

REGISTRATION UNDER THE ACT.

The register compiled in accordance with the Act by the Post and Telegraph Department contained the names of some 481,000 males aged twenty years or over at the 31st March, 1933. This figure excludes those removed from the register owing to death or departure from the Dominion since the Act came into force, and represents an increase of 6,300 registrations during the year.

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE FUND.

The number of persons contributing to the Unemployment Fund by way of the general unemployment levy may be gauged by the following figures representing individual instalments of the levy received by the Post and Telegraph Department up to the 31st March, 1933 :—

Instalment Date.					Amount of Instalment.	Number of Instalments paid by Contributors.
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December, 1930	7 6	428,016
March, 1931	7 6	424,495
June, 1931	7 6	423,336
August, 1931	5 0	425,674
November, 1931	..	..	..	..	5 0	424,588
February, 1932	..	..	..	..	5 0	425,024
May, 1932	..	..	..	..	5 0	425,709
August, 1932	..	..	..	..	5 0	424,246
November, 1932	..	..	..	..	5 0	412,229
February, 1933	..	..	..	..	5 0	385,027

Making allowance for the fact that considerable numbers of contributors fail to effect payment within one month of the due dates of instalments, and in the light of records of payments of the above instalments effected since 31st March, 1933, it is estimated that at least 425,000 males are paying the general unemployment levy. This is also borne out by the receipts from the levy during the financial year ended 31st March, 1933, which totalled £429,004.

During the period covered by the above-mentioned instalments (*i.e.*, from December, 1930, to March, 1933) a sum of approximately £1,196,500 has been received into the Unemployment Fund on account of the general unemployment levy.

Apart from contributions to the Fund by way of the levy, almost every person in receipt of salary, wages, and other income has paid a direct tax towards the relief of unemployment by means of the emergency unemployment charge. The amounts credited to the Fund from these sources during the financial year ended 31st March, 1933, were as follow :—

						£
Charge on salary or wages	..	..	..	..	..	2,471,028
Charge on other income	..	..	..	..	..	1,120,404
						<u>£3,591,432</u>

EXEMPTIONS AND POSTPONEMENTS.

(a) GENERAL UNEMPLOYMENT LEVY.

There has been a marked increase in applications for postponement of, or exemption from, payments of levies. Exemptions recorded since the inception of the levy up to 31st March, 1933, are shown in the following statement :—

Total exemptions (including Maoris, old-age pensioners, and other aged males with small means, persons suffering from permanent physical or mental incapacity, &c.).. 28,750

Partial Exemptions.

Class.	Instalments.									
	December, 1930.	March, 1931.	June, 1931.	August, 1931.	November, 1931.	February, 1932.	May, 1932.	August, 1932.	November, 1932.	February, 1933.
Inmates of mental hospitals	3,344	3,578	3,613	3,668	3,682	3,734	3,738	3,790	3,844	3,883
Inmates of prisons, reformatories, &c...	1,091	1,155	1,228	1,486	1,410	1,151	1,158	1,179	1,200	1,082
Inmates of hospitals, charitable institutions, &c.	1,105	712	884	529	484	590	453	389	308	243
Students	917	993	1,220	697	805	663	889	836	667	409
Cases of mental and physical disability, &c.	4,468	3,631	3,336	2,962	2,942	2,798	2,669	2,576	1,937	1,373
Hardship	1,998	2,741	3,103	3,183	3,537	2,729	2,050	1,219	626	222
Totals	12,923	12,810	13,384	12,525	12,860	11,665	10,957	9,989	8,582	7,212

The value of instalments not collected because of *partial* exemption as indicated above, represents a sum of approximately £33,000. In lieu of granting exemption from payment of the levy on the grounds of hardship, the Board has exercised its power in extending the time of payment, without penalty, in 3,065 cases.