposits of members including $\mathbf{8 7 5 , 4 8 2 . 7 1}$ in hand of agents of the Board \$7,497,104 17 Regular interest and extra dividends credited to members' accounts .
Unpaid annuities due Dec. 31, 1936 . $\dot{\text { Refunds due estates of deceased annuitants }}{ }^{\circ}$ who at the time of their retirement elected the refund annuity option ..... 72296
nnuity reserve (special) ..... 665,177 00
Annuity reserve (special)
Surplus (undivided profits) ..... 101,72861
Total liabilities \$10,691,437 26
MEMBERSHIP EXHIBIT


| Deduct: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Members retired |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Members deceased | . | . | . | . | . | . |$\quad . \quad . \quad$| 65 |
| ---: |
| 70 |

Members left ..... 1,09870Accounts closed during year
Plus accounts payable A/c deaths ..... 35,233
Active accounts (members contributing on 12-31-36 ..... 14,695
Accounts payable (former employees not employed 12-31-36) amounting to ( $\$ 2,127.33$ ) to estate, etc., of deceased members . . . . . . $(\$ 6,323.50)$1,546Retired members:
Members retired December 31, 1935 ..... 581
Members retired December 31Between 60-70 years age . . . . . . . . . . . 3737
At age 70 ..... 23
With 35 years' service under age 60 ..... 1
Ordinary disability
3
3
With spouse ..... 1
Retired members who died during year ..... 646
Members retired December 31, 1936 ..... 593
Non-members:
received in line of duty (12-31-35)
Number granted to widows during year ..... 18
Widows deceased during year ..... 21
Total widows on list 12-31-36 ..... 21
Pensioners under Sec. 5 (2) C (b)22Total on pension roll, December 31, 1936615

We hereby certify that the above statement is a complete and correct exhibit of the financial condition of the Retirement System of the Commonwealth on the 31st day of December, 1936, to the best of our knowledge and belief.


Subscribed and sworn to before me this fourteenth day of February, 1937.
A. HARRIS PATON,

Justice of the Peace.

