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## MEMORANDUM WITH APPENDICES

PREPARED BY THE MINISTER OF LABOUR ON BEHALF OF THE LATE

## UNEMPLOYMENT BOARD.

*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Leave.*

IN May, 1936, the Employment Promotion Act was passed, and on 1st June the Unemployment Board went out of existence as a statutory body. Annual reports, although not required by law, were submitted by the Board in past years, by leave. With the coming into operation of the Employment Promotion Act and the consequent cessation of the Board's functions, its late members are unable to present a report to the General Assembly upon the position of unemployment as at the date they handed over control to the Department of Labour. Nevertheless, it appears desirable that for statistical purposes the following tables should be presented in respect of the position relating to unemployment as at 31st May, 1936.

My report to Parliament next year dealing with the activities of the Employment Division of my Department will comprehensively survey the measures which have been adopted by the Government for the promotion of employment and the relief of distress caused through inability to secure work.

TABLE I.—STATEMENT SHOWING, ANNUALLY, RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT FUND.

	Year ended 31st March, 1931.*	Year ended 31st March, 1932.	Year ended 31st March, 1933.	Year ended 31st March, 1934.	Year ended 31st March, 1935.	Year ended 31st March, 1936.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash in Fund at beginning of year .. ..	..	69,115	184,967	424,426	621,518	1,332,946
<i>Receipts.</i>						
Levy .. .. .	229,000	538,503	429,004	428,550	433,665	416,335
Wages-tax .. .. .	..	490,053	2,471,028	2,891,715	2,821,824	2,468,019
Tax on income other than salary or wages .. ..	..	220,245	1,120,404	1,106,602	1,349,230	1,035,672
Subsidy from Consolidated Fund .. .. .	159,247	1,118,753	..	..	..	..
Miscellaneous .. .. .	9	2,530	7,563	13,466	18,841	36,591
Total .. .. .	388,256	2,439,199	4,212,966	4,864,759	5,245,078	5,289,563
<i>Payments.</i>						
Grants under section 18, Unemployment Act, 1930	313,209	2,200,545	3,594,637	3,972,186	3,397,099	3,464,104
Loans under section 18, Unemployment Act, 1930	..	16,340	21,633	20,919	14,403	24,620
Payments under section 17, Unemployment Act, 1930	..	..	..	..	39,362	86,347
Loans under section 17, Unemployment Act, 1930	..	..	..	..	8,000	34,266
Sustenance under section 20, Unemployment Act, 1930	..	..	12,960	33,302	239,983	807,095
Purchases of food, &c., under section 14, Unemployment Amendment Act, 1932	..	..	58,667	104,278	73,885	98,445
Grants to persons entitled to sustenance under section 14, Unemployment Amendment Act, 1932	..	..	..	..	400	166,603
Administration expenses .. .. .	5,932	37,347	100,643	112,556	139,000	201,372
Cash in hand at end of year .. .. .	319,141	2,254,232	3,788,540	4,243,241	3,912,132	4,882,852
	69,115	184,967	424,426	621,518	1,332,946	406,711
Total .. .. .	388,256	2,439,199	4,212,966	4,864,759	5,245,078	5,289,563

\* Period 11th October, 1930, to 31st March, 1931.