

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 March 1945, 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 1944. (1d.)

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 1943; together with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. H.C. 57/1943-44. (2d.)

See also Public Health, Social Insurance, Statutes.

COST OF LIVING INDEX.

The Cost of Living Index Number. Method of Compilation. (2d.)

A detailed account of the scope and method of calculation of the Index. Brings up to date the memorandum first issued in March 1931. (See *J.I.A.* Vol. LXII, p. 193.)

EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY.

Employers' Liability Insurance (Limitation of Charges in 1943). Certificate of the Auditors of the Accident Offices Association showing the effect in respect of the year 1943 of the Undertaking given by the Association for the purpose of limiting the charges to employers. Cmd. 6541. (1d.)

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

See Savings Banks and Friendly Societies.

INCOME TAX.

Pay As You Earn: Guide to the new system of deducting Income Tax from Wages. (3d.)

A simple explanation of the principle adopted in April 1944, which relates the tax charge to the actual earnings of the year and varies the weekly or monthly deduction of tax to correspond with any variation in the earnings.

The Income Tax Act 1918 and Finance Acts 1919-1941; 1941 Edition, Supplement No. 3. (1s.)

See also National Finance, Statutes.

INDUSTRIAL HEALTH.

Miners. Report of the Advisory Committee (Chairman Mr W. Jones) on the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Coal Miners in the Wales Region suffering from Pneumokoniosis. (3d.)

The Committee shows that on the basis of statistics covering the years 1939-1943 there has been an increase in recent years in the number of certified cases of Pneumokoniosis and recommends measures for clinical study and research.

Medical Research Council. Industrial Health Research Board Reports:

No. 85. The Recording of Sickness Absence in Industry. A Preliminary Report. (4d.)

Outlines a method of recording sickness absence with a view to providing essential data for research into problems of industrial health.

No. 86. A Study of Certified Sickness Absence among Women in Industry. (9d.)

Covers some 4500 women selected from the employees at five munition factories during the second half of 1942.

MORBIDITY STATISTICS.

Medical Research Council. Special Report Series, No. 248. A Provisional Classification of Diseases and Injuries for use in compiling Morbidity Statistics. (3s.)

Index to the Manual of the International List of Causes of Death (5th Revision, 1938). (2s.)

For use with the preceding volumes.

See also Public Health, Vital Statistics.

NATIONAL DEBT.

Return showing transactions connected with the National Debt, for 1943-44. Cmd. 6549. (2d.)

NATIONAL FINANCE.

Financial Statement, 1945-46. Copy of 'Statement of Revenue and Expenditure as laid before the House by the Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget'. H.C. 70/1944-45. (3d.)

Public Income and Expenditure. An Account of the Public Income and Expenditure of the United Kingdom in the year ended 31 March 1944; together with the Balances in the Exchequer on 1 April 1943; the Receipts and Payments (not being Income and Expenditure) in the year ended 31 March 1944; and the Balances in the Exchequer on that day. H.C. 74/1943-44. (1d.)

Sinking Funds, 1943. Account of the National Debt Commissioners, showing the amount issued from the Exchequer and applied in the year ended 31 March 1944, in respect of the Old Sinking Fund and of the New Sinking Fund (1928). H.C. 81/1943-44. (1d.)

Finance Accounts of the United Kingdom for the year ended 31 March 1944. H.C. 83/1943-44. (1s.)

An Analysis of the Sources of War Finance and Estimates of the National Income and Expenditure in the years 1938 to 1944. Cmd. 6623. (1s.)

NATIONAL FINANCE (*continued*).

Local Loans Fund Accounts, 1943. 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 1944; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. H.C. 32/1944-45. (1*d.*)

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 1944 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. 39/1944-45. (1*d.*)

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 the Funds under the control of the Joint Committee for the year ended 31 December 1943; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. H.C. 43/1944-45. (4*d.*)

National Health Insurance (Emergency) Regulations, 1944. S.R. & O. 905 of 1944. (2*d.*)

Excludes ex-service men and women from the provisions of Section 6 of the National Health and Contributory Pensions (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, which provided that during the 26 weeks following pensionable injury or disease no sickness or disablement benefit would be payable in respect of that injury or disease. The Section still applies to civilians, Civil Defence, National Fire Service, Mercantile Marine and Home Guards.