SECURITIES DECEMBER 31, 1936

| Deacription | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rate } \\ \text { Percent } \end{gathered}$ | Par Value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| U. S. Treasury | 4144 | \$279,000.00 |
|  | 314 | 18,700.00 |
| ". ${ }^{\text {" }}$ - | $27 / 8$ | 11,000.00 |
| Aca American Treas. | ${ }^{23}$ | $8,000.00$ 16.000 .00 |
| Akron, Ohio | 6 | 16,000.00 |
| . ${ }^{\text {. }}$ | $5_{5}^{1 / 2}$ | 90,000.00 |
| " ${ }^{\text {" }}$ | $43 / 4$ | 25,000.00 |
| ". "، | $41 / 2$ | 10,000.00 |
| " " | $41 /$ | 25,000.00 |
| Alabama, State of | $41 / 3$ | $20,000.00$ |
| Atlantic City, N. J. | $41 / 2$ | ${ }_{29,000000}^{20,00}$ |
| Baltimore, Md. |  | 100,000.00 |
| Barre, Vt. | 4 | 56,000.00 |
| Barrington, R. I. | 4 | 7,000.00 |
| Bayonne, $\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{J}$. |  | 10,000.00 |
| ". ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | $41 / 2$ | 110,000.00 |
| Berlin, N. H. | $41 / 2$ | ${ }_{20,000.00}^{15,000.00}$ |
| Birmingham, Ala. | 5 | $50,000.00$ |
|  | $41 / 2$ | 59,000.00 |
| Boston, Mass. | 5 | 1,000.00 |
| ." ${ }^{\text {. }}$ | 41/2 | 15,000.00 |
| ". ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | 213,000.00 |
| "، " | 38 |  |
| ". " | ${ }_{31} 1$ | 147,000.00 |
| Boston, Met. Dist. | $43 / 4$ | 300,000.00 |
| Braintree, Mass. | $31 / 2$ | $60,000.00$ $29,000.00$ |
| Bridgeport, Ct. | 5 | 10,000.00 |
| Bristol, Conn. | 53/4 | 8,000.00 |
|  | 41/2 | 11,000.00 |
| Brockton, Mass. | $41 / 4$ | 5,000.00 |
| Burrillville, R. I. | ${ }_{31 / 2}^{4}$ | $21,0000.00$ 15,00000 |
| California, State of | 4 | ${ }^{25,000.00}$ |
| Cambridge, Mass. | 51/2 | $25,000.00$ $10,000.00$ |
| "، "، | 41/2 | 30,000.00 |
| " | 414 | $20,000.00$ |
| "، "، | 31/2 | 10,000.00 |
| Camden, N. J. | 21/2 | $40,000.00$ 50000 |
| Canton, Ohio | 6 | 20,000.00 |
| " | $51 / 2$ | 39,000.00 |
| "، "، |  | 35,000.00 |
| Chelsea, Mass | 414 | 16,000.00 |
| Chelsea, Mass. | 414 | 15,000.00 |
| Cincinnati, Ohio | 5 | ${ }^{65,000.00}$ |
| Cleveland, Ohio | 41/2/2 | $37,000.00$ $63,000.00$ |
|  | 5 | $61,000.00$ |
| "، ". | $43 / 1$ | 101,000.00 |
| Columbus, Ohio | $51 / 2$ | 11,000.00 |
|  | 5 | $30,000.00$ |
| "، "، | 41/3 | 69,000.00 |
| Cranston, R. I . | ${ }_{4}$ | ${ }^{36,000.00} 4$ |
| Cranston, R.". | 41/4 | 年2,0000.00 |
| Dallas, Texas | $41 / 2$ | $50,000.00$ $195,000.00$ |
| Danbury, Conn. | $31 / 2$ | 5,000.00 |
| Dayton, Ohio | 6 | $25,000.00$ |
| .. |  | 35,000.00 |
|  | $4{ }^{4}$ | ${ }^{16,000.00}$ |
| ." " | $4_{4}$ | 10,000.00 |
| Dennis, Mass. |  | 10,000.00 |
| Denver, Colo. | $41 / 4$ | 100,000.00 |
| DesMoines, Iowa | 5 | $38,000.00$ |
| Detroit, Mich. | 41/2 | $50,000.00$ $5,000.00$ |
|  | 5 | 9,000.00 |
| ". ${ }^{\text {. }}$ | 41/3 | 75,000.00 |
| Dover, N. H. | 41/4 | 8,000.00 |


