

(4) *Total Road Bill.*

The following table, showing the percentages of the total expenditure spent on (a) maintenance, (b) construction, and (c) interest and loan charges, is of interest :—

—			Maintenance.	Construction.	Interest and Loan Charges.
			Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.
1929-30	..	..	34	41	25
1930-31	..	..	34	40	26
1931-32	..	..	32	39	29
1932-33	..	..	29	37	34
1933-34	..	..	30	36	34

As interest and loan charges are relatively fixed, they show an increasing proportion of the total, concomitant with the decline in maintenance and construction expenditure.

(b) *SOURCES OF MONEY EXPENDED ON ROAD BILL, 1930-34.*

The Department has also analysed the expenditure on roads during the five years ended 31st March, 1934, in order to ascertain the sources from which the money expended has been derived.

The following table shows, under five main headings, the sources of revenue expended on (a) main highways, (b) urban roads, (c) other roads, and (d) all types of roads :—

—			1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.
			£	£	£	£	£
Main highways—							
Loan	..	..	430,441	530,574	455,296	37,472	237,469
Local rates	..	..	589,986	591,618	494,341	428,998	431,262
Unemployment-taxation	..	..	..	..	55,073	60,259	53,032
General taxation	..	..	210,218	146,274	141,823	124,176	147,342
Motor-taxation	..	..	1,975,476	1,492,228	1,232,581	1,091,402	958,611
Total	..	..	3,206,121	2,760,694	2,379,114	1,742,307	1,827,716
Urban roads—							
Loan	..	..	649,396	450,885	330,114	122,417	70,291
Local rates	..	..	1,379,797	1,497,721	1,405,383	1,291,683	1,153,032
Unemployment-taxation	..	..	..	75,000	510,000	660,000	616,278
General taxation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motor-taxation	..	..	211,240	251,038	263,012	246,365	247,717
Total	..	..	2,240,433	2,274,644	2,508,509	2,320,465	2,087,318
Other roads—							
Loan	..	..	1,169,613	1,608,680	1,145,567	412,470	381,090
Local rates	..	..	1,123,361	1,121,923	841,313	798,805	734,844
Unemployment-taxation	..	..	..	39,102	281,242	677,227	675,524
General taxation	..	..	807,690	900,060	966,757	900,750	927,750
Motor-taxation	..	..	103,389	242,468	462,736	226,023	210,958
Total	..	..	3,204,053	3,912,233	3,697,615	3,015,275	2,930,166
All roads—							
Loan	..	..	2,249,450	2,590,139	1,930,977	572,359	688,850
Local rates	..	..	3,093,144	3,211,262	2,741,037	2,519,486	2,319,138
Unemployment-taxation	..	..	..	114,102	846,315	1,397,486	1,344,834
General taxation	..	..	1,017,908	1,046,334	1,108,580	1,024,926	1,075,092
Motor-taxation	..	..	2,290,105	1,985,734	1,958,329	1,563,790	1,417,286
Total	..	..	8,650,607	8,947,571	8,585,238	7,078,047	6,845,200

The principal points emerging from the 1933-34 figures above as compared with the previous years are as follows :—

(1) *Loan-money.*

This item shows an increase over the previous year of more than £100,000. Loan-money comprised approximately 10 per cent. of the total money available for 1933-34.

(2) *Local Rates.*

Local rates show a falling-off of £200,000 but were still the chief source of money for expenditure on roads. The amount expended from this source is approximately one-third of the total road bill for 1933-34.