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LAND AND INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF TAXES UPON THE ADMINISTRATION OF PART IV OF THE
SOCIAL SECURITY ACT, 1938, FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1941.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to the Provisions of the Social Security Act, 1938.

REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to present herewith a report upon operations carried out by the Land and Income Tax Department during the financial year ended the 31st March, 1941, in the administration of the provisions of Part IV of the Social Security Act, 1938, relating to the assessment, collection, and recovery of the social security contribution, consisting of—

- (a) A registration fee; and
- (b) A charge of 1s. in the pound on salaries and wages, and also on other income.

All income is subject to a further charge of 1s. in the pound for national security tax, imposed by Part II of the Finance Act, 1940, but figures relating to collections under that Act are not included in this report.

The Department's activities throughout the year have been carried out under difficult conditions arising through increased work and the release of a considerable number of experienced members of the staff for service with the armed forces.

The Post and Telegraph Department continued its valuable assistance as agent in the collection of the registration fee and of the social security charge, and in dealing with various other requirements incidental thereto.

The result of the Department's operations during the year is shown by statements (a), (b), and (c) hereunder.

(a) STATEMENT SHOWING NUMBER OF PERSONS REGISTERED UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT, 1938,
AND EXEMPTIONS FROM PAYMENT OF THE REGISTRATION FEE.

(i) Registrations.

Males (twenty years of age and over)	..	..	531,824	
Youths (males sixteen to twenty years of age)	..	..	66,140	
				597,964
Females	..	..	..	592,503
Total number of live registrations as at 31st March, 1941	..	..		1,190,467

(ii) Exemptions from Payment of the Registration Fee granted during the Year ended 31st March, 1941, in respect of Instalments due for that Year.

On account of	Number of Persons granted Exemption.							Total Number of Instalments exempted.
	May, 1940, Instalment : Males, Females, and Youths.				Males Twenty Years and over.			
	Males, Twenty Years and over.*	Females.†	Youths.†	Total, May, 1940.	August, 1940, Instalment.	November, 1940, Instalment.	February, 1941, Instalment.	
(a) War pensioners (1914-19 war) : Total disablement	1,957	3	..	1,960	1,735	1,528	1,223	6,446
(b) Beneficiaries (monetary benefits), Social Security Fund	25,353	31,210	269	56,832	22,504	19,839	15,626	114,801
(c) Unemployed, inmates of hospitals, prisons, &c.	3,325	1,585	168	5,078	3,179	2,498	1,886	12,641
(d) Students and members of religious bodies	1,123	6,144	4,243	11,510	1,116	802	403	13,831
(e) Members of His Majesty's forces	15,544	68	1,735	17,347	28,531	47,355	63,393	156,596
(f) Hardship	1,269	1,125	26	2,720	787	279	665	4,451
Totals	48,541	40,435	6,441	95,417	57,852	72,301	83,196	308,766

(iii) Exemptions from Payment of the Registration Fee granted during the Year ended 31st March, 1941, in respect of Instalments due for Year ended 31st March, 1940.

On account of	Number of Persons granted Exemption.							Total Number of Instalments exempted.
	May, 1939, Instalment : Males, Females, and Youths.				Males Twenty Years and over.			
	Males, Twenty Years and over.*	Females.†	Youths.†	Total, May, 1939.	August, 1939, Instalment.	November, 1939, Instalment.	February, 1940, Instalment.	
(a) War pensioners (1914-19 war) : Total disablement	249	3	..	252	524	628	853	2,257
(b) Beneficiaries (monetary benefits), Social Security Fund	4,222	2,112	20	6,354	8,969	10,690	13,433	39,446
(c) Unemployed, inmates of hospitals, prisons, &c.	275	232	..	507	403	573	767	2,250
(d) Students and members of religious bodies	40	438	70	548	96	157	244	1,045
(e) Members of His Majesty's forces	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
(f) Hardship.. ..	439	229	9	677	604	668	734	2,683
Totals	5,225	3,014	99	8,338	10,596	12,716	16,031	47,681

* Males twenty years of age and over are liable for quarterly instalments of 5s. each, payable in February, May, August, and November each year.
† Females and youths are liable for 5s. annually, payable in May.

Summary : Total number of instalments exempted under (ii) and (iii) above, 356,447 at 5s. each, amount involved, £89,111 15s.

(b) STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1941.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Registration fee	604	179	3	5		
Registration fee penalties	27	698	8	6		
				631	877	11 11
Social security charge on income (1s. in the pound) ..						
Charge on salaries and wages paid by cash ..	3,947	220	11	8		
Charge on salaries and wages paid by stamps ..	2,272	333	18	11		
				6,219	554	10 7
Charge on income other than salary or wages ..	3,890	022	9	6		
				10,109	577	0 1
Total				£10,741	454	12 0

(c) STATEMENT OF EXEMPTIONS GRANTED, ON THE GROUNDS OF HARDSHIP, FROM PAYMENT OF THE CHARGE ON INCOME.

	Number of Exemptions granted (in whole or in part).	Amount of Charge remitted.
Social security charge	2,051	£ 7,182 14 7
Arrears of employment charge ..	71	815 15 1
Totals	2,132	7,998 9 8

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