| Description | $\underset{\text { Percent }}{\text { Rate }}$ | Par Value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elizabeth, N. J. | 41/4 | \$40,000.00 |
| Everett, Mass. | $41 / 4$ | 10,000.00 |
|  |  | 16,000.00 |
| Fall River, Mass. | $41 / 4$ | 15,000.00 |
| " " | 31/2 | 7,000.00 |
| Flint, Mich. | 5 | 8,000.00 |
| "*, M | 41/2 | 20,000.00 |
| " " | 41/4 | 4,000.00 |
| " W " | 3 | 875.00 |
| Fort Worth, Texas | 5 $41 / 2$ | $25,000.00$ $17,000.00$ |
| Framingham, Mass. | $41 / 4$ | 20,000.00 |
| "4 | 4 | 4,000.00 |
| Fresno, Calif. | 41/2 | 30,000.00 |
| Grand Rapids, Mich. | $41 / 2$ | 62,000.00 |
| Hamilton, Ohio | $51 / 2$ | 3,000.00 |
| Haverhill, Mass. | $33 / 4$ | 5,000.00 |
| " ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | 2 | 10,000.00 |
| Holyoke, Mass. | 4 | 29,000.00 |
| Houston, Texas | 5 | 12,000.00 |
| Illinois, State of | $4{ }^{4 / 2}$ | 25,000.00 |
| Ipswich, Mass. | 314 | 2,340.00 |
| Jersey City, $\mathrm{N}_{\text {it }} \mathrm{J}$. | $51 / 2$ | 85,000.00 |
| " " ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | 5 | 50,000.00 |
| " | 43/4 | 10,000.00 |
| State of Kansas | $41 / 2$ | 50,000.09 |
| Kansas City, Mo. | 41/4 | 10,000.00 |
| Lawrence, Mass. | $53 / 4$ | 50,000.00 |
|  | 4 | 8,000.00 |
| Leominster, Mass. | 5 | 60,000.00 |
| Lewiston, Me. | 41/4 | 30,000.00 |
| Lima, Ohio | 6 | 2,000.00 |
| Long Beach, Calif. | 5 | 40,000.00 |
|  | $43 / 4$ | 50,000.00 |
| "، "، ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ | $41 / 2$ | 27,500.00 |
| "، ${ }^{4}$ | $41 / 4$ | 20,000.00 |
| " " ${ }^{\prime}$ | 4 | 10,000.00 |
| Lorain, Ohio | 6 | 8,250.00 |
|  | 5 | 5,000.09 |
| Los Angeles, Calif | 41/2 | 7,000.00 |
| Los Angeles, Calif. | 6 | 25,000.00 |
| " ${ }_{\text {" }}$ " ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 5 | 183,000.00 |
| " " 4 " ${ }^{\text {" }}$ Harbor | $43 / 4$ | 10,000.00 |
| " ، " | $43 / 4$ | 70,00900 |
| "1 " 4 | $41 / 2$ | 25,000.00 |
| " " | $33 / 4$ | $35,000.00$ |
| Louisianna, State of | 5 | 37,000.00 |
|  | 41/2 | 25,000.00 |
| " " " 4 (Port Comm.) | 5 | 133,500.00 |
| " " " " ${ }^{\text {" }}$ " | $43 / 4$ | 5,000.00 |
| Louisville, Ky. | $41 / 2$ | 5,000.00 |
| Lowell, Mass. | 21/4 | 38,000.00 |
| Ludlow, Mass. | 4 | 23,000.00 |
| Lynchburg, Va. | 5 | 25,000.00 |
| Lynn, Mass. | 5 | 5,000.00 |
| " ${ }_{\text {" }}$ | 41/4 | 15,000.00 |
| ${ }^{6}$ | 4 | 80,000.00 |
| " | $33 / 4$ | 77,000.00 |
| Malden, Mass. | $31 / 2$ | 5,000.00 |
| Malden, Mass. | $41 / 4$ $31 / 4$ | $4,000.00$ $13,000.00$ |
| Mass. Add. Water Loan | 4 | 50,000.00 |
| Maynard, Mass. | $33 / 4$ | 40,000.00 |
| Medford, Mass. | $41 / 2$ | 46,000.00 |
|  | 4 | 15,000.00 |
| " | $31 / 2$ | 12,000.00 |
| "" ${ }^{\text {" }}$ | 3 | 18,000.00 |
| Methuen, Mass. | 41/4 | 12,000.09 |
| Met. Addit. Water Loan | 4 | 50,000.00 |
| Michigan, State of | $53 / 4$ | 122,000.00 |
| Michigan Highway | $41 / 2$ | 100,000.00 |
| Michigan, State of | $41 / 2$ | 54,000.00 |
| Milford, Mass. | 3 | 25,000.00 |
| Minneapolis, Minn. | $43 / 4$ | 73,000.00 |
|  | 41/2 | 20,000.00 |
| Minnesota State of | 4 | 34,000.00 |
| Minnesota, State of ${ }_{\text {" }}$ | $43 / 4$ | 170,000.00 |
|  | $41 / 2$ | 50,000.00 |
|  | 41/4 | 25,000.00 |
| Missouri, State of | 5 | 50,000.00 |
| Montgomery, Ala. | $5{ }^{41 / 4}$ | $25,000.00$ $15,000.00$ |
| Muskegon, Mich. | 41/2 | 30,000.00 |
| " ${ }^{\text {" }}$ | 4 | 35,000.00 |
|  | 5 | 8,000.00 |
| Newark, N: J. | $51 / 2$ $41 / 2$ | $10,000.00$ $10,000.00$ |



