

(b) *Licenses and Fees*

The following table shows the amount of license fees collected by counties. While not so extensive in absolute amount as the license fees collected by boroughs, the number of separate fees collected is practically the same. The aggregate amount of the present day is practically a quarter of a million pounds :—

License Fees collected by County Councils from 1924-25 to 1943-44

Financial Year.	Under Licensing Act.	Auctioneers.	Motor-drivers.	Heavy Traffic.	Vehicles (other than Heavy Traffic).	Vehicles and Drivers (other than Motor)	Public Halls and Places of Amusement.	Meat and Slaughtering (excluding Abattoir Fees).	Building Permits.	Dangerous Goods.	Dog Registration.	Hawkers.	Transfers.	Sundry other Licenses.	Total Licenses.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1924-25 ..	10,913	2,046	6,715	13,394	£	4,425	259	323	1,032		13,888	427	68	1,558	44,135
1925-26 ..	10,763	1,665	12,285	28,946		3,027	258	312	1,330		14,376	525	38	2,752	65,514
1926-27 ..	10,863	2,075	20,741	73,601		3,408	328	299	1,390		15,186	795	17	2,236	120,076
1927-28 ..	10,488	2,245	21,352	64,520		3,800	241	328	1,677		14,388	622	25	2,936	112,134
1928-29 ..	10,449	951	16,195	82,180		2,483	331	317	1,693		16,063	614	..	2,483	123,310
1929-30 ..	10,324	2,350	24,013	76,063		1,576	351	307	1,999		15,501	666	..	3,171	125,997
1930-31 ..	10,248	2,393	24,903	83,535		1,573	391	305	1,423		15,715	482	..	3,211	144,179
1931-32 ..	10,142	2,146	26,231	79,511		1,060	364	331	915		14,662	352	..	2,580	138,294
1932-33 ..	10,060	3,185	25,460	84,191	Not available.	854	368	319	908		15,372	226	..	2,638	143,581
1933-34 ..	10,129	2,476	28,305	84,176		1,728	359	327	1,056		15,302	235	..	2,739	146,832
1934-35 ..	9,878	2,898	27,451	111,117		673	363	318	1,327		17,040	223	..	2,162	173,450
1935-36 ..	10,088	2,733	29,537	120,611		1,596	378	321	1,672		17,445	304	..	2,184	186,869
1936-37 ..	10,048	3,216	33,289	141,328		956	433	344	2,209		19,091	260	..	2,314	213,488
1937-38 ..	10,086	3,349	36,345	163,203		526	383	312	2,417		20,683	252	..	2,545	240,101
1938-39 ..	10,137	3,504	39,220	182,806		387	421	*	2,981	425	23,496	219	..	2,529	266,125
1939-40 ..	10,038	3,379	40,029	186,973		406	502	*	3,028	484	14,523	156	..	2,521	262,039
1940-41 ..	9,953	3,716	39,704	184,681	321	..	450	*	3,027	521	27,499	..	..	2,805	272,677
1941-42 ..	9,749	3,680	41,236	184,930	86	..	406	*	2,640	388	21,118	..	..	3,132	267,365
1942-43 ..	9,598	3,431	32,870	156,370	62	..	394	*	1,308	351	24,023	..	..	1,826	230,233
1943-44 ..	9,660	3,916	34,533	176,474	106	..	355	..	3,296	275	18,718	..	..	2,142	243,475

(c) *Trading Undertakings : Electrical Supply*

As mentioned previously in this report some counties undertake the distribution of electric power within their territories. These operations are relatively unimportant, and details are given in the following table :—

Table showing Receipts from and Expenditure on Electric-power Supply of County Councils from 1926-27 to 1943-44

Year.	Receipts.	Payments.†
	£	£
1926-27		15,276
1927-28		20,057
1928-29		33,504
1929-30		47,060
1930-31		37,212
1931-32		35,068
1932-33		35,832
1933-34		30,144
1934-35		31,694
1935-36		29,183
1936-37	39,062	30,150
1937-38	42,939	33,780
1938-39	45,920	44,299
1939-40	48,763	47,134
1940-41	53,198	46,963
1941-42	54,018	48,921
1942-43	59,266	53,556
1943-44	61,075	54,379

(d) *Total Revenue Receipts*

The following table summarizes the previous figures in relation to revenue receipts of counties. It is interesting to note for comparative purposes that the actual rates have not increased in the same proportion as rates in boroughs, which increased from £2,300,000 to £4,400,000. In counties rates have increased only from £1,800,000 to £2,200,000.

Government subsidies have not increased to any extent. In fact, the gross amount of revenue subsidies from the Government is to-day less than it was in the late 1920's. These figures, however, do not tell the whole story, as the actual Government grants to counties have increased very materially, chiefly owing to the operation of the Main Highways Board, which has taken over State and main highways in the period. The details of these receipts are shown as non-revenue receipts. Fuller details are given of Government assistance to counties at a later state of the report‡.

* Included in "Sundry other."

† Payments do not in every case include interest and sinking fund on debt.

‡ Includes £250,814 under section 45, Finance Act, 1931 (No. 4).