

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 August 1948, 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 1947. (2d.)
Report to the Minister of Transport upon the Accidents which occurred on the Railways of Great Britain during the year 1947. (6d.)

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

COMPANIES.

The Companies Act, 1948. Table of comparison showing the mode in which the provisions of earlier Acts consolidated are dealt with in the Act. (1s.)

See also National Insurance, Statutes.

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 1947; together with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. H.C. 83/1947-48. (3d.)

See also Superannuation.

INCOME TAX, ETC.

Ninetieth Report of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Inland Revenue for the year ended 31 March 1947. Cmd. 7362. (2s.)

Gives brief descriptions of the various Duties and contains 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, etc.

See also National Finance, Statutes.

INDUSTRIES.

Standard Industrial Classification. (9d.)

Prepared as a means of securing uniformity and comparability in the statistics published by Government Departments in the United Kingdom.

See also Official Statistics (General), Unemployment Insurance.

LABOUR.

Guide to Official Sources. No. 1. Labour Statistics. Material collected by the Ministry of Labour and National Service. (9d.)

A descriptive booklet prepared by the Interdepartmental Committee on Social and Economic Research. Includes a subject index to published sources of currently maintained statistics.

See also Official Statistics (General).

MEDICAL RESEARCH.

Medical Research in War. Report of the Medical Research Council for the years 1939-1945. Cmd. 7335. (7s. 6d.)

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE.

National Assistance Act, 1948. Explanatory Memorandum on the Draft National Assistance (Determination of Need) Regulations, 1948. Cmd. 7423. (3d.)

The memorandum includes an estimate of cost based on the scales and rules in the Regulations, which prescribe the method of assessing the need of an applicant for assistance and of computing his requirements and resources.

Report of the Assistance Board for the year ended 31 December 1947. Cmd. 7502. (6d.)

Includes statistics relating to unemployment assistance, non-contributory old-age pensions and supplementary pensions. This is the last Annual Report of the Board under this title. From 5 July 1948 it assumed wider functions as the National Assistance Board.

See also Statutes.

NATIONAL FINANCE.

Financial Statement, 1948-49. Copy of 'Statement of Revenue and Expenditure as laid before the House by the Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget'. H.C. 105/1947-48. (9d.)

Public Income and Expenditure. An Account of the Public Income and Expenditure of the United Kingdom in the year ended 31 March 1948; together with the Balances in the Exchequer on 1 April 1947; the Receipts and Payments (not being Income and Expenditure) in the year ended 31 March 1948; and the Balances in the Exchequer on that day. H.C. 127/1947-48. (2d.)

Sinking Funds, 1947-48. Account of the National Debt Commissioners, showing the amount issued from the Exchequer and applied in the year ended 31 March 1948, in respect of the Old Sinking Fund and of the New Sinking Fund (1928). H.C. 138/1947-48. (1d.)

National Income and Expenditure of the United Kingdom, 1947. Cmd. 7371. (1s.)

Estimates of national, private and public authorities' income and expenditure under the various heads, numbers of individuals in different ranges of income, etc.

Local Loans Fund Accounts, 1946-47. Accounts of Receipts and Payments by the National Debt Commissioners in respect of Capital and Income of the Local Loans Fund for the year ended 31 March 1947; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. H.C. 75/1947-48. (2d.)

See also Income Tax, etc., 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 1947 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. 51/1947-48. (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 1946; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. H.C. 107/1947-48. (6d.)

NATIONAL INSURANCE.

National Insurance (Industrial Injuries). Employers' Liability Insurance (Modification) Order, 1948. S.I. 1948, No. 1839. (1d.)

Modifies the Assurance Companies Acts in their application to companies carrying on employers' liability insurance business.

See also 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 and each British Country and Mandated Territory, with a brief memorandum on the economic situation in each country.

Annual Abstract of Statistics. No. 84. 1935-46. (10s.)

Contains a wide range of vital, social and economic statistics relating to the United Kingdom. Current data for many of the series in the Abstract are given in the Monthly Digest of Statistics.

PENSIONS.

Report of a Committee of the Police Council on Special Pensions. (4d.)

The Committee considered the desirability of substituting a modified scale of injury pensions for those at present prescribed by the Police Pensions Act, 1921.

See also Contributory Pensions, Statutes, Superannuation.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

Report of the Ministry of Health for the year ended 31 March 1947, including the Report of the Chief Medical Officer on the State of the Public Health for the year ended 31 December 1946. Cmd. 7441. (3s. 6d.)

A summary of public health in England and Wales and an account of the work of the Ministry in various fields, with statistics of population, births, deaths, infant mortality, infectious diseases, sickness, housing and local government finance.

Report of the Department of Health for Scotland for the year 1947. Cmd. 7453. (1s. 6d.)

A corresponding volume relating to Scotland.

RAILWAY STAFFS.

Railway (Staff) Return. Staff employed by the Railway Companies of Great Britain and Railway Staff employed by the London Passenger Transport Board during the week ended 29 March 1947, compared with the week ended 9 March 1946. (A) Number of persons employed. (B) Average weekly earnings. (C) Total salaries and wages paid in each of the calendar years 1945 and 1946. (1d.)

SAVINGS BANKS AND FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

Post Office Savings Banks. Accounts of all Deposits received and paid during the year ended 31 December 1947, together with Statement showing the aggregate amount of the Liabilities of the Government to Depositors on 31 December 1947, 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 1947, 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 1947, 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, 11 & 12 Geo. 6:

Ch. 9. Finance (No. 2) Act, 1947. (4d.)

Ch. 24. Police Pensions Act, 1948. (4d.)

Ch. 29. National Assistance Act, 1948. (1s. 3d.)

The provisions of the two Acts last mentioned are indicated in notes on the respective Bills given in *J.I.A.* Vol. LXXIV, pp. 157 and 155 respectively.

Ch. 33. Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1948. (6d.)

Provides powers to count for pensions purposes periods of compulsory national service which interrupt a career in certain public services, and to modify the pensions codes to facilitate transfers to and from those services.

Ch. 36. House of Commons Members' Fund Act, 1948. (1d.)

Extends and increases the benefits payable from the Fund and provides that benefits and contributions may be varied by a resolution passed by the House. The Act also takes power to postpone the next report by the Government Actuary on the financial position of the Fund.

Ch. 38. Companies Act, 1948. (6s.)

Reproduces in a consolidated form the law contained in the Companies Act, 1929, as amended, and in the Companies Act, 1947, with the exception of certain sections.

Ch. 39. Industrial Assurance and Friendly Societies Act, 1948. (6d.)

The provisions of the Act are indicated in the note given on the relevant Bill in *J.I.A.* Vol. LXXIV, p. 154. The Act, however, increases the amount of annuities to £104 and the limit of insurance on the life of a parent, etc. from £15 to £20.

Ch. 41. Law Reform (Personal Injuries) Act, 1948. (1d.)

Abolishes the defence of common employment and provides that in assessing damages in an action for personal injuries one half of the value of any rights to certain benefits under the National Insurance Act shall be taken into account during the five years following the accident.

Ch. 42. National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act, 1948. (1d.)

Raises the maximum increase of disablement pension in cases of special hardship to 20s. and extends the scope of this allowance to cover disablement pensioners temporarily incapable of following their regular occupation or employment of an equivalent standard immediately following a period of injury benefit.

Ch. 49. Finance Act, 1948. (1s. 6d.)

Public General Acts and the Church Assembly Measures, 1947, being those which received the Royal Assent in the 10th, 11th and 12th years of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Sixth in the Second and part of the Third Session of the 38th Parliament 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. (45s. for the two volumes.)

SUPERANNUATION.

Superannuation Scheme for those engaged in the National Health Service. An Explanation. (3d.)

Superannuation Scheme for those engaged in the National Health Service in Scotland. An Explanation. (3d.)

These two booklets, for England and Wales and Scotland respectively indicate the persons to whom the schemes will apply and the rates of contribution and benefit, etc.

Allocation of Pension. Explanatory Memorandum. Tables prepared by the Government Actuary. For Officers retiring from the National Health Service. (Booklet A.L.):

Under Regulation 9 and the First Schedule to the National Health Service (Superannuation) Regulations, 1947. (4d.)

Under Regulation 11 and the First Schedule to the National Health Service (Scotland) Regulations, 1947. (4d.)

These booklets relate to the surrender of part of the pension of a retiring officer in return for a pension to a wife, husband or dependant.

Compensation and Superannuation of Staffs of Approved Societies. Statement by the Minister of National Insurance and Final Report of the Staffing Advisory Committee. (9d.)

Deals with the superannuation of full-time employees of Approved Societies who are absorbed into the Civil Service, and compensation of those employees who suffer loss as a direct result of the passing of the National Insurance Act, 1946.

National Health Service (Scotland) (Superannuation) Regulations, 1948. S.I. 1948. No. 412 (S. 28). (1s. 10d.)

Provide for a contributory superannuation scheme for various classes of persons engaged on health services in Scotland. The Scheme will not be funded but will be subject to periodical actuarial investigation,

Fire Service. The Firemen's Pension Scheme Order, 1948. S.I. 1948. No. 604. (9d.)

Made under the Fire Services Act, 1947. The Order sets out the benefits and contributions under the Scheme.

Probation Officer, England. The Probation Officers (Superannuation) Order, 1948. S.I. 1948. No. 1220. (5d.)

Brings probation officers, including pensioners, and their clerks within local Government superannuation schemes. Provides for the winding up of the existing fund for full-time probation officers and the distribution of the assets between the funds on which the liability to pay pensions will rest in future.

National Health Service (Superannuation) (Amendment) Regulations, 1948. S.I. 1948. No. 1474. (3d.)

National Health Service (Scotland) (Superannuation) (Amendment) Regulations, 1948. S.I. 1948. No. 1464. (S. 123). (2d.)

These two Regulations correct certain anomalies in the principal Regulations; they also extend their scope to additional classes of persons and confer upon them certain additional rights.

Police, England and Wales. Public Pensions Regulations, 1948. S.I. 1948. No. 1531. (1s.)

Prescribe the rates of contributions and benefits under the Police Pensions Act, 1948.

See also Statutes.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.

Accounts of the Unemployment Fund, showing the Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 March 1947; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. H.C. 108/1947-48. (3d.)

Unemployment Fund Investment Account, showing the nature and amount of the Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners at 31 March 1948 as Investments for Moneys, forming part of the Unemployment Fund, paid over to them by the Ministry of National Insurance. H.C. 120/1947-48. (1d.)

Report of the Unemployment Insurance Statutory Committee on the Financial Condition of the Unemployment Fund on 31 December 1947. H.C. 106/1947-48. (3*d.*)

Tables relating to Employment and Unemployment in Great Britain, 1947. Regional and Industrial Analysis for Persons Insured against Unemployment. (2*s.*)

Statistics are given for each administrative region showing the number of insured persons of each sex in employment analysed by industries, and the number of such persons registered as unemployed in July 1947.

VITAL STATISTICS.

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

Tables. Part I. Medical: for 1943. (5*s.* 6*d.*)

Contains statistics of deaths and death-rates by sex, cause, age and locality, with comparative figures for earlier years. Comparative mortality indexes based on the year 1938 are given for each sex and for certain causes of death. The numbers of deaths are shown at each year of age by sex and marital condition.

Tables for 1945 were issued earlier (see *J.I.A.* Vol. LXXIV, p. 158), but tables for 1944 have not yet been published.

Tables. Part II. Civil: for 1945. (2*s.* 6*d.*)

Contains statistics of population, births, deaths and marriages by administrative areas, further analyses of marriages by age and civil condition, and tables relating to the fertility of women.

Tables for 1943 and 1944 have not yet been issued.

Matters of Life and Death. (6*d.*)

A brief popular survey of the vital statistics of England and Wales.

See also Official Statistics (General), Public Health.