

Payments.

The net expenditure from the State Forests Account for the past financial year was £236,275, a detailed analysis of which is set out hereunder; also comparisons with the years 1925-26 and 1924-25.

Item.	1926-27.		1925-26.		1924-25.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed charges and staff salaries—						
Interest and loan expenses .. .. .	29,077		28,132		24,136	
Allocation of revenue—						
National Endowment Account .. .. .	15,659		9,741		12,612	
Local-body payments .. .. .	9,061		6,141		257	
	24,720		15,882		12,869	
Staff salaries—						
Capital .. .. .	17,075		11,103		9,035	
Operational .. .. .	22,783		25,912		22,394	
	39,858		37,015		31,429	
Management, establishment, and development—						
Capital charges—						
Indigenous State forests—Buildings, equipment, &c. ..	4,204		3,082		2,792	
Fire-fighting equipment, &c. .. .. .	73		38		125	
Educational—Reference library, &c. .. .. .	107		213		100	
Research and experimental equipment .. .. .	2,402		3,615		1,750	
Afforestation—Nurseries and plantations .. .. .	78,418		61,315		47,864	
Sand-dune reclamation .. .. .	2,312		2,595		2,318	
	87,516		70,858		54,949	
Operational expenses—						
Indigenous State forests and general .. .. .	17,839		15,500		14,670	
Fire-prevention .. .. .	1,524		1,553		1,405	
Educational—Publications, &c. .. .. .	1,094		1,164		819	
Utilization and silvicultural research .. .. .	2,472		2,158		2,847	
Preparation of planting plans, &c. .. .. .	1,611		1,358		1,196	
Miscellaneous .. .. .	744		74		533	
	25,284		21,807		21,470	
Land-purchases						
Indigenous forest areas .. .. .	18,639		16,161		105,993	
Plantation-extension .. .. .	11,181		17,764		476	
	29,820		33,925		106,469	
Totals .. .. .	236,275		207,619		251,322	

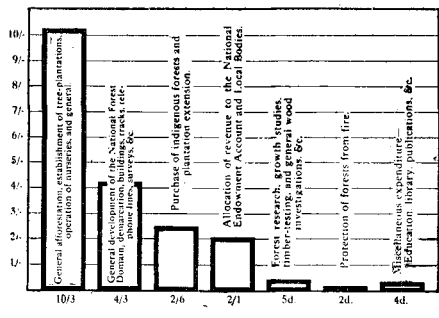
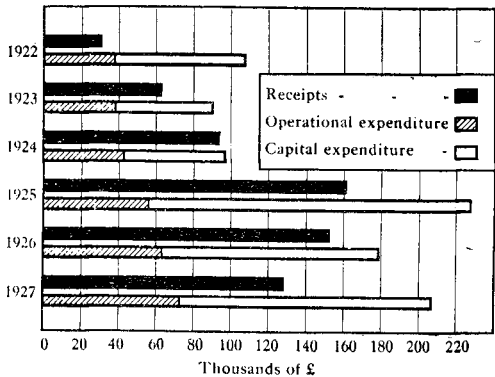


DIAGRAM SHOWING THE APPORTIONMENT OF EACH £1 OF THE SERVICE EXPENDITURE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1927.



COMPARISON OF THE FOREST INCOME AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE PERIOD 1922-27.

Counties' Share in State Forest Timber-sale Receipts.

Section 17 of the Finance Act, 1924, provides that out of moneys received into the State Forests Account from royalties on or net proceeds of sales of native timber growing on Crown lands set apart by Proclamation as State forests or as provisional State forests one-fifth part shall be payable to local authorities. A total sum of £9,061 6s. was therefore paid out of the State Forests Account to thirty-eight local authorities during the period under review.

These counties have expended their subventions principally upon metalling and maintenance of roads contiguous to forests from which the timber has been milled. The State forests have thus provided sums of money for improvements to backblock settlers' roads which, from their remote situation and consequent unimportance when compared with many other county roads, would have received only a small proportion of the funds at the disposal of the local authorities concerned.