

(2) *Local Rates.*

Local rates show a slight increase. This item remains the chief source of money for expenditure on the roads, this year's total comprising 32 per cent. of the total.

(3) *Unemployment Taxation.*

The amount expended this year again shows a decline, approximately £240,000, the proportion of the total now being 15·2 per cent.

(4) *General Taxation.*

This item has remained almost constant during the five years under review. This year's figure represents 14·8 per cent. of the total.

(5) *Motor-taxation.*

Motor taxation shows a substantial increase of almost £520,000 over the previous year. This reflects the increased revenue from motor-spirit taxation, while local-authority revenue from motor-drivers' licenses and heavy-traffic fees has also increased. Details of this revenue are published elsewhere in this report.

A noticeable feature is that this item is gradually approaching the amount provided by local rates. Whereas the amount expended from local rates in 1930-31 exceeded that from motor-taxation by some £1,200,000, the excess is now only £390,000.

(6) *General.*

The following table indicates the approximate percentages of the various sources of revenue comprised in the total expenditure on roads during the five years ended 31st March, 1935 :—

Item.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.
	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.
Loan .. .. .	28·9	22·5	8·1	10·1	11·4
Local rates .. ..	35·9	31·9	35·6	33·9	32·0
Unemployment taxation ..	1·3	9·9	19·7	19·6	15·2
General taxation .. ..	11·7	12·9	14·5	15·7	14·8
Motor-taxation .. ..	22·2	22·8	22·1	20·7	26·6
Total .. .. .	100·0	100·0	100·0	100·0	100·0

## (c) ANNUAL CHARGES PER MILE ON ROADS, STREETS, ETC., 1930-35.

The following table shows the annual expenditure for the five years ended 31st March, 1935, on the various classes of roads, &c., computed per mile of road and/or street :—

Class of Road.	Year ended 31st March,	Length of Formed Roads.	Annual Charges per Mile of Road.		
			Maintenance.	Interest and Loan Charges.	Total.
		Miles.	£	£	£
Main highways .. ..	1931	10,420	127	57	184
	1932	10,846	111	59	170
	1933	10,878	79	57	136
	1934	10,975	84	58	142
	1935	11,176	114	55	169
Urban roads and streets ..	1931	4,055	143	152	295
	1932	4,052	131	158	289
	1933	4,106	111	156	267
	1934	4,086	97	143	240
	1935	4,035	97	137	234
Other roads .. .. .	1931	35,103	32	32	64
	1932	35,378	29	34	63
	1933	35,909	21	32	53
	1934	36,010	20	32	52
	1935	36,947	26	31	57
Total, all roads .. .. .	1931	49,578	61	47	108
	1932	50,276	55	49	104
	1933	50,893	41	47	88
	1934	51,071	40	46	86
	1935	52,158	50	44	94

Tables Nos. 5 and 6 of the Appendix show the lengths of various classes of roads, streets, and bridges during the years from 1922 to 1935 inclusive.