# PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY

LIMITED.

## SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1914.

THE DIRECTORS have much pleasure in presenting their report and accounts for the year 1914.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of policies issued during the year was 65,751, assuring the sum of  $\pounds 6,318,843$ , and producing a new annual premium income of  $\pounds 424,353$ . The premiums received during the year were  $\pounds 5,035,625$ , being an increase of  $\pounds 115,107$  over the year 1913. In addition,  $\pounds 10,315$  was received in premiums under the Sickness Insurance Tables.

The claims of the year amounted to £4,014,658. The number of deaths was 9,351. The number of endowment assurances matured was 24,966, the premium income of which was £136,735.

The number of policies in force at the end of the year was 922,505.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The premiums received during the year were £8,176,202, being an increase of £301,746.

The claims of the year amounted to  $\pounds 3,373,850$ , including  $\pounds 398,360$  bonus additions. The number of claims and surrenders, including 6,731 endowment assurances matured, was 392,883.

The number of free policies granted during the year to those policyholders of five years' standing and upwards who desired to discontinue their payments, was 103,514, the number in force being 1,947,556. The number of free policies which became claims during the year was 46,364.

The total number of policies in force in this Branch at the end of the year was 20,085,010: their average duration exceeds thirteen years.

The assets of the Company, in both branches, as shewn in the balance sheet, are £91,202,344, being an increase of £4,209,341 over those of 1913.

The Staff Provident Fund, which was founded in 1898 for the benefit of the outdoor staff, now amounts to  $\pounds 260,758$ .

The valuation has been made by Mr. JOSEPH BURN, and the following mortality tables have been used, namely, in the Ordinary Branch, the Institute of Actuaries ( $H^M$ ) Table of Mortality for the life risks, and British Offices' Life Annuity Tables, 1893, for the annuities, the reserves being specially strengthened by assuming all annuitants to be select lives; for the Sickness Insurances all the premiums and interest received have been reserved, after deduction of claims and expenses, thus providing an additional reserve of over fifty-eight per cent. above that required by the valuation basis adopted; in the Industrial Branch, Dr. Farr's English Life Table No. 3 has been employed for all Assurances by weekly premiums for the Whole Term of Life, the English Life Table No. 6 being employed for all other classes. The net premiums only have been valued in both branches, the rate of interest in each case being three per cent.

In the ORDINARY BRANCH the surplus shewn is £1,794,953, including the sum of £153,230 brought forward from last year. Out of this surplus the Directors have added £500,000 to the Investments Reserve Fund, which stands as at 31st December, 1914, at £1,000,000.

In the INDUSTRIAL BRANCH the surplus shewn is £1,542,722, including the sum of £306,521 brought forward from last year. Out of this surplus the Directors have added £250,000 to the Investments Reserve Fund, which stands as at 31st December, 1914, at £750,000. The Directors have also carried £300,000 to a special reserve to me the second stands as at 31st December, 1914, at £750,000.

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The total surplus of the two branches, as shewn by the valuation, is thus £3,337,675, which is disposed of as follows: £500,000 has been added to the Investments Reserve Fund of the Ordinary Branch, £250,000 has been added to the Investments Reserve Fund of the Industrial Branch, and £300,000 has been carried to the Courts (Emergency Powers) Act Reserve. £1,730,004 will be distributed among participating policyholders in the Ordinary Branch, policyholders in the Industrial Branch, the Shareholders, and the Superintendency and Agency Staff in accordance with the Regulations of the Company under its special Act of Parliament, leaving £557,671 to be carried forward, namely, £263,724 in the Ordinary Branch and £293,947 in the Industrial Branch.

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In the ORDINARY BRANCH a reversionary bonus at the rate of  $\pounds 1$  10s. per cent. on the original sums assured has been added to all classes of participating policies issued since the year 1876.

In the INDUSTRIAL BRANCH a bonus addition will be made to the sums assured on policies of over five years' duration which become claims either by death or maturity of endowment from the 5th of March, 1915, to the 2nd of March, 1916, both dates inclusive, as follows:---

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The outbreak of hostilities in August last placed upon the Directors the grave responsibility of deciding what charge, if any, should be made to policy-holders on active service. After careful consideration it was decided to charge no extra premium in respect of existing policies on the lives of those engaging for the period of the war, and in respect of existing policies on the lives of other members of the regular forces it was decided that £250 of assurance on any life should be exempted from the payment of extra premium.

The six Prudential Approved Societies formed under the National Insurance Act 1911 have done important work during the year and the membership continues to increase. Since the commencement of the Act the Agency Staff has distributed benefits exceeding  $\pounds 3,000,000$  to the members at their own homes.