National Health Insurance (Emergency) Regulations (No. 2), 1944. S.R. & O. 1036 of 1944. (1*d.*)

Permits the postponement of certain financial duties, e.g. crediting contributions to societies, determination of sums available for investment and crediting of interest on and redemption of reserve values, etc., which the Acts and Regulations require to be carried out within a limited period of time.

National Health Insurance (Emergency Additional Benefits) Amendment Regulations, 1944. S.R. & O. 1479 of 1944. (1*d.*)

Provides that additional benefit schemes may be extended for not more than three years (instead of two years as in the principal regulations).

See also Public Health, Social Insurance, Statutes.

POPULATION STATISTICS.

National Register, United Kingdom and Isle of Man. Statistics of Population on 29 September 1939. Report and Tables. (6*s.*)

Statistics based on the population returns of 29 September 1939, derived from the compilation of the National Register. Statistics of population for England and Wales, Scotland and the Isle of Man are given by sex, age and marital condition for administrative areas and geographical regions in comparison with populations estimated at mid-1938 and with those enumerated at the 1931 Census.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

Summary Report of the Ministry of Health for the year ended 31 March 1944. Cmd. 6562. (1s.)

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. A survey of morbidity statistics in the winter of 1943-44 is included.

Summary Report of the Department of Health for Scotland for the year ended 30 June 1944. Cmd. 6545. (4d.)

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

Reports on Public Health and Medical Subjects. No. 92. Report on the Incidence of Rickets in war-time, by the British Paediatric Association. (9d.)

Contains a statistical analysis of the results of investigations into the incidence of rickets in twenty-three areas of Great Britain and Ireland in 1943.

SAVINGS BANKS AND FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

Post Office Savings Banks. Account of all Deposits Received and Paid during the year ended 31 December 1943, together with Statement showing the aggregate amount of the Liabilities of the Government to Depositors on 31 December 1943, 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 1944, 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 1944, and the nature and amount of the Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners to meet those Liabilities at that date. (1d.)

SOCIAL INSURANCE.

Social Insurance. Part I. Cmd. 6550. (6d.)

Sets out the Government's proposals for social insurance generally (except for industrial injury) and for family allowances. A memorandum by the Government Actuary on the finance of the proposals is included as an appendix.

Social Insurance. Part II. Workmen's Compensation. Proposals for an Industrial Injury Insurance Scheme. Cmd. 6551. (3d.)

Contains the Government's proposals for replacing the existing system of workmen's compensation by a new scheme of industrial injury insurance.

Social Insurance, including Industrial Injury Insurance. Brief Guide to the Government's Plan. Issued by the Minister of Reconstruction. (3d.)

The Ministry of National Insurance (Health Insurance and Pensions) Order, 1945. S.R. & O. 316 of 1945. (6d.)

The Ministry of National Insurance (Unemployment Insurance and Assistance) Order, 1945. S.R. & O. 317 of 1945. (2d.)

SOCIAL INSURANCE (*continued*).

The Ministry of National Insurance (Workmen's Compensation) Order, 1945.
S.R. & O. 318 of 1945. (*1d.*)

The three Orders in Council provide for the transfer to the Minister of National Insurance as from 1 April 1945 of the functions authorized to be transferred to him by the Ministry of National Insurance Act, 1944, and for the necessary adaptation of Acts and Regulations.

See also Contributory Pensions, National Health Insurance, Unemployment Insurance, Workmen's Compensation.

STATUTES.

Public General Acts, 7 & 8 Geo. 6:

Ch. 12. Income Tax (Offices and Employments) Act, 1944. (*1d.*)

Extends to all emoluments and pensions chargeable under Schedule E, other than the pay of the Armed Forces, the principle of 'pay as you earn' which, under the Income Tax (Employments) Act, 1943, applies to all weekly wages and to salaries not exceeding £600 per annum. The Act also brings within the scope of Schedule E pensions paid out of approved superannuation funds.

