

OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS

[*The appearance of a publication in the following list does not imply that a formal review will not appear in the JOURNAL.*]

ANNOTATED LIST of recent official publications issued to the end of June 1946, containing statistics or other information likely to be of interest to the actuarial profession. All the volumes referred to may be obtained through any bookseller or directly from the Sale Offices of His Majesty's Stationery Office.

ACCIDENTS.

Provisional Statement of the Number of Deaths by Accidents at Mines and Quarries in Great Britain, together with the Isle of Man, during 1946. (1d.)

Report to the Minister of Transport upon the Accidents which occurred on the Railways of Great Britain during the year 1944. (6d.)

Contains detailed statistics of fatal and non-fatal accidents to passengers and railway servants, analysed according to cause of accident, nature of injury, etc.

Ministry of Transport. Road Accidents. Report by J. Harry Jones. (1s. 3d.)

A report on an investigation into the cost to the community of road accidents in the United Kingdom, giving estimates of the direct financial cost in terms of compensation for personal injuries and of material damage, including the cost of administration, in the years 1935 to 1938. An alternative estimate by the Government Actuary is included as an appendix.

ACTUARIAL CAREERS.

Actuarial Work. Careers for Men and Women Series No. 2 (revised February, 1946). A detailed description of qualifications, training and prospects of employment. (3d.)

One of a series of pamphlets compiled by the Appointments Department of the Ministry of Labour and National Service for the benefit of those whose training has been interrupted by their war service.

CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS.

Accounts of the Treasury Pensions Account, the Pensions Account and the Pensions (Scotland) Account, and of the Treasury Special Pensions Account, the Special Pensions Account and the Special Pensions (Scotland) Account, showing the Receipts and Payments during the year ended 31 March 1945; together with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. H.C. 107/1945-46. (2d.)

See also National Insurance, Old Age Pensions, Public Health.

EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY.

Employers' Liability Insurance (Limitation of Charges in 1944). Certificate of the Auditors of the Accident Offices Association showing the effect in respect of the year 1944 of the Undertaking given by the Association for the purpose of limiting the charges to employers; together with further Amending Directions issued by the Minister of National Insurance. Cmd. 6676. (1d.)

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

See Savings Banks and Friendly Societies.

INCOME TAX.

Eighty-Eighth Report of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Inland Revenue for the year ended 31 March 1945. Cmd. 6774. (1s.)

Contains detailed statistics as to incomes liable to assessment for income tax and sur-tax, and the numbers and values of estates becoming liable to death duties during the financial year.

See also National Finance, Statutes.

INDUSTRIAL HEALTH.

Medical Research Council. Industrial Health Research Board Report No. 88. A study of women on war work in four factories. (9d.)

In continuation of the investigation described in Report No. 86 (see p. 284 of this volume of the *Journal*) 500 women were interviewed to determine how far various conditions inside and outside the factory were associated with sickness, or affected the attitude of women towards work. Heavy or light sickness absence was not found to be associated with equally clear-cut differences in other respects.

Medical Research Council. Industrial Health Research Board. Conditions for Industrial Health and Efficiency. Pamphlet No. 3. Why is she away? The Problem of sickness among women in industry. (4d.)

Based on the investigations described in the Industrial Health Research Board Reports Nos. 86 and 88 (see above).

NATIONAL DEBT.

Return showing transactions connected with the National Debt, for 1944-45. Cmd. 6657. (2d.)

NATIONAL FINANCE.

Public Income and Expenditure. An Account of the Public Income and Expenditure of the United Kingdom in the year ended 31 March 1946; together with the Balances in the Exchequer on 1 April 1945; the Receipts and Payments (not being Income and Expenditure) in the year ended 31 March 1946; and the Balances in the Exchequer on that day. H.C. 135/1945-46. (1d.)

Sinking Funds, 1945. Account of the National Debt Commissioners, showing the amount issued from the Exchequer and applied in the year ended 31 March 1946, in respect of the Old Sinking Fund and of the New Sinking Fund (1928). H.C. 142/1945-46. (1d.)

Local Loans Fund Accounts, 1944. Accounts of Receipts and Payments by the National Debt Commissioners in respect of the Capital and Income of the Local Loans Fund for the year ended 31 March 1945; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. H.C. 77/1945-46. (1d.)

NATIONAL FINANCE (*continued*).

Finance Accounts of the United Kingdom for the year ended 31 March 1945.
H.C. 99/1944-45. (1s.)

Financial Statement, 1946-47. Copy of 'Statement of Revenue and Expenditure as laid before the House by the Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget'. H.C. 116/1945-46. (6d.)

