

Table No. 3 in the Appendix gives a comparison of the expenditure on roads, streets, bridges, &c., over the individual years ended 31st March, 1934 to 1939, inclusive, and 1944, with the present expenditure for the year ended 31st March, 1945. Owing to staffing shortages, the comparative expenditure has not been prepared for the intervening war years.

**11. Sources of Moneys expended on Roads, Streets, &c.**—The table hereunder gives the approximate percentages of the five main sources of moneys expended annually on all roads during the years 1933–34 to 1938–39, 1943–44, and 1944–45 :—

Source.	1933–34.	1934–35.	1935–36.	1936–37.	1937–38.	1938–39.	1943–44.	1944–45.
	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.
Loan .. ..	9·8	10·8	14·0	22·5	29·0	32·8	3·4	6·5
Local rates .. ..	32·9	30·2	30·3	27·7	24·2	20·9	39·4	40·5
Employment Promotion Fund .. ..	21·3	19·1	12·5	7·7	6·7	12·0	0·9	0·7
General Taxation .. ..	16·0	14·8	14·5	13·2	12·4	11·0	16·1	14·7
Motor taxation .. ..	20·0	25·1	28·7	28·9	27·7	23·3	40·2	37·6
Totals .. ..	100·0	100·0	100·0	100·0	100·0	100·0	100·0	100·0

The figures from which the above percentages were computed are given in Table No. 4 of the Appendix.

**12. Annual Charges per Mile of Roads, Streets, &c.**—The following table gives the approximate mileage of the three primary groups of roads, together with the corresponding expenditure upon maintenance and interest, &c., per mile of road for the year ended 31st March, 1945 :—

Class of Road.	Total Mileage.	Annual Charges per Mile of Road, &c.		
		Maintenance.	Interest and Loan Charges.	Total.
	Miles.	£	£	£
Main highways .. ..	12,060	129	63	192
Urban roads and streets .. ..	4,298	116	148	264
Other roads .. ..	37,405	39	28	67
All roads .. ..	53,763	65	45	110

Table No. 5 in the Appendix shows comparative figures for the years ended 31st March, 1934 to 1939, inclusive, and 1944–45, inclusive.

## ROAD SAFETY

### A. ROAD ACCIDENT STATISTICS

**13. The Number of Accidents.**—During the twelve months ended 31st December, 1946, there were 174 fatal accidents and 2,989 other accidents which involved some degree of personal injury. Resulting from these accidents 190 persons were killed and 4,144 others were injured. During the previous year there were 129 killed and 3,307 injured. Thus deaths increased by 47 per cent. in 1946 and other casualties by 25 per cent.