| P.D. 99 |  |  | 15 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Description | Rate | Par Value |  |
| Description |  | Par Value |  |
| West Virginia, State of | $\begin{aligned} & 41 / 2 \\ & 41 / 4 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 14,000.00 \\ & 145,000.00 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| " " " ' | 4 | 21,000.00 |  |
| Weymouth, Mass. | 41/22 | $5,000.00$ $5,000.00$ |  |
| Wheeling, West Va. | 5 | 75,000.00 |  |
| Wilmington, No. Carolina | 4 5 | $15,000.00$ $25,000.00$ |  |
| Wilmington, "o. Carolina | $41 / 2$ | 58,000.00 |  |
| Woburn, Mass. | 3 | 45,000.00 |  |
| Woonsocket, R ${ }_{\text {i }}$ / I . | ${ }_{5}^{6}$ | 5,000.00 |  |
|  | 5 | 5,000.00 |  |
| Y " ${ }^{\text {" }}$ | $41 / 2$ | 17,000.00 |  |
| Youngstown, Ohio | ${ }_{5}^{6}$ | 1,000.00 |  |
| ". ${ }^{\text {" }}$ | $5_{5}^{1 / 2}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 20,000.00 \\ 5,000.00 \end{array}$ |  |
| Notes |  |  |  |
| Blandford, Mass. | 414 | 13,000.00 |  |
| Dracut Water Supp. | $51 / 4$ | 1,600.00 |  |
| Leyden, Mass. | $41 / 4$ | 1,500.00 |  |
| Pembroke, Mass. Revere, Mass. | 31/2 | $24,000.00$ $42,000.00$ |  |
| Scituate, Mass. | $41 / 2$ | 18,500.00 |  |
|  |  | \$10,014,107.15 |  |
| RECAPITULATION BY MATURITIES |  |  |  |
| Within five years. |  |  | \$2,012,360.00 |
| Between five and fifteen ye |  |  | 5,424,100.00 |
| ( ${ }^{\text {Between }}$ fitteen and thirty |  |  | $2,472,647.15$ $105,000.00$ |


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ The reimbursement is made to show the estimated additional cost of bonkkeeping caused by the operation of the retirement law at the institution, school, etc., located in different parts of the State. The anscitucion or school is required by law to return such moncy to the State as yeanly income and the amount of such income paid to thirty-nine institutions and schonls in 1936 was $\$ 4,151.00$.
    ${ }^{2}$ Cost for 6 months. (First pension was paid 6-1-1912.)

[^1]:    Employees of the Metropolitan District Commission are members of the Retirement System for State employees. Under Chapter 251-1928 the cost of pensions paid to former employees of the Metropolitan District Commission during each year ending November 30th are assessed in the following year upon the proper section of the Metropolitan District. Such assessments become a part of the general revenue of the Commonwealth in the year in which the assessments are made.
    ${ }^{1}$ An equal amount was paid by the State without Reimbursement. The first reimbursement was made in 1928, covering 1922-1927 inclusive. 1933, $\$ 31,413.58 ; 1934, \$ 39,179.43 ; 1935, \$ 47,775.87$.

[^2]:    The Retirement Association was organized June 1, 19i2 and the Annuities cover only the period of sel vice during which the Employce was a contributing member since said date.
    *The Average Reir ement allowance is the sum of the average annuity Table 6 , and the average pension Table 7.

[^3]:    Accrued interest on investments
    Deposits receivable from treasurers of institutions, etc.
    Due from Commonwealth, net loss in annuity fund

