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STATE MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

(LICENSING ACT, 1921).

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ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31st MARCH, 1930.

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## REPORT.

The Licensing Act, 1921,\* requires the respective Secretaries of State to present to Parliament an annual report as to their procedure in connection with the schemes of State Management of the Liquor Trade in the districts of Carlisle, Gretna and the Cromarty Firth. This report is the ninth report to be presented in accordance with the requirements of the Act and relates to the year ended 31st March, 1930.

## FINANCIAL POSITION.

The financial position of the three districts as at 31st March, 1930, is set out in the Summary of the Accounts printed in the Appendix to this Report.† The Accounts are continued in the form introduced last year at the request of the Public Accounts Committee. A full explanation of the new form of the Accounts is contained in our last Report (H.C.P. 17 of 1929).

The nett profits of the three undertakings for the year ended 31st March, 1930, amounted to £77,341 5s. 11d. (as compared with £69,784 9s. 9d. in the previous year). Before arriving at these profits there has been deducted, as in previous years, the cost of alterations and improvements not adding to the realisable value of the properties and all ordinary recurrent charges, including licence and other duties, taxes (other than Income Tax—Schedule D), rates (or contributions in lieu thereof), cost of managerial and architectural staff and depreciation of fixed and loose plant, furnishings and utensils.

The receipts from the sales by retail of intoxicating liquor fell by about £11,400, but there were increases amounting to about £3,200 in the receipts from food, apartments, mineral waters, tobacco and miscellaneous items.

## GENERAL.

The geographical limits of the three Districts are defined in the second Schedule to the Licensing Act of 1921. Briefly, the

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\* 11 & 12 Geo. 5, c. 42, s. 16 (4).

† The separate Accounts have been certified by Messrs. Mann, Judd, Gordon & Co., Chartered Accountants, Glasgow, and submitted to the Comptroller and Auditor-General. The certificate of the Comptroller and Auditor-General will be appended when he presents the Accounts to the House of Commons under Section 5 of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act, 1921.

Carlisle District comprises the City of Carlisle, together with the Cumberland Ward and Maryport Petty Sessional Divisions, and certain portions of the Wigton, Longtown and Cockermouth Petty Sessional Divisions, all situate in the County of Cumberland. The number of licensed premises and businesses acquired since the inception of the Scheme was 321, and that number has been gradually reduced to 192. In the Gretna District, which comprises the Burgh of Annan and part of the surrounding County of Dumfries, a reduction has been effected from 29 to 15, and in the Cromarty Firth District, consisting of the Burghs of Cromarty, Dingwall and Invergordon, and part of the County of Ross and Cromarty, the corresponding figures are 39 and 19.

At Carlisle, during the period under review, a commencement was made with the erection of the new public-house at Upperby. Alterations were in progress to the "Museum Inn," Belle Vue, on the western outskirts of the City with a view to the improvement of the public rooms and the provision of modern conveniences. Considerable progress has been made with the rebuilding of "The Spinners Arms," Cummersdale, and "The Cumberland" public-house in Botchergate, Carlisle.

In pursuance of the general policy of public-house improvement, and in partial substitution for "The Carlisle Arms," which is shortly to be closed and handed over to the Corporation of Carlisle for a street improvement, it has been decided to replace the "Lord Brougham" by a modern public-house. The present "Lord Brougham" occupies a central situation near the General Post Office, and a site in the immediate vicinity has been acquired for the new house.

The new "Coach & Horses" at Kingstown, two miles north of Carlisle, and the new "Horse and Farrier" at Raffles, Carlisle, were completed and opened to the public in September, 1929. The "Coach & Horses," situated on the main road to the north, is a brick building with stone mullion and lead light windows. It has a grass fore-court, separating it from the road, and the accommodation includes the usual Public Rooms with comfortable seats and a Tea Room with a separate entrance. The "Horse & Farrier," which stands at the junction of two roads on the outskirts of Carlisle, is a building of distinctive appearance with white-washed walls, a roof of grey-brown tiles and bay windows on both storeys. It has a paved fore-court and a verandah overlooking a Bowling Green. The accommodation includes a Public Bar and Smoke Room with comfortable seating accommodation, and a separate Tea Room opening on to the verandah. The Off-Sales Department has an entrance separate from that of the Public Rooms. In both these houses special attention has been paid, not only to simplicity of planning, to ease of service and supervision, and

to the accommodation for the Manager and his family, but also to the interests of the Public in the matter of light, airy and comfortable rooms.

In Scotland, extensive alterations to meet present-day requirements have been undertaken at the "Royal Hotel," at Invergordon, the "Royal Hotel" at Cromarty, and the "Ecclefechan Hotel" at Ecclefechan. Improvements have also been effected at the "Royal Hotel," Dingwall, and the "Cromarty Arms" public-house at Cromarty is to be re-modelled and enlarged. The new and widened public road at the entrance to "Gracies Banking" at Annan has been completed and handed over to the town of Annan.

In the Carlisle District and in the Scottish Districts the houses generally have been maintained in a good condition of structure and decoration.

Official evidence as to the organisation and working of the State Management Districts has been given before the Royal Commissions on Licensing in England and Wales and in Scotland respectively. In London the evidence was given by Sir John Sykes, K.C.B., and by Mr. A. E. Mitchell, O.B.E., the General Manager of the Carlisle State Management District, and in Edinburgh by Sir John Sykes, and by Mr. J. G. Paterson, O.B.E., C.A., the General Manager of the Scottish Districts.

In October, 1929, the Gretna Local Advisory Committee lost the services of the Rev. W. S. Peebles, who resigned on his retirement from the Ministry. Mr. Peebles had been a member of the Committee almost from its inception and had rendered invaluable service.

J. R. CLYNES.

W. ADAMSON.

25th August, 1930.

## STATE MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

LIABILITIES.	Carlisle.			Gretna.			Cromarty Firth.			Totals.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
I. CAPITAL ACCOUNT ...	593,300	0	0	49,200	0	0	89,500	0	0	732,000	0	0
II. RESERVES from Profits for repairs, improvements and contingencies ...	17,734	0	10	—			3,000	0	0	20,734	0	10
III. SUNDRY CREDITORS AND ACCRUED CHARGES ...	23,426	6	0	5,101	9	10	6,612	8	5	35,140	4	3
IV. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT— Balance of accumulated Profits retained in Undertaking ...	320,234	1	7	25,950	6	10	49,831	5	2	396,015	13	7
£	954,694	8	5	80,251	16	8	148,943	13	7	1,183,889	18	8

#### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR

DR.	Carlisle.			Gretna.			Cromarty Firth.			Totals.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Interest on claims outstanding (estimated)	38	0	0	—			—			38	0	0
„ Depreciation of Fixed and Loose Plant, Furnishings and Utensils	5,877	