

The amount received during the last decade is appended for comparison :—

TABLE F.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT SHOWING THE GROSS REVENUE RECEIVED EACH YEAR DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS.

Year ended 31st March.					Amount received.		
					£	s.	d.
1904	..	..	..	..	497,211	3	11
1905	..	..	..	..	508,920	0	0
1906	..	..	..	..	549,628	19	2
1907	..	..	..	..	578,233	0	7
1908	..	..	..	..	658,794	11	5
1909	..	..	..	..	696,375	3	5
1910	..	..	..	..	674,907	6	5
1911	..	..	..	..	784,843	5	5
1912	..	..	..	..	893,058	14	9
1913	..	..	..	..	912,028	17	2

REBATES OF RENT.

These rebates are granted on account of punctual payment of rent, and have been in vogue since the passing of the Crown Tenants' Rent Rebate Act, 1900, and section 52 of the Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900—a period of thirteen years. The amount of rebate allowed last year was £41,072 19s. 6d. For purposes of comparison I append a statement giving the amount granted each year since the law was passed:

TABLE G.—RETURN SHOWING THE REBATES OF RENT GRANTED TO CROWN TENANTS SINCE THE COMING INTO OPERATION OF THE CROWN TENANTS' RENT REBATE ACT, 1900, AND SECTION 52 OF THE LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS CONSOLIDATION ACT, 1900.

Year ended 31st March.					Total Rebates granted.		
					£	s.	d.
1901	..	..	..	..	2,317	13	9
1902	..	..	..	..	8,054	11	6
1903	..	..	..	..	9,212	17	0
1904	..	..	..	..	13,604	13	4
1905	..	..	..	..	16,606	19	9
1906	..	..	..	..	20,676	12	10
1907	..	..	..	..	24,663	3	0
1908	..	..	..	..	27,108	18	2
1909	..	..	..	..	28,882	15	11
1910	..	..	..	..	31,836	17	3
1911	..	..	..	..	35,584	16	10
1912	..	..	..	..	37,994	13	8
1913	..	..	..	..	41,072	19	6
Total					297,617	12	6

PAYMENT OF "THIRDS" AND "FOURTHS" TO LOCAL BODIES.

In accordance with the provisions of the Land Act one-third of the price or value of the periodical payments and rental of all lands disposed of under the Land Act upon deferred payments, occupation with right of purchase, perpetual lease, lease in perpetuity, and renewable lease, and one-fourth of the rental of every small grazing-run, has to be paid to the local authority of the district where the land is situated for the construction or maintenance of roads and bridges leading to or opening up the land from which the money is derived. Generally speaking, these payments continue for a period of fifteen years from the date when the area is selected.

During the past year the amount so paid was £42,287 12s. 8d. for "thirds" and £4,559 10s. 9d. for "fourths," a total of £46,847 3s. 5d.

The figures for the past ten years are given in the following table, and show that the local bodies received from this source a sum of £346,345 4s. 2d.