

BIRTHDAY HONOURS, 1942

SIR GEORGE EPPS, K.B.E.

AMONG those honoured by His Majesty the King in the Birthday Honours List published on 11 June 1942 was Mr G. S. W. Epps, C.B., C.B.E., the Government Actuary of Great Britain, who received the Knighthood of the Order of the British Empire.

Sir George Epps has been Government Actuary since 1936, when Sir Alfred Watson died; he had been Deputy Government Actuary for the preceding 10 years. His name has been associated particularly with National Health Insurance since its introduction in Great Britain in 1912. He was Secretary to the original Actuarial Advisory Committee set up to advise on the financial arrangements of the new scheme, and to Departmental Committees on Sickness Benefit claims under the National Insurance Act (which reported in 1916) and on the Application of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, to National Health Insurance (1921). In addition he has served as a member of Government Committees dealing with Probation Officers' Superannuation (1926), Superannuation of Local Government Employees (1927), Compulsory Insurance (1937), Police Widows' Pensions (1941) and Social Insurance and Allied Services (the 'Beveridge' Committee, 1942).

At the first meeting of the Council of the Institute of Actuaries for the session 1942-43, held on 13 October 1942, the President offered to Sir George Epps, amidst acclamation, the congratulations of the Council on the honour which had been conferred on him.

Sir George is well known to actuaries in many countries and pleasure at this recognition of his services to the State will be shared among members of the profession everywhere.