In the Revenue Account of the Industrial Branch the figures in respect of Commission and Expenses of Management include the sum of  $\pounds 357,416$ , received for work done in connection with the Prudential Approved Societies. In estimating the ratio of expenses to premiums received this sum must be deducted.

The Directors deplore the loss of one of their colleagues during the past year. Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel HORATIO ROBERT ODO CROSS died on the 3rd February last. The vacancy in the Directorate caused by his death has been filled by the appointment of Mr. JAMES MOON, a qualified shareholder, who during the past 40 years has represented the Company in every capacity available to the outdoor staff. His election will be submitted to the shareholders for confirmation.

The Board have felt that in view of the increase in the Company's business in recent years it was necessary to add to their number. They have therefore appointed, as an additional Director, Mr. DANIEL WINTRINGHAM STABLE, a qualified shareholder, who for many years has served the Company, first as Solicitor and afterwards as Secretary, and his election will also be submitted to the Shareholders for confirmation. Upon Mr. STABLE's retirement from the post of Secretary, the Directors appointed Mr. GEORGE ERNEST MAY as his successor.

The retiring Directors are Sir WILLIAM LANCASTER, Mr. JAMES MOON, Mr. WILLIAM THOMAS PUGH, and Mr. FREDERICK SCHOOLING, who offer themselves for re-election.

The Auditors, Messrs. SECRETAN and NICHOLLS, also offer themselves for re-election.

Messrs. DELOITTE, PLENDER, GRIFFITHS & Co. have examined the securities, and their certificate is appended to the balance sheets

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#### Assurance Companies Act, 1909.—Third Schedule.

**BALANCE SHEET of the PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED**,

BEING THE SUMMARY OF BOTH BRANCHES ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1914.

-	I	JABI	LIT	IES.		£	5.	d.	ASSETS.	£	5.	d
Shareholders' capital			•••	•••	•••	1,000,000	0	0	Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom	8,882,496	5	
				£	r. d.				Mortgages on property out of the United Kingdom	336,449	2	ł
Life assurance fund-									Loans on parochial and other public rates	13,412,347	14	;
Ordinary Branch	•••	•••	47,0	024,190	58				Loans on Life interests	1,193,287		11
Sickness insurance fund				13,562	89				Loans on Reversions	96,502		:
Life assurance fund-									Loans on stocks and shares	76,385		
Industrial Branch			40,6	49,318	98				Loans on Company's policies within their surrender			
ð –				<u> </u>	· · · · · ·	87,687,071	4	1	values	3,221,385	7	4
Investments reserve fund	в					1,750,000	0	0	Loans on Personal security	nil		
Courts (Emergency Powe	are) A of	Pour				. ,			Loans to Educational Institutions secured on income, etc.	43,969	19	
5				•••	•••	300,000	0	0	Investments :			
Claims under life polici	es intir	mated	and	in course	e of				Deposit with the High Court (£24,400 21/2 %			
payment	•••	•••			•••	233,518	0	7	Consolidated stock)	17,568	0	
Annuities due and unpaid	i	•••			•••	3,171	13	4	British Government securities	1,413,368		
Balance of bonus und	ler life	poli	cies	reserved	for				Bank of England stock	143,117		
distribution						228,582	15	10	Municipal and county securities, United Kingdom	1,682,752		
					/				Indian and Colonial Government securities	4,621,551		
				/	/				Colonial provincial securities	1,371,547		
									Indian and Colonial municipal securities	3,577,816		
				- /					Foreign Government securities	5,411,862		
•				1					Foreign provincial securities	789,465		
									Foreign municipal securities	4,115,813		
									Railway and other debentures and debenture	1,110,010	Ũ	Ì
									stocks and gold and sterling bonds-Home			
· ·									and Foreign	21,247,943	14	4
· .									Railway and other preference and guaranteed	2.,211,010	11	
									stocks and shares	3,193,674	17	
									Railway and other ordinary stocks and shares	2,865,148		į
									Rent charges	605,472		4
								i	Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties	4,766,452		é
									Leasehold ground rents	9,143		
									House property	4,200,467		
									Life interests	34,626		
								Ì	Reversions	1,338,434		1
									Agents' balances	6,647		
								1	Outstanding premiums	627,723		
								ļ	Outstanding interest and rents	115,010		
/								l	Interest, dividends and rents accrued but not payable	522,743		
								-	Bills receivable	022,143 nil	1	Ľ
/									Cash :	7614		
									On deposit	20,000	0	,
									In hand and on current accounts	1,241,167		
/					i					1,241,107	11	í
						(91,202,343 1	13	10		£91,202,343	13	10
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The values of the Stock Exchange securities are determined, under the Regulations of the Company, by the Directors. These values have been compared with the middle market prices on 31st December, 1913, subsequent purchases being taken at cost price, due allowance being made for accrued interest, and the difference is more than provided for by the Investments Reserve Funds.

