

(2) *Construction.*

There has been an increase in expenditure on main-highway construction, but decreases in the other two sections. The decrease of approximately £160,000 in the case of urban roads and streets is due to further reductions in the expenditure of boroughs on construction and maintenance.

(3) *Loan Charges.*

The slight decreases are due principally to a fall in the rate of loan charges against boroughs as compared with the previous year.

(4) *Total Road Bill.*

The following table, showing the percentages of the total expenditure on maintenance, construction, and interest and loan charges, is of interest :—

—	Maintenance.	Construction.	Interest and Loan Charges.
	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.
1930-31	34	40	26
1931-32	32	39	29
1932-33	29	37	34
1933-34	30	36	34
1934-35	36	32	32

(b) SOURCES OF MONEY EXPENDED ON ROAD BILL, 1930-35.

The Department has also analysed the expenditure on roads during the five years ended 31st March, 1935, 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 :—

—	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.
	£	£	£	£	£
Main highways—					
Loan	530,574	455,296	37,472	237,469	360,118
Local rates	591,618	494,341	428,998	431,262	471,851
Unemployment-taxation .. .. .	..	55,073	60,259	53,032	42,586
General taxation	146,274	141,823	124,176	147,342	134,955
Motor-taxation	1,492,228	1,232,581	1,091,402	958,611	1,277,791
Total	2,760,694	2,379,114	1,742,307	1,827,716	2,287,301
Urban roads—					
Loan	450,885	330,114	122,417	70,291	71,307
Local rates	1,497,721	1,405,383	1,291,683	1,153,032	1,072,108
Unemployment-taxation	75,000	510,000	660,000	616,278	475,306
General taxation .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Motor-taxation	251,038	263,012	246,365	247,717	271,946
Total	2,274,644	2,508,509	2,320,465	2,087,318	1,890,667
Other roads—					
Loan	1,608,680	1,145,567	412,470	381,090	398,371
Local rates	1,121,923	841,313	798,805	734,844	781,010
Unemployment-taxation	39,102	281,242	677,227	675,524	587,469
General taxation	900,060	966,757	900,750	927,750	941,215
Motor-taxation	242,468	462,736	226,023	210,958	385,689
Total	3,912,233	3,697,615	3,015,275	2,930,166	3,093,754
All roads—					
Loan	2,590,139	1,930,977	572,359	688,850	829,796
Local rates	3,211,262	2,741,037	2,519,486	2,319,138	2,324,969
Unemployment-taxation	114,102	846,315	1,397,486	1,344,834	1,105,361
General taxation	1,046,334	1,108,580	1,024,926	1,075,092	1,076,170
Motor-taxation	1,985,734	1,958,329	1,563,790	1,417,286	1,935,426
Total	8,947,571	8,585,238	7,078,047	6,845,200	7,271,722

The principal points emerging from the 1934-35 figures as compared with those of previous years are as follows :—

(1) *Loan-money.*

This item shows an increase of £140,000 over the previous year's figure, and now represents 11·4 per cent. of the total money expended. This is still in marked contrast to the year 1930-31, when this item represented almost 30 per cent. of the total.