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LOCAL GOVERNMENT LOANS BOARD

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1947

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The 31st March, 1947, marked the end of the twentieth year of the Board's operations, and during that year the Board dealt with a greatly increased number of local-authority borrowing proposals. The total amount of the loans considered was £10,722,893, the largest amount dealt with during any one year of the Board's operations. Of that amount, £9,843,543 consisted of new applications and £879,350 represented amounts previously referred back.

Loans for new works totalled £7,289,436, while redemption loans to the extent of £1,006,430 were sanctioned. The balance of £2,427,027 was referred back for reconsideration or was deferred pending further investigation.

The following is a summary and an analysis of the loans dealt with during the year, compared with the figures for 1945-46:—

in parea with the		2020		1945-46.		1946-47.	
Applications Previously referred b	 ack	••		$\begin{array}{c} & & \\ 3,497,820 \\ & 55,350 \\ \hline & & \end{array}$	£3,553,170	$9,843,543 \\ 879,350 \\$	£ £10,722,893
Sanctioned—							
New loans				2,643,935		7,289,436	
Renewal loans				243,235		1,006,430	
Referred back				666,000		2,427,027	
					£3,553,170		£10,722,893
New loans—							
Waterworks				94,100			155,465
Drainage and sewe	rage			133,525			386,120
Roads and bridges	(counties)		43,800			42,629
Street works (boro	ughs)			35,850			369,050
Municipal building	s, offices,	&c.		57,700			86,315
Recreational facilit	ies						312,480
Transport				28,600			1,018.000
Housing—							
Permanent				50,950		341,017	
Transit				177,100		147,850	
					228,050		488,867
Electric supply—							•
Power Boards				731,000		1,011,500	
Other						460,400	
					731,000		1,471,900
Hospital works					953,750		1,502,005
Harbour works					135,000		1,065,000
Fire Board loans					27,500		39,500
Gasworks					35,000		32,000
Abattoirs					1,000		107,900
Education authorit	ies				47,700		17,425
Machinery							54,730
Miscellaneous	• •	• •	• •		91,360		140,050
					£2,643,935		£7,289,436

The diversion of the unexpended balances of loans amounting to £17,310 was approved under section 47 of the Finance Act, 1929, and approval was given under section 20 of the Finance Act, 1934, to the use of capital moneys amounting to £310,694. This