

A special payment into the fund was made by Treasury (amounting to £28,324), being the amount of the reduction in the interest-rate of the four classes of securities.

The above total includes £20,882 3s. invested on Stipendiary Magistrates' account.

The average rate of interest earned for the financial year on the mean funds was £5 6s. 5d. per cent., a reduction of 1s. 11d. per cent. as compared with the previous year. In this connection it must be understood that the amount of interest due and outstanding and interest accrued but not due at the balance date is taken into account in arriving at the before-mentioned rate. Reference to the balance-sheet discloses that the sum of £47,104 16s. 7d. is overdue on mortgage securities. The Courts, acting under the powers contained in the Mortgagors and Tenants Relief Act, 1933, have written off during the year the sum of £953 16s. 3d., and £1,002 17s. 8d. was written off by the Board, acting under the provisions of section 20, Finance Act (No. 3), 1934, being arrears of interest; in addition, the rate of interest has been reduced from 5 per cent. to as low as 2 per cent. in a number of cases for periods varying from one to three years.

Operations of the Fund.—The following comparative statement shows the operations of the fund (to the nearest pound) as disclosed in the Revenue Accounts and balance-sheets for the eleven-year period ended 31st March, 1936.

Year.	Income.					Expenditure.				
	Contributions.		Interest on		Miscellaneous.	Refunds.	Pensions.	Administration Expenses.	Miscellaneous.	Accumulated Funds.
	Employees.	Employer.	Investments.	Arrears of Contributions.						
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1925-26 ..	257,378	102,436	132,993	3,805	277	53,362	316,400	6,920	185	2,317,399
1926-27 ..	246,635	100,669	139,369	899	328	45,341	322,759	7,881	28	2,429,290
1927-28 ..	249,301	100,955	146,351	439	504	50,193	338,138	7,932	2,124	2,528,454
1928-29 ..	253,593	101,130	147,040	332	269	44,234	351,396	8,070	1,176	2,625,943
1929-30 ..	263,424	201,707	154,612	146	405	50,107	367,496	8,158	2,472	2,818,004
1930-31 ..	271,423	102,289	162,888	264	422	40,754	381,243	8,418	8,775	2,917,154
1931-32 ..	190,347	102,757	168,453	238	486	48,552	431,922	8,650	2,277	2,888,034
1932-33 ..	226,420	141,038	166,814	447	302	45,345	472,288	7,620	387	2,897,415
1933-34 ..	228,650	144,129	157,200	651	4,464	37,551	486,925	7,180	1,287	2,899,564
1934-35 ..	238,844	149,766	153,333	185	19,086	40,065	488,836	7,429	6,997	2,917,452
1935-36 ..	256,249	148,512	151,599	176	8,770	44,804	494,988	7,250	1,477	2,934,240

Year.	Liabilities.					Assets.					
	Accumulated Fund.	Sundry Creditors.				Investments (including Accrued Interest).	Sundry Debtors.		Money at call with Government Departments.	Cash at Bank.	Miscellaneous.
		Pensions.	Refunds.	Employees.	Other, including Government Departments.		Employees.	Employers.			
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1925-26 ..	2,317,399	2,276	3,162	3,286	1,002	2,339,705	5,763	109	34,421	11,320	307
1926-27 ..	2,429,290	3,059	922	1,587	22,075	2,474,867	20,942	241	23,103	1,691	589
1927-28 ..	2,528,454	3,526	1,983	1,903	19,072	2,577,894	21,305	215	12,253	5,195	2,576
1928-29 ..	2,625,943	3,825	943	2,232	14,739	2,678,470	18,118	255	10,881	4,062	398
1929-30 ..	2,818,004	4,323	1,340	676	17,012	2,862,747	17,267	126	25,067	1,457	246
1930-31 ..	2,917,154	4,097	1,735	517	14,178	2,974,146	14,391	277	12,074	1,004	288
1931-32 ..	2,888,034	3,566	1,617	4,725	54,472	2,979,354	16,101	243	20,406	326	483
1932-33 ..	2,897,415	3,056	1,444	398	14,853	2,892,282	24,541	212	61,510	652	2,469
1933-34 ..	2,899,564	2,684	1,692	212	3,386	2,882,531	29,191	231	56,922	1,018	2,147
1934-35 ..	2,917,452	3,302	904	288	10,803	2,777,030	13,957	198	73,625	130,378	2,062
1935-36 ..	2,934,240	3,703	1,980	407	22,123	2,861,347	24,919	276	70,801	67,906	1,707

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