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 November 1953, 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 Her Majesty's Stationery Office.

ASSURANCE COMPANIES

Assurance Companies Acts, 1909–1946. Summary of Statements of Assurance Business deposited with the Board of Trade during the year ended 31 December 1952. (6s.)

The Summaries cover new ordinary life assurances effected during 1951, ordinary life assurances and annuities in force at the last valuation, revenue accounts for each type of business, profit and loss accounts, balance sheets, for each company, with totals for previous years; etc.

Assurance Companies' Returns, 1952. Statements of Life Assurance and Bond Investment Business under the Assurance Companies Acts, 1909– 1946, deposited with the Board of Trade during the year ending 31 December 1952. In two volumes, not sold separately. (1265.)

See also Industrial Assurance.

CENSUS OF POPULATION

Census 1951, England and Wales. County Report, London. (225. 6d.)

Population by sex, age, marital condition, birthplace, etc.; housing and household arrangements.

Census 1951. Report on the Fifteenth Census of Scotland. Volume I.— Part 7, County of Argyll (115.); Part 8, County of Ayr (155.); Part 9, County of Banff (105.); Part 10, County of Berwick (7s. 6d.); Part 11, County of Bute (7s. 6d.); Part 12, County of Caithness (7s.); Part 13, County of Clackmannan (7s. 6d.).

Population by sex, age, conjugal condition, usual residence, birthplace, etc.; housing and household arrangements.

EMPLOYMENT

Annual Report of the Ministry of Labour and National Service for 1952. Cmd. 8893. (5s.)

Deals with employment, unemployment, operation of the National Service Acts, etc.

First Report of the National Advisory Committee on the employment of older men and women. Cmd. 8963. (2s.)

Considers how the greater employment of older men and women can be promoted. The effect of pension schemes is discussed.

INCOME TAX

Income Taxes in the Commonwealth. A Digest, in two volumes, of the laws imposing taxes on income in the Commonwealth. Volume 2. Isle of Man, Channel Islands, Southern Rhodesia, Colonies, Protectorates, etc., and Trust Territories. (30s.)

INDUSTRIAL ASSURANCE

Report of the Industrial Assurance Commissioner, for 1952. (2s. 6d.)

An account of disputes, offences, etc., under the Industrial Assurance Act, 1923, with summaries for each year from 1936 showing the number of assurances effected and the sums assured, the number in force, an analysis of income and expenditure and the funds at the end of the year, for industrial assurance companies and collecting societies.

MEDICAL RESEARCH

Report of the Medical Research Council for the year 1951-1952. Cmd. 8876. (6s. 6d.)

MIGRATION

Studies on Medical and Population Subjects, No. 6. External Migration. A study of the available statistics, 1815-1950. (8s. 6d.)

Gives a broad picture of migration since the beginning of the nineteenth century. Summarizes the vast mass of unco-ordinated official migration statistics. The sources of migration statistics are described.

Statistics of foreigners entering and leaving the United Kingdom, 1939–1951. Cmd. 8967. (1s. 6d.)

Arrivals and departures each year, by nationality, etc.

MORBIDITY STATISTICS

Studies on Medical and Population Subjects, No. 7. General Practitioners' Records. An analysis of the clinical records of eight practices during the period April 1951 to March 1952. (8s. 6d.)

The primary objective was to determine to what extent general practitioners' clinical records could be used as a source of general morbidity statistics. The methods of recording and the manner of presentation of the results are discussed. Numerous tables are included.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Report of the National Assistance Board for the year ended 31 December 1952. Cmd. 8900. (2s.)

Includes statistics of National Assistance and Non-contributory Old Age Pensions.

NATIONAL FINANCE

National Income and Expenditure, 1946-1952. (6s.)

Estimates of national, personal, corporate and local authorities' income and expenditure under various heads, etc.

- Finance Accounts of the United Kingdom for the year ended 31 March 1953. H.C. 191/1952-53. (3s.)
- National Debt. Return showing, for each of the years 1938-39 to 1952-53, (1) the capital liabilities of the State, the estimated assets, and the Exchequer balances at the close of each year, (2) cash issues during each year on account of interest and management of the Debt, and for Debt redemption, and cash raised by creation of Debt, (3) transactions during each year connected with the capital of the Deadweight Debt; together with relative Appendices. Cmd. 8975. (1s. 3d.)

See also Statutes, etc.

NATIONAL INSURANCE

National Insurance Act, 1946. Third Interim Report by the Government Actuary for the year ended 31 March 1952. H.C. 192/1952-53. (6d.)

Discusses the progress of the Fund. Includes an analysis of contributors by sex and insurance class and comments on each benefit. Explains the reasons for the future growing charge on the Exchequer for National Insurance.

Fourth Report of the Ministry of National Insurance for 1952. Cmd. 8882. (3s. 6d.)

Includes statistics relating to Family Allowances and the various benefits under the National Insurance and Industrial Injuries schemes, etc.

See also Statutes, etc.

OFFICIAL STATISTICS (GENERAL)

Annual Abstract of Statistics. No. 90, 1953. (21s.)

Contains a wide range of statistics relating to the United Kingdom, for 1938 and each year 1943 to 1952. Current data for many of the series in the Abstract are contained in the Monthly Digest of Statistics.

Monthly Digest of Statistics. (4s. 6d. Annual subscription, including postage, 6os.)

Digest of Scottish Statistics. No. 2, October 1953. (4s.)

Published twice a year.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Report of the Ministry of Health for the year 1952. Part I. 1. The National Health Service (including a chapter on International Health). 2. Welfare, Food and Drugs, Civil Defence. Cmd. 8933. (55.)

SAVINGS BANKS

Post Office Savings Banks. Account of all deposits received and paid during the year ended 31 December 1952, together with Statement showing the aggregate amount of the liabilities of the Government to depositors on 31 December 1952, and the nature and nominal amount of the securities held by the National Debt Commissioners to meet those liabilities at that date. (4d.)

STATUTES, ETC.

Public General Acts, 1 & 2 Eliz. 2:

Ch. 25. Local Government Superannuation Act, 1953. (1s. 3d.)

Enables improved benefits, including widows' pensions, to be provided for employees of local authorities in Great Britain. The benefits will be prescribed in Regulations.

Ch. 29. National Insurance Acts, 1953. (9d.)

Makes various changes in connexion with maternity benefits.

Ch. 34. Finance Act, 1953. (1s. 6d.)

Ch. 43. National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act, 1953. (6d.)

Relaxes the conditions for the payment of disablement benefit; etc.

- Index to the Statutes in force, covering the legislation to 31 December 1952. In two volumes, not sold separately. (84s.)
- Statutory Instruments other than those of a local, personal or temporary character, for 1952. In three volumes, not sold separately. (126s.)

SUPERANNUATION

See Statutes, etc.

VITAL STATISTICS

The Registrar General's Statistical Review of England and Wales for the two years 1948-1949. Text, Medical. (10s.)

Deals mainly with deaths.

- Ninety-seventh Annual Report of the Registrar-General for Scotland, 1951. (118.)
- The Registrar General's Decennial Supplement, England and Wales, 1931. Part IIB. Occupational fertility, 1931 and 1939. (13s. 6d.)

See also Census of Population.

WAR PENSIONS

Twenty-eighth Report of the Ministry of Pensions for the period 1 April 1952 to 31 March 1953. H.C. 271/1952-53. (3s. 6d.)

Includes the numbers of pensions and supplementary allowances in payment, with an analysis of disablement pensions by degree of disablement; etc.