National Income and Expenditure of the United Kingdom, 1938-45. Cmd. 6784. (9d.)

The paper gives 'estimates of national income and expenditure in a form designed to show changes in the distribution of the country's resources between different uses'. Estimates of national, private, public and central government income and expenditure under the various heads are given for each of the years 1938 to 1945.

See also Income Tax, National Debt, Savings Banks and Friendly Societies, Statutes.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.

National Health Insurance Funds. Account showing the nature and amount of the Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners at 31 December 1945 as Investments for Moneys, forming part of (a) the National Health Insurance Funds for England, Wales and Scotland respectively, (b) the 'Central Fund', and (c) the 'Unemployment Arrears Fund'. H.C. 89/1945-46. (1d.)

National Health Insurance Fund Accounts. Accounts of the National Health Insurance Fund (England), the Welsh National Health Insurance Fund and the Scottish National Health Insurance Fund and of Funds under the control of the Joint Committee, for the year ended 31 December 1944; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. H.C. 114/1945-46. (1d.)

National Health Insurance (Emergency Additional Benefits) Amendment Regulations, 1945. S.R. & O. 1644 of 1945. (1d.)

Provides for the extension of additional benefit schemes for not more than four years.

See also National Health Service, Public Health.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE.

National Health Service Bill, 1945. H.C. Bill 94/1945-46. (1s. 3d.)

A Bill to provide for a health service to cover the whole population of England and Wales, embracing general practitioner, specialist and hospital services.

National Health Service Bill. Summary of the proposed new Service. Cmd. 6761. (3d.)

A general description of the service proposed in the Bill.

NATIONAL INSURANCE.

National Insurance Bill, 1946. H.L. Bill 96/1945-46. (2s.)

The Bill, as amended in its passage through the House of Commons, to provide for a unified system of insurance for unemployment, sickness, maternity, retirement pensions, benefits to widows and death grants. It is intended eventually to cover practically the whole population of adult age.

National Insurance Bill, 1946. Summary of main provisions of the National Insurance Scheme. Cmd. 6729. (2d.)

National Insurance Bill, 1946. Report by the Government Actuary on the Financial Provisions of the Bill. Cmd. 6730. (6d.)

Contains a summary of the proposals, the actuarial contributions for each benefit for each class of contributor, the estimated expenditure on each benefit, the yield of contributions and the cost to the Exchequer, with a comparison of cost with that of existing schemes. An appendix, with tables, describes the actuarial basis. The amendments to the Bill in its passage through the House of Commons have a slight effect on some of the figures given.

National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Bill, 1946. H.L. Bill 56/1945-46. (1s. 3d.)

The Bill as amended by the House of Commons. It replaces the present workmen's compensation scheme, where benefits are dependent on wages, by a system of insurance where they are dependent on the degree of disablement.

National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Bill. Explanatory Memorandum by the Minister of National Insurance. Cmd. 6651. (2d.)

National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Bill. Proposed changes in death benefits. Explanatory Memorandum by the Minister of National Insurance. Cmd. 6738. (2d.)

Describes the amendments moved by the Government on the Report stage.

See also Contributory Pensions, National Health Insurance, Unemployment Insurance.

OFFICIAL STATISTICS (GENERAL).

Monthly Digest of Statistics. (2s. 6d.)

Includes statistics of population, births and marriages, and the principal industrial, commercial and financial statistics for the United Kingdom. Many of the statistics given are shown in greater detail elsewhere in official publications. The Digest is prepared by the Central Statistical Office in collaboration with the various Government Departments and has been issued monthly from January 1946.

Definitions of Items and Units in the Monthly Digest of Statistics. (6d.)

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

Thirty-sixth Report of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs and Excise for the year ended 31 March 1945. Cmd. 6703. (2s. 6d.)

Contains a statement of the number of claims made during the year for old age pensions subject to conditions as to means, and the number of such pensions payable in England, Wales and Scotland at the end of the year and of previous years. The number of over-70 pensions payable under the Contributory Pensions Acts regardless of means is also stated.

POPULATION.

Statement by the Royal Commission on Population, September 1945. (2d.)

A statement on the population trends in Great Britain and on the objects of the voluntary family census undertaken by the Royal Commission.

See also Official Statistics (General).

PUBLIC HEALTH.

Summary Report of the Ministry of Health for the year ended 31 March 1945. Cmd. 6710. (1s. 3d.)

