

(b) SOURCES OF MONEY EXPENDED ON ROAD BILL, 1933-34 TO 1935-36.

The Department has also analysed the expenditure on roads during the three years ended 31st March, 1936, in order to ascertain the sources from which the money expended has been derived.

The following table shows, under five main headings, the sources of revenue expended on (a) main highways, (b) urban roads, (c) other roads, and (d) all types of roads :—

—	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.
Main highways—	£	£	£
Loan	237,469	360,118	549,546
Local rates	431,262	471,851	502,408
Unemployment-taxation	89,612	280,751	45,638
General taxation	157,257	151,229	157,403
Motor-taxation	958,611	1,277,791	1,607,804
Total	1,874,211	2,541,740	2,862,799
Urban roads—			
Loan	70,291	71,307	118,745
Local rates	1,153,032	1,072,108	1,080,048
Unemployment-taxation	616,278	475,306	384,050
General taxation			
Motor-taxation	247,717	271,946	308,829
Total	2,087,318	1,890,667	1,891,672
Other roads—			
Loan	381,090	398,371	466,152
Local rates	734,844	781,010	863,458
Unemployment-taxation	797,086	714,887	580,000
General taxation	971,955	985,081	1,010,496
Motor-taxation	210,958	385,689	403,398
Total	3,095,933	3,265,038	3,323,504
All roads—			
Loan	688,850	829,796	1,134,443
Local rates	2,319,138	2,324,969	2,445,914
Unemployment-taxation	1,502,976	1,470,944	1,009,688
General taxation	1,129,212	1,136,310	1,167,899
Motor-taxation	1,417,286	1,935,426	2,320,031
Total	7,057,462	7,697,445	8,077,975

The principal points emerging from the 1935-36 figures as compared with those of previous years are as follows :—

(1) *Loan-money.*

This item shows an increase of £305,000 over the previous year's figures and now represents 14 per cent. of the total money expended. This is still in marked contrast to the year 1930-31, when this item represented almost 30 per cent. of the total.

(2) *Local Rates.*

This item has remained practically stationary and is still the chief source of money for expenditure on roads, this year's figure comprising 30·3 per cent. of the total.

(3) *Unemployment Taxation.*

The amount expended this year shows a sharp decline, approximately £460,000, and this item now accounts for only 12·5 per cent. of the total.

(4) *General Taxation.*

This item has remained almost constant. This year's figure represents 14·5 per cent. of the total, compared with 16 per cent. in 1933-34.

(5) *Motor-taxation.*

Motor-taxation again shows a substantial increase, this year's figure being £385,000 above that for the previous year. This item comprises 28·7 per cent. of the road bill and is gradually approaching the amount provided by local rates. Whereas the amount expended from local rates in 1930-31 exceeded that from motor-taxation by some £1,200,000, the excess is now only £125,000.

Details of the increase in motor-taxation generally are shown in the Appendix of this report.