Ch. 21. Pensions (Increase) Act, 1944. (*3d.*)

Provides for the increase of certain pensions payable in respect of public service.

Ch. 23. Finance Act, 1944. (*9d.*)

Ch. 42. Unemployment Insurance (Increase of Benefit) Act, 1944. (*1d.*)

Increases the rates of benefit payable under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1935 to 1940.

Ch. 46. Ministry of National Insurance Act, 1944. (*1d.*)

Authorizes the appointment of a Minister of National Insurance to take over the functions previously performed by other Ministers relating to national health insurance (other than medical benefit), old age pensions, widows', orphans' and old age contributory pensions, supplementary pensions, unemployment insurance, unemployment assistance and workmen's compensation.

Public General Acts, 8 & 9 Geo. 6:

Ch. 14. Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1945. (*4d.*)

Amends the definition of contributory service in the Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1925, to bring it into conformity with the changes effected by the Education Act, 1944; authorizes the postponement of the septennial actuarial inquiry, etc.

Ch. 41. Family Allowances Act, 1945. (*4d.*)

Provides for the payment from the Exchequer of an allowance for each family at the rate of five shillings for each child except the first or only child.

Public General Acts and the Church Assembly Measures, 1944, being those which received the Royal Assent in the 7th, 8th, and 9th years of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Sixth in the 9th and part of the 10th Session of the 37th 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. (*10s.*)

SUPERANNUATION (NURSES AND MIDWIVES).

Nurses and Midwives Salaries Committees, England and Scotland. Report of the Joint Superannuation Sub-Committee on Superannuation of Nurses and Midwives. Cmd. 6603. (9d.)

The Committee proposes a scheme for securing uniformity of superannuation and interchangeability of pension rights for nurses and midwives. The Report gives the approximate number of nurses and midwives by grade and type of employing authority and statistics showing the movement between types of hospital in the year ended 31 March 1942.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.

Accounts of the Unemployment Fund, showing the Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 March 1944; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. H.C. 17/1944-45. (2d.)

Unemployment Fund Investment Account, showing the nature and amount of the Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners at 31 March 1944 as Investments for Moneys, forming part of the Unemployment Fund, paid over to them by the Ministry of Labour and National Service. H.C. 76/1943-44. (1d.)

Reports of the Unemployment Insurance Statutory Committee on the Financial Condition of the Unemployment Fund on 31 December 1944. H.C. 58/1944-45. (2d.)

See also Social Insurance, Statutes.

VITAL STATISTICS.

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

Tables. Part I. Medical: for 1940. (6s.) (*Tables for 1939 have also been published.*)

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.

Tables. Part II. Civil: for 1940. (1s. 6d.) (*Tables for 1938 and 1939 have also been published.*)

Contains statistics of population, births, deaths and marriages by administrative areas and further analyses of the statistics of marriages by age and civil condition, together with comparative statistics for earlier years.

Eighty-eighth Annual Report of the Registrar-General for Scotland, 1942. (4s.) (*The Reports for 1939, 1940 and 1941 have also been published.*)

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.

WAR EFFORT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Statistics Relating to the War Effort of the United Kingdom. Cmd. 6564. (1s.)

Statistics showing the extent to which the national resources have been mobilized for war during the years 1939 to 1944. Tables are included relating to man-power in the Armed Forces and in the various industries, industrial and agricultural production, ship construction and losses, foreign trade, war casualties and damage, etc.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

Royal Commission on Workmen's Compensation. Report. Cmd. 6588. (2d.)

The Commission was appointed to inquire into the operation of the system of workmen's compensation in relation to other systems for providing assistance to incapacitated or unemployed workmen. The Report outlines the proceedings of the Commission, which terminated on the publication of the White Paper on Social Insurance and the appointment of a Committee to consider certain questions relative to 'alternative remedies'.

Memorandum on the Workmen's Compensation Acts, 1925-43. (3d.)

Sets out briefly and in plain language the main features of the Workmen's Compensation Scheme with particular reference to the provisions of the Act of 1925.

See also Social Insurance.