We certify that in our belief the Assets set forth in the Balance Sheet (compared with standards available at the date indicated) are in the aggregate fully of the value stated therein less the Investments Reserve Funds taken into account. No part of any fund has been applied directly or indirectly for any purpose other than the class of business to which it is applicable.

A. C. THOMPSON, General Manager.

J. BURN, Actuary. G. E. MAY, Secretary.

THOS. C. DEWEY, Chairman. W. J. LANCASTER, F. SCHOOLING, Directors.

We report that with the assistance of the Chartered Accountants as stated below we have examined the foregoing accounts and have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required and in our opinion such accounts are correct and the foregoing Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Company. No part of any fund has been applied directly or indirectly for any purpose other than the class of business to which it is applicable.

We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended Certificates, &c., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and

#### Assurance Companies Act, 1909.—First Schedule.

#### REVENUE ACCOUNTS OF THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED (ORDINARY BRANCH)

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1914, IN RESPECT OF LIFE ASSURANCE, AND SICKNESS INSURANCE BUSINESS.

			LIFE AS	SURANCE.								
			£ s. d.	Claims under policies pa	id and out	standing	•••••			£	5.	ď.
Amount of life assurance fund at the beginning of the year		10 5		By death			£1,219,640	6	1			
Less amount transferred to the Industrial	£45,693,479	19 0		By maturity	•••		2,795,018	0	3			
Branch, being proportion of profits	118,900	0 0					•··· · ·		4,01	1,658	6	4
Dianen, being proportion of pronts	118,300	- 0	45,574,579 19 5	Surrenders			£ <b>3</b> 32,936	4	2			
Premiums		<b></b> .	5,0 <b>3</b> 5, <b>6</b> 25 7 8	Bonuses surrendered for	cash	•••	129,374	0	2			
Consideration for annuities granted			46,639 4 11				· · ·		46	2,310	) - <b>I</b>	-1
Interest and dividends	£,2,007,324	0 9		Annuities	•••	•••				2,994		
Less income tax thereon	106,787	2 5		Commission	•••		•••			7,337		
	200,101		1,900,536 18 4	Expenses of management		•••		•		5,890		
				Amount transferred to in					50	0,000	0	0
				Amount of life assuran per Third Schedule	ce fund a	it the end	d of the ye	'	us 47,02	4,190	5	8
									1			
			£52,557,381 10 4	· •					£52,55	7,381	10	-4
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#### Assurance Companies Act, 1909.—Third Schedule.

BALANCE SHEET OF THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED (ORDINARY BRANCH) ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1914.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
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ickness insurance fund 13,562 8 9		Mortgages on property out of the United Kingdom	
nvestments reserve fund 1,000,000 0 0		Loans on parochial and other public rates	4,494,453 13
	48,037,752 14 5	Loans on Life interests	S11,653 8 1
laims under life policies intimated and in course of		Loans on Reversions	96,502 18
payment	228,918 0 7	Loans on stocks and shares	76,385 2
nuities due and unpaid	3,171_13_4	Loans on Company's policies within their surrender values	<b>3,</b> 221,385 7
	-		nil
		Doans on Tersonal Security	43,553 19
		Loans to Educational institutions secured on income, &c.	10,000 10
		Investments :	159,913 <b>3</b>
		British Government securities	143,117 2
		Bank of England stock	680,193 12
		Municipal and county securities, United Kingdom	3,510,757 15
	1		803,105 15
		Colonial provincial securities	2,590,259 1
		Colonial municipal securities	3,893,286 4
		Foreign Government securities	283,388 19
	1	Foreign provincial securities	
		Foreign municipal securities	2,510,629 1
	1	Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks and gold and sterling bonds-Home	
	î. L	and Foreign	9,976,221 4
		Railway and other preference and guaranteed	
		stocks and shares	1,907,747 18
		Railway and other ordinary stocks and shares	2,812,506 14
		Rent charges	605,472 4
		Life interests	34,626 14
		Reversions	1,338,434 10
		Outstanding premiums	230,166 19
	1	Outstanding interest	25,918 6
7	1	Interest and dividends accrued but not payable	282,137 5
		Bills receivable	nil
		Cash in hand and on current accounts	695,202 5
,			£48,269,842 8

The values of the Stock Exchange securities are determined, under the Regulations of the Company, by the Directors. These values have been compared with the middle market prices on 31st December, 1913, subsequent purchases being taken at cost price, due allowance being made for accrued interest, and the difference is more than provided for by the Investments Reserve Fund.

