

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 1955, 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.

ACCIDENTS

Ministry of Fuel and Power Statistical Digest, 1954. (25s.)

Includes statistics of persons killed and injured at coal, etc., mines, analysed by age, cause, duration of injury benefit, etc., and at metalliferous mines and at quarries.

ASSURANCE COMPANIES

Assurance Companies' Returns, 1954. 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 1954. (168s.; in two volumes, not sold separately.)

EMPLOYMENT

Annual Report of the Ministry of Labour and National Service for 1954. Cmd. 9522. (5s.)

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

INCOME TAX

The Income Tax Acts. Fourth Supplement to the 1952 Edition. (3s. 6d.)
See also Taxation.

INDUSTRIAL ASSURANCE

Report of the Industrial Assurance Commissioner for 1954. (3s. 6d.)

An account of disputes, offences, etc., under the Industrial Assurance Act, 1923, with abstracts of accounts and valuation returns, assurances taken up, discontinued, and in force.

MEDICAL RESEARCH

Report of the Medical Research Council for the year 1953-1954. Cmd. 9506. (7s. 6d.)

MIGRATION

Statistics of foreigners entering and leaving the United Kingdom, 1954.
Cmd. 9590. (6d.)

Arrivals and departures by nationality, etc.

MORBIDITY STATISTICS

The Registrar General's Statistical Review of England and Wales for the two years 1950-1951:

Supplement on hospital in-patient statistics. (7s. 6d.)

Supplement on general morbidity, cancer and mental health. (8s. 6d.)

These two volumes follow up the corresponding supplements for 1949, to which reference was made in *J.I.A.* 80, 417.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Report of the National Assistance Board for the year ended 31 December 1954. Cmd. 9530. (2s. 6d.)

Includes statistics of national assistance and non-contributory old age pensions.

Explanatory Memorandum on the Draft National Assistance (Determination of Need) Amendment Regulations, 1955. Cmd. 9635. (4d.)

The draft Regulations, laid before Parliament as a Draft S.I. (2d.), provide for increases in the weekly sums allowed for requirements, other than rent, for the purpose of determining the need for assistance.

NATIONAL FINANCE

National Income and Expenditure, 1955. (6s.)

Estimates for 1938 and each year 1946 to 1954 of national, personal, corporate and local authorities' income and expenditure under various heads, gross capital formation, numbers of personal incomes in different ranges, etc.

Finance Accounts of the United Kingdom for the year ended 31 March 1955. H.C. 8/1955-56. (3s. 6d.)

Supplementary Financial Statement (1955-56) (October 1955). Statement of changes in taxation as proposed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. H.C. 97/1955-56. (6d.)

Return showing, for each of the years 1938-39 to 1954-55 (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. 9621. (1s. 6d.)

See also Income Tax, Taxation.

NATIONAL INSURANCE

Report of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance for 1954. Cmd. 9495. (4s.)

Includes statistics relating to family allowances, war pensions, and the various benefits under the National Insurance and Industrial Injuries schemes, etc. A list of publications is included.

Report of the Departmental Committee appointed to review the diseases provisions of the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act. Cmd. 9548. (1s. 3d.)

Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee on the question of benefit for very short spells of unemployment or sickness. Cmd. 9609. (1s. 6d.)

The Committee was asked to consider whether the provisions governing the payment of National Insurance benefits for such spells are the most appropriate. Tables are included showing the numbers of persons with different numbers of spells in a year, analysis of terminated spells by duration, based on samples, etc.

Central Office of Information Reference Pamphlet No. 3. Social Services in Britain. (2s. 6d.)

Includes a section on National Insurance and related services. The principal rates of contribution and benefit are given. A list of publications of interest is included.

OFFICIAL STATISTICS (GENERAL)

Annual Abstract of Statistics. No. 92, 1955. (21s.)

Contains a wide range of statistics relating to the United Kingdom for a number of years. Current data for many of the series in the Abstract are contained in the Monthly Digest of Statistics. (4s. 6d.: annual subscription, including postage, 6os.)

Digest of Scottish Statistics. No. 6, October 1955. (4s.)

Published twice a year.

Digest of Welsh Statistics. No. 2, 1955. (6s.)

PUBLIC HEALTH

Report of the Ministry of Health for the year ended 31 December 1954:

Part I. 1. The National Health Service (including a chapter on International Health), 2. Welfare, Food and Drugs, Civil Defence. Cmd. 9566. (8s.)

SAVINGS BANKS

Post Office Savings Banks. Account of all deposits received and paid during the year ended 31 December 1954, together with statement showing the aggregate amount of the liabilities of the Government to depositors on 31 December 1954, 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.

Statutory Instruments, 1954. (126s.; in two volumes, not sold separately.)

SUPERANNUATION

The Pensions Commutation Regulations, 1955. S.I. 1955 No. 1047. (3d.)

Includes a revised table for the commutation of the pensions of retired officers of the armed forces, civil servants, etc.

The National Health Service (Superannuation) Regulations, 1955. S.I. 1955 No. 1084. (3s.)

The National Health Service (Superannuation) (Scotland) Regulations, 1955. S.I. 1955 No. 1143 (S. 114). (3s.)

These two Regulations consolidate the previous Regulations, with further amendments.

Report of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for the period 1950/51 to 1954. Cmd. 9559. (7s.)

Includes a short section on local government superannuation, describing the principal features of the period. A list of publications is also included.

TAXATION

Royal Commission on the taxation of profits and income. Final Report. Cmd. 9474. (12s. 6d.)

See also Income Tax.

WAR PENSIONS

Report on War Pensioners for 1954. H.C. 2/1955-56. (4s.)

The report is made jointly by the Minister of Pensions and National Insurance, the Minister of Health and the Secretary of State for Scotland. Much of the information also appears in the reports of the departments.

See also National Insurance.