

*Statement showing for the Year ended 31st March, 1948, Duration of Sickness for Males and Females, according to Age-groups*

Period of Sickness.	Years 16 to 19.		Years 20 to 29.		Years 30 to 39.		Years 40 to 49.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1- 4 weeks both inclusive .. ..	845	786	3,077	1,141	2,757	283	2,140	184
5- 8 weeks both inclusive .. ..	572	605	1,766	820	1,568	264	1,494	185
9-12 weeks both inclusive .. ..	240	268	791	436	733	152	746	135
13-16 weeks both inclusive .. ..	103	132	338	252	381	86	412	82
17-20 weeks both inclusive .. ..	47	80	211	163	242	55	221	48
21-24 weeks both inclusive .. ..	28	49	130	139	143	46	158	29
25-28 weeks both inclusive .. ..	28	41	114	109	87	31	120	35
29-32 weeks both inclusive .. ..	25	21	52	63	84	26	92	28
33-36 weeks both inclusive .. ..	11	15	44	41	66	18	70	13
37-40 weeks both inclusive .. ..	11	15	32	36	37	20	54	10
41-44 weeks both inclusive .. ..	6	11	37	28	23	12	36	6
45-48 weeks both inclusive .. ..	2	10	19	24	19	9	34	11
49-52 weeks both inclusive .. ..	17	20	79	98	84	43	86	20
Totals .. ..	1,935	2,053	6,690	3,350	6,224	1,045	5,663	786

Period of Sickness.	Years 50 to 59.		Years 60 and over.		Totals.		Grand Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
1- 4 weeks both inclusive .. ..	1,344	112	493	15	10,656	2,521	13,177
5- 8 weeks both inclusive .. ..	1,035	144	451	22	6,886	2,040	8,926
9-12 weeks both inclusive .. ..	638	81	301	13	3,449	1,085	4,534
13-16 weeks both inclusive .. ..	408	60	171	2	1,813	614	2,427
17-20 weeks both inclusive .. ..	254	36	166	7	1,141	389	1,530
21-24 weeks both inclusive .. ..	230	32	94	4	783	299	1,082
25-28 weeks both inclusive .. ..	156	38	73	5	578	259	837
29-32 weeks both inclusive .. ..	120	19	58	4	431	161	592
33-36 weeks both inclusive .. ..	84	10	30	1	305	98	403
37-40 weeks both inclusive .. ..	62	17	19	1	215	99	314
41-44 weeks both inclusive .. ..	69	5	9	..	180	62	242
45-48 weeks both inclusive .. ..	55	9	5	..	134	63	197
49-52 weeks both inclusive .. ..	122	28	18	3	406	212	618
Totals .. ..	4,577	591	1,888	77	26,977	7,902	34,879

The above schedule discloses that the largest group of beneficiaries was included in the 1-4 weeks group, which included 39 per cent. of the male and 32 per cent. of the female beneficiaries. The corresponding percentages for the previous year were 42 per cent. and 36 per cent. The average duration of sickness for all groups was 9.5 weeks for males and 11.4 weeks for females, compared with 9.6 weeks and 9.9 weeks respectively for the previous year. Of the male beneficiaries, 24.8 per cent. were in the 20-29 years age-group and 23 per cent. in the 30-39 years age-group. Of the female beneficiaries, 42 per cent. were in the 20-29 years age-group and 26 per cent. in the 16-19 years age-group.

The sickness beneficiaries who received benefit during the whole of the year were persons with continuing incapacity but not qualified to receive invalids' benefit.