

## CONSTRUCTION.

(a) *Main Highways.* Main Highways Board expenditure on construction and renewals of main highways has increased by £817,000, which accounts for the majority of the increase of £940,000 in this item for 1937-38.

(b) *Other Roads.* An increase in expenditure from the Public Works Fund of £268,000 and a decrease in county expenditure of £130,000 largely accounts for the advance in this item of £162,000.

## TOTAL ROAD BILL.

The following table, showing the percentages of the total expenditure spent on maintenance, construction, and interest and loan charges, is of interest:—

| —       |    |    |    | Maintenance. | Construction. | Interest and Loan Charges. |
|---------|----|----|----|--------------|---------------|----------------------------|
|         |    |    |    | Per Cent.    | Per Cent.     | Per Cent.                  |
| 1933-34 | .. | .. | .. | 29·3         | 37·3          | 33·4                       |
| 1934-35 | .. | .. | .. | 37·0         | 33·1          | 29·9                       |
| 1935-36 | .. | .. | .. | 38·8         | 32·6          | 28·6                       |
| 1936-37 | .. | .. | .. | 30·8         | 44·5          | 24·7                       |
| 1937-38 | .. | .. | .. | 29·5         | 48·2          | 22·3                       |

## SOURCES OF MONEY EXPENDED ON ROAD BILL, 1933-34 TO 1937-38.

The Department has also analysed the expenditure on roads during the five years ended 31st March, 1938, 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.  | 1936-37.  | 1937-38.   |
|-----------------------|----|----|----|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
|                       |    |    |    | £         | £         | £         | £         | £          |
| Main highways         | .. | .. | .. | 237,469   | 360,118   | 549,546   | 892,274   | 1,708,635  |
| Loan                  | .. | .. | .. | 431,262   | 471,851   | 502,408   | 517,507   | 448,949    |
| Local rates           | .. | .. | .. | 89,612    | 280,751   | 45,638    | 5,662     | 97,864     |
| Unemployment taxation | .. | .. | .. | 157,257   | 151,229   | 157,403   | 169,239   | 213,299    |
| General taxation      | .. | .. | .. | 958,611   | 1,277,791 | 1,607,804 | 1,958,919 | 2,222,301  |
| Motor-taxation        | .. | .. | .. |           |           |           |           |            |
| Total                 | .. | .. | .. | 1,874,211 | 2,541,740 | 2,862,799 | 3,543,601 | 4,691,048  |
| Urban roads—          |    |    |    |           |           |           |           |            |
| Loan                  | .. | .. | .. | 70,291    | 71,307    | 118,745   | 199,783   | 203,827    |
| Local rates           | .. | .. | .. | 1,153,032 | 1,072,108 | 1,080,048 | 1,059,920 | 1,097,237  |
| Unemployment taxation | .. | .. | .. | 616,278   | 475,306   | 384,050   | 330,156   | 336,140    |
| General taxation      | .. | .. | .. |           |           |           |           |            |
| Motor-taxation        | .. | .. | .. | 247,717   | 271,946   | 308,829   | 346,457   | 389,110    |
| Total                 | .. | .. | .. | 2,087,318 | 1,890,667 | 1,891,672 | 1,936,316 | 2,026,314  |
| Other roads—          |    |    |    |           |           |           |           |            |
| Loan                  | .. | .. | .. | 381,090   | 398,371   | 466,152   | 939,714   | 1,169,128  |
| Local rates           | .. | .. | .. | 734,844   | 781,010   | 863,458   | 916,181   | 1,027,709  |
| Unemployment taxation | .. | .. | .. | 797,086   | 714,887   | 580,000   | 357,220   | 276,695    |
| General taxation      | .. | .. | .. | 971,955   | 985,081   | 1,010,496 | 1,017,082 | 1,101,369  |
| Motor-taxation        | .. | .. | .. | 210,958   | 385,689   | 403,398   | 298,586   | 330,835    |
| Total                 | .. | .. | .. | 3,095,933 | 3,265,038 | 3,323,504 | 3,528,783 | 3,905,736  |
| All roads—            |    |    |    |           |           |           |           |            |
| Loan                  | .. | .. | .. | 688,850   | 829,796   | 1,134,443 | 2,031,771 | 3,081,590  |
| Local rates           | .. | .. | .. | 2,319,138 | 2,324,969 | 2,445,914 | 2,493,608 | 2,573,895  |
| Unemployment taxation | .. | .. | .. | 1,502,976 | 1,470,944 | 1,009,688 | 693,038   | 710,699    |
| General taxation      | .. | .. | .. | 1,129,212 | 1,136,310 | 1,167,899 | 1,186,321 | 1,314,668  |
| Motor-taxation        | .. | .. | .. | 1,417,286 | 1,935,426 | 2,320,031 | 2,603,962 | 2,942,246  |
| Total                 | .. | .. | .. | 7,057,462 | 7,697,445 | 8,077,975 | 9,008,700 | 10,623,098 |