- LAND SOCIETIES COMMISSION. 13.—Do you find that the system of selling shares by auction tends to make it more or less doubtful when the Society will terminate? 19. "It renders it doubtful." 1. Not in a terminable Society. 1A, 1B, and 2. No experience. 23. No experience. 3. More doubtful. 24. Premiums from sales will shorten term of 4, 5. Yes; more doubtful. Society. 6. Not certain. 25. Same answer as last. 8. More doubtful. 26. Do not think it makes any difference. 10. More doubtful. 27. More. 12. Less doubtful. 28. (As Nos. 24 and 25.) Nos. 7, 9, 11, 13-18, 20-22, and 31 do not show in their answers whether they think it would be "more" or "less" doubtful. 14.—Do you consider that the pecuniary necessities of shareholders frequently lead them to bid too high a discount at the sale of shares? 13, 14. Occasionally, not frequently. 1. Yes, at times. 1A, 1B, and 2. No experience. 15. No. 16, 17. Yes. 3. No experience, but consider the auction system a great evil. 18. In very few cases. 19. Probably. 20. Yes. 4. Yes, after an experience of twenty-four years. 5. No experience. 21. Perhaps so. 6. Most certainly. 7. Very frequently. 22. Necessity and ignorance combined. 8. Yes; sometimes to a ruinous extent. 23. No experience. 9. Yes; decidedly. On one occasion $31\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. 24. Sometimes. given. 25. Has not observed it. 10. At times. 26, 27. No answer. 11. Yes; most decidedly so. 28, 29. Have not found it so. 12. "In this Society, No.'
- 15.—Does the Society make advances by way of ordinary mortgage—that is to say, without shares being If so, on what terms? realized?
 - 1, 1A, and 1B. No.
 - 2. Yes; at 8 per cent., payable half-yearly.
- 3. None have been made.
- 4, 5. Yes, when capital accumulates, at 10 per
- 6. Yes; at 10 and 12 per cent.
- 7. Yes, when capital accumulates, at 10 per cent.
- 8, 9, 10, 11. No.
- 12. Not at present.
- 13, 14. Yes, when capital accumulates, at 10 and $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
- 15. Yes; over £100, at 10 per cent.; under £100, at 12 per cent.
- 16.—Are such advances as are referred to in Question 15 made to shareholders only, or are they made to non-shareholders also?
- 2. To shareholders only.
- 3. To shareholders only, as yet. Will probably be made to others by-and-by.
- 4, 5. To non-shareholders only, all borrowers being treated as non-shareholders, although they hold shares.
- 6. To either.

7. To either—shareholders in preference. 12, 13, 14, 15. To either. 19, 22. To either.

27, 28. Yes; when shares are not taken, at 10 per

16, 17. Not yet.

18. No.

23. No.

26. No.

19. Not yet. 20, 21. No. 22. Not yet.

24, 25. Yes.

cent. 29. No.

- 23. Shareholders only.
- 24. To members first.
- 25, 27. To either.
- 28. To shareholders only.

Nos. 1, 1a, 1B, 8, 11, 16-18, 20, 21, 26, and 29 have not answered.

- 17.—Are advances made on freehold property only, or are advances made on leaseholds also?
- 1. Freehold and leasehold.
- 1A, 1B. Both; but think advances on leaseholds a mistake.
- 2. Freehold and leasehold, at discretion of Trustees.
- 3. Freehold and long leasehold.
- 4, 5. Freehold only.
- 6. On both.
- 7, 8, 9. Freehold only.
- 10. No answer.

- 11. On leasehold occasionally, but think it decidedly objectionable.
- 12, 13, 14. Both.
- 15. Freehold only.
- 16, 17, 18. Both.
- 19, 20, 21, 22, 23. Both; freeholds preferred.
- 24, 25, 26, 27. Freehold only.
- 28. Both.
- 29. Freehold only.
- 18.—Is there in all mortgages to the Society in which buildings are included, a stringent provision for fire insurance?
- Nos. 1, 1A, 1B, 3-5, 7-19, and 21-29, answer "Yes;" and Nos. 2, 6, and 20 answer "Where required."