We certify that in our belief the Assets set forth in the Balance Sheet (compared with standards available at the date indicated) are in the aggregate fully of the value stated therein less the Investments Reserve Fund taken into account. No part of any fund has been applied directly or indirectly for any purpose other than the class of business to which it is applicable.

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PHILIP SECRETAN, Auditors. W. H. NICHOLLS,

We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1914, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates,

#### Assurance Companies Act, 1909.-First Schedule.

### REVENUE ACCOUNT OF THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED (INDUSTRIAL BRANCH)

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1914, IN RESPECT OF LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.

Amount of life assurance fund at the beginning of the year £38,901,678 14 2 Amount transferred from Ordinary Branch under Regulations of the company 118,900 0 0 Balance of bonus under life policies reserved for distribution at the beginning of the year	£ s. 39,020,578 14 226,942 8	2	Claims under policies paid and outstanding :    By death     By maturity     Bonus additions paid to 31st December  398,359 12 8    Surrenders     Bonus to Superintendents and Agents     Commission :	£ 3,373,849 214,931 100,000	18	11 9
Premiums       Interest, dividends and rents $\pounds$ 1,562,058  6  4    Less income tax thereon   92,064  10  7    Amount received from Approved Societies for Expenses	1,469,993 15 357,415 17	9	Agency charges, including salaries of 16,567 agents for the weekly collection of premiums from 18,137,454 policies£1,577,936169Special new business charges730,57525Expenses of management : Policy, postage, and receipt stamps (Head Office only)£72,044199Superintendency charges319,91740Medical fees54,256184	2,308,511	19	2
			Head Office expenses   779,718 14 7    Dividend and bonus to shareholders      Amount transferred to investments reserve fund      Amount transferred to Courts (Emergency Powers) Act Reserve  Balance of bonus under life policies reserved for distribution    Amount of life assurance fund at the end of the year, as per  Third Schedule	1,225,937 600,000 250,000 300,000 228,582 40,649,318	0 0 0 15	0 0 0 10
	£49,251,132 18	0		£49,251,132	18	0

NOTES :- During the year 2,059,284 policies were issued, assuring a maximum sum of £32,291,598, exclusive of bonus.

No business is transacted out of the United Kingdom.

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#### BALANCE SHEET OF THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED (INDUSTRIAL BRANCH) ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1914.

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LIABILITIES. $\pounds$ s. d.	£ 5. a	ASSETS.	£ s.d
hareholders' capital 1,000,000 0 0	~ ~ ~	Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom	2,176,122 8 10
ife assurance fund 40,649,318 9 8	1	Mortgages on property out of the United Kingdom	mil
nvestments reserve fund 750,000 0 0		Loans on parochial and other public rates	8,917,894 1
	42,399,318 9	<sup>8</sup> Loans on Life interests	381,633 12
courts (Emergency Powers) Act Reserve	300,000 0	0 Loans on Personal security	nil
laims under life policies intimated and in course of		Loans to Educational institutions secured on	
payment	4,600 0	0 income, &c	415 19
selance of bonus under life policies reserved for	,	Investments :	
distribution	228,582 15	Deposit with the High Court (£24,400 21/2 %	
/		Consolidated stock)	17,568 0
ý.		British Government securities	1,253,454 17
		Municipal and county securities, United Kingdom	1,002,558 18
		Indian and Colonial Government securities	1,110,793 17
	1	Colonial provincial securities	568,442 0
/	-	Indian and Colonial municipal securities	987,557 7
	1	Foreign Government securities	1,518,576 14
		Foreign provincial securities	506,076 11
		Foreign municipal securities	1,605,183 18
/		Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks and gold and sterling bonds—Home and Foreign	11,271,722 9
		Railway and other preference and guaranteed stocks	,
	L T	and shares	1,285,926 19
		Railway and other ordinary stocks and shares	52,641 8
	r 1	Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties	4,766,452 6
	i -	Leasehold ground rents	9,143 11
		House property	4,200,467 19
		Agents' balances	6,647 16
	-	Outstanding premiums	397,556 12
		Outstanding interest and rents	89,092 7
		Interest, dividends and rents accrued but not payable	240,605 15
1		Bills receivable	nil
		Cash :—	-
		On deposit	20,000 0
		In hand and on current accounts	545,965 12
/	1		
	£42,932,501 5	6	£42,932,501 5
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