

TABLE VI.—INDICES OF PROSPERITY AND DEPRESSION.

		1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
Building-permits in principal towns ..	£m	9·3*	10·2*	9·7	9·0	8·6	8·9	6·0	2·5
Mortgages registered	£m	41·1†	47·1†	40·0†	33·2†	33·6†	39·8†	34·9	14·7
Mortgages discharged	£m	29·7†	34·0†	29·2†	24·0†	25·3†	28·3†	22·6	11·1
Land transfers	£m	34·0	35·5	33·3	29·6	30·5	32·1	25·3	13·8
Totalizator investments‡	£m	7·7	8·4	8·6	7·6	7·6	7·2	7·5	5·3
Percentage of free to fixed deposits, December quarter		124	121	110	88	75	74	57	47
Bank debits, weekly average ..	£m	\$	\$	\$	\$	19·1||	22·0	20·1	15·8
Average of 25 share prices in January (Par = 100)		..	199	205	204	213	231	195	152
Value of production	£m	118·1†	111·7†	112·1†	119·9†	125·3†	118·2†	97·9†	90·3¶
Estimated national income ..	£m	142·0†	136·0†	138·0†	144·0†	150·0†	142·0†	120·0†	110·0†

* Year ended 31st March following. These two figures relate to all towns. † Year ended 31st March following. ‡ Year ended 31st July.
§ Not available. || Last nine months only. ¶ Preliminary estimate.

TABLE VII.—NUMBERS ON UNEMPLOYMENT REGISTER OF LABOUR DEPARTMENT, 1926-1931.

1926.		1927.		1928.		1929.		1930.		1931.		1932.	
Week ended	Number.	Week ended	Number.	Week ended	Number.	Week ended	Number.	Week ended	Number.	Week ended	Number.	Week ended	Number.
Jan. 25 ..	425	Jan. 31	1,349	Jan. 30	2,185	Jan. 28	2,457	Jan. 27	2,572	Jan. 26	16,607	Jan. 25	45,677
Feb. 22 ..	448	Feb. 28	1,433	Feb. 27	3,137	Feb. 25	2,440	Feb. 24	2,520	Feb. 23	27,662	Feb. 15	45,071
Mar. 29 ..	547	Mar. 28	1,824	Mar. 26	2,509	Mar. 25	2,956	Mar. 31	3,130	Mar. 30	38,028	..	..
Apr. 26 ..	576	Apr. 25	1,553	Apr. 30	2,938	Apr. 29	3,263	Apr. 28	3,379	Apr. 27	36,981	..	..
May 31 ..	1,185	May 29	2,282	May 28	3,348	May 27	3,427	May 26	5,084	May 25	40,507	..	..
June 28 ..	2,092	June 27	2,408	June 25	3,317	June 24	3,662	June 30	5,491	June 29	45,264	..	..
July 26 ..	1,674	July 25	2,708	July 30	3,042	July 29	3,349	July 28	5,360	July 27	47,772	..	..
Aug. 30 ..	1,697	Aug. 29	2,498	Aug. 27	2,434	Aug. 26	2,795	Aug. 25	5,463	Aug. 31	50,033	..	..
Sept. 27 ..	1,795	Sept. 26	2,229	Sept. 24	2,344	Sept. 30	2,466	Sept. 29	6,025	Sept. 28	51,375	..	..
Oct. 25 ..	1,472	Oct. 31	1,952	Oct. 29	2,212	Oct. 28	4,142	Oct. 27	6,018	Oct. 26	50,266	..	..
Nov. 29 ..	1,328	Nov. 28	1,634	Nov. 26	1,815	Nov. 25	2,544	Nov. 24	7,402	Nov. 30	47,535	..	..
Dec. 13 ..	1,226	Dec. 19	1,575	Dec. 31	1,476	Dec. 30	1,242	Dec. 29	7,596	Dec. 28	45,140	..	..
Average for Year*	1,196	Average	1,982	Average	2,504	Average	3,023	Average	5,055	Average	40,335	..	..

* This figure is the average of registrations for 52 weeks.