A survey of the year's work of the Ministry in public health administration, maternity and child welfare, housing, public assistance, etc. Appendices to the Report contain the principal vital statistics, and statistics relating to the incidence of and deaths from infectious diseases, to national health insurance, to contributory pensions and to local government finance, etc.

Summary Report by the Department of Health for Scotland for the year ended 30 June 1945. Cmd. 6661. (6d.)

A report on administration, including statistics relating to maternity and child welfare, housing, poor relief and the incidence of and deaths from infectious diseases.

Chronic Rheumatic Diseases. The Report of the Medical Advisory Committee (Scotland). (6d.)

Gives the number of new cases of rheumatic disease and the duration of incapacity in the insured population of Scotland in the year 1937-38, with analyses by type, sex, age and occupation.

See also National Health Service.

SAVINGS BANKS AND FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

Post Office Savings Banks. Account of all Deposits received and paid during the year ended 31 December 1944, together with Statement showing the aggregate amount of the Liabilities of the Government to Depositors on 31 December 1944, and the nature and amount of the Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners to meet those Liabilities at that date. (1d.)

Trustee Savings Banks and Friendly Societies. Accounts of all Sums received from and paid to Trustees during the year ended 20 November 1945, together with Statement showing the aggregate amount of the Liabilities of the Government to Trustees of Savings Banks and of Friendly Societies on 20 November 1945, and the nature and amount of the Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners to meet those Liabilities at that date. (1d.)

STATUTES.

Public General Acts, 8 & 9 Geo. 6:

Ch. 24. Finance Act, 1945. (2d.)

STATUTES (*continued*).

Public General Acts, 9 & 10 Geo. 6:

Ch. 13. Finance (No. 2) Act, 1945. (1s. 3*d.*)

Reduces the rates of income tax and excess profits tax; provides for agreements for relief from double taxation; etc.

Ch. 16. Workmen's Compensation (Pneumoconiosis) Act, 1945. (1*d.*)

Makes provision for disregarding periods of war service or war employment, for the purposes of certain time limits, in schemes (known as 'amending schemes') made under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1925, applicable to workmen suffering from any form of pneumoconiosis.

Ch. 28. Assurance Companies Act, 1946. (4*d.*)

Brings marine, aviation and transit insurance business within the 1909 Act; requires a new insurance company to have a minimum paid-up capital of £50,000; provides that any company transacting general business (i.e. business other than life assurance, industrial assurance and bond investment business) shall be deemed insolvent unless its total assets exceed its total liabilities (other than share capital) by £50,000, or 10 % of premium income from general business, whichever is the greater; provides for the abolition of deposits prescribed by the 1909 Act, and for the withdrawal of existing deposits.

Public General Acts and the Church Assembly Measures, 1945, being those which received the Royal Assent in the 8th, 9th and 10th years of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Sixth in the 10th Session of the 37th and the 1st Session of the 38th Parliaments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, with Tables of the Short Titles and of the Effect of Legislation and an Index. (17s. 6*d.*)

SUPERANNUATION.

Superannuation Bill, 1946. H.C. Bill 114/1945-46. (3*d.*)

A Bill to amend the law governing the grant of pensions and retiring gratuities, etc., to persons employed in the Civil Service.

UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE.

Report of the Assistance Board for the year ended 31 December 1944. Cmd. 6700. (9*d.*)

Shows for a series of years the number of applicants for unemployment assistance, and the number and amount of the unemployment assistance allowances paid in each month of the year 1944.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.

Accounts of the Unemployment Fund, showing the Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 March 1946; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. H.C. 62/1945-46. (2*d.*)

Unemployment Fund Investment Account, showing the nature and amount of the Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners at 31 March 1946 as Investments for Moneys, forming part of the Unemployment Fund, paid over to them by the Ministry of National Insurance. H.C. 138/1945-46. (1*d.*)

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (*continued*).

Reports of the Unemployment Insurance Statutory Committee on the Financial Condition of the Unemployment Fund on 31 December 1945.
H.C. 112/1945-46. (2*d.*)

VITAL STATISTICS.

The Registrar-General's Statistical Review of England and Wales:

Tables. Part I. Medical: for 1941. (5*s.*)

Contains statistics of deaths and death-rates by sex, cause, age and locality, with comparative statistics for earlier years. The numbers of deaths are shown for each age by sex and marital condition.

Eighty-ninth Annual Report of the Registrar-General for Scotland, 1943.
(4*s.* 6*d.*)

Contains statistics of births, marriages and deaths, infant mortality, etc., with summaries for administrative areas. Deaths at each age are shown by sex and marital condition.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

See National Insurance, Statutes.