

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 May 1939, 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.

Preliminary Statement (subject to correction) of the number of Deaths caused by Accidents in and about the Mines and Quarries of Great Britain, together with the Isle of Man, during 1938. (2d.)

Return of Road Accidents involving Personal Injury, Great Britain, 1938. H.C. 106/1938-39. (9d.)

Gives the number of fatal and non-fatal road accidents and the number of persons killed or injured, showing the class of road user and the type of vehicle concerned.

ARMED FORCES.

The General Annual Report on the British Army, 1938, with which is incorporated the Annual Report on Recruiting, prepared by the Army Council. Cmd. 5950. (6d.)

Shows the number and age distribution of warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men on the strength of the Regular Army on 1 October 1938, and the number of recruits to the Regular Army, Supplementary Reserve and Territorial Army during the preceding year. This issue of the report has been considerably simplified and is now confined to matters of general interest.

Report on the Health of the Royal Air Force, for 1937. (1s. 6d.)

Gives the number of cases of sickness and the deaths and invalidings from each cause, with the corresponding strengths and rates.

ASSURANCE COMPANIES.

Assurance Companies' Returns, 1938. Statements of Assurance Business under the Assurance Companies Act, 1909, deposited with the Board of Trade during 1938. (27s. 6d.)

BUILDING SOCIETIES.

Building Societies. Statistical Summary, 1928-38. (2d.)

Preliminary statistics relating to the operations of building societies in each year 1928 to 1938.

CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS.

Accounts of the Treasury Pensions Account, the Pensions Account and the Pensions (Scotland) Account showing the receipts and payments during the year ended 31 March 1938, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. H.C. 52/1938-39. (2d.)

Shows the contributions received from various classes of contributors and the amount paid in pensions, etc., during the financial year.

Committee on Pensions for Unmarried Women:

Report of the Committee. Cmd. 5991. (1s. 3d.)

Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee. (In six parts, 2s. 6d. to 5s.)

Appendix to and Index of the Minutes of Evidence. (2s.)

The Committee examined certain complaints as to the position of unmarried women under the Contributory Pensions Acts and the practical considerations which would arise if the age at which their pensions are payable were lowered. Parts five and six of the Minutes of Evidence include a report of the Government Actuary dealing, *inter alia*, with the basis of the present contribution and the cost of reducing the qualifying age, and statistics comparing the experience of unmarried women with that of other classes of insured persons in regard to mortality, sickness and cessation of insurance.

See also Public Health.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

Report of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies for 1937. Part 2, Friendly Societies. (2s.)

Gives the membership, benefit expenditure and funds of certain large societies for 1936, a summary of similar figures for each type of friendly society, and comparative statistics for the previous ten years. Comments on individual valuations of special interest are included.

See also Savings Banks.

GOVERNMENT INSURANCES AND ANNUITIES.

National Debt Annuities. Account of the Gross Amount of all Bank Annuities and any Annuities for Terms of Years and other Securities Transferred, and of all Sums of Money Paid, to the National Debt Commissioners, and the Gross Amount of Annuities for Lives and for Terms of Years which have been granted for the same, and Contracts for Payments on Death which have been made within the year ended 5 January 1939. H.C. 64/1938-39. (1d.)

Government Insurances and Annuities. Accounts of all Moneys Received on account of Contracts for the Grant of Deferred Life Annuities and for Payments on Death and of the Disposal thereof, and of the Contracts made, for 1938. H.C. 85/1938-39. (1*d.*)

INCOME TAX, ETC.

Eighty-first Report of the Commissioners of H.M. Inland Revenue for the year ended 31 March 1938. Cmd. 5865. (1*s.* 3*d.*)

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

MEDICAL RESEARCH.

Report of the Medical Research Council for the year 1937-38. Cmd. 5939. (3*s.* 6*d.*)

An annual survey of the research work performed under the auspices of the Council.

NATIONAL FINANCE.

Financial Statement, 1939-40. Copy of the Statement of Revenue and Expenditure as laid before the House by the Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget. H.C. 104/1938-39. (6*d.*)

An Account of the Public Income and Expenditure of the United Kingdom in the year ended 31 March 1939, together with the Balances in the Exchequer on 1 April 1938, the Receipts and Payments (not being income and expenditure) in the year ended 31 March 1939, and the Balances in the Exchequer on that day. H.C. 110/1938-39. (1*d.*)

See also Income Tax, Etc.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.

National Health Insurance Fund (England), Welsh National Health Insurance Fund, and the Scottish National Health Insurance Fund. Accounts for 1937, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. H.C. 53/1938-39. (6*d.*)

National Health Insurance Funds. Account showing the nature and amount of the Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners at 31 December 1938 as investments for moneys forming part of the National Health Insurance Funds for England, Wales and Scotland respectively, the Central Fund and the Unemployment Arrears Fund. H.C. 56/1938-39. (1*d.*)

See also Public Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

Tenth Annual Report of the Department of Health for Scotland, 1938. Cmd. 5969. (4s.)

A general survey of the public health services, housing, town planning, poor law administration and finance, national health insurance and contributory pensions, with numerous statistical appendices.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Trustee Savings Banks and Friendly Societies. Accounts of all sums received from and paid to Trustees during the year ended 20 November 1938, together with a Statement showing the aggregate amount of the Liabilities of the Government to Trustees of Savings Banks and of Friendly Societies on 20 November 1938, and of the nature and amount of the Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners to meet those liabilities at that date. (1d.)

Forty-seventh Annual Report of the Inspection Committee of Trustee Savings Banks for the year ended 20 November 1938. (4d.)

Contains a statement showing the number of accounts, sums due to depositors, assets, liabilities, etc., of Trustee Savings Banks with particulars for banks at each town.

SUPERANNUATION.

Report on the Actuarial Position of the Teachers' Superannuation Fund (Northern Ireland) as at 31 March, 1937. [N.I.] H.C. 465. (6d.)

Superannuation Scheme for Teachers (Scotland), 1926. Allocation of Pension. Explanatory Memorandum, Rules, and Tables prepared by the Government Actuary. (4d.)

The tables show the annual amount of the pension which can be secured to the wife, husband or dependant of a teacher in consideration of the surrender of part of a superannuation allowance.

Local Government Superannuation Act, 1939. (2 & 3 Geo. 6. Ch. 18.) (1d.)

Contains minor amendments to the Acts of 1937.

Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937:

Additional Contributory Payment Regulations, 1939. S.R.O. 52. (3d.)

Shows the sum payable by a contributing employee in order to secure a superannuation allowance in respect of non-contributory service.

Transfer Value Regulations, 1939. S.R.O. 329. (3d.)

Actuarial Valuations Regulations (Provisional), 1939. (4d.)

Local Government Superannuation (Scotland) Act, 1937:

S.R.O.s 753/S. 33 (2d.), 559/S. 50 (3d.), 575/S. 51 (4d.).

Regulations in respect of Scotland, corresponding with the above.

UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE.

Report of the Unemployment Assistance Board for the year ended 31 December 1938. Cmd. 6021. (3s.)

Contains tables showing the number of applicants for allowances, the amounts paid at various dates and the number of applicants in each administrative area in relation to the total population.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.

Report of the Unemployment Insurance Statutory Committee on the Financial Condition of the Unemployment Fund on 31 December 1938. H.C. 78/1938-39. (9d.)

(and see Review, p. 249)

Unemployment Insurance. Increase of Benefits and Reduction in Contributions (Agriculture) Order, 1939. S.R.O. 406. (1d.)

Gives effect to recommendations made in the foregoing report.

Accounts of the Unemployment Fund showing the Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 March 1938, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. H.C. 24/1938-39. (2d.)

Account showing the Nature and Amount of the Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners as investments for moneys forming part of the Unemployment Fund, paid over to them by the Ministry of Labour. H.C. 107/1938-39. (1d.)

Unemployment Insurance Bill. H.C. Bill 143/1938-39. (3d.)

Among other matters the Bill provides that a person on holiday shall not be entitled to unemployment benefit, and enables regulations to be made regarding the payment of unemployment insurance and health and old age pensions contributions during holiday periods. It also extends from ten to twenty weeks the maximum interval that may separate two periods of unemployment to permit of their treatment as a continuous period.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

Statistics of Compensation and Proceedings under the Workmen's Compensation Acts and the Employers' Liability Act, 1880, in Great Britain during 1937. Cmd. 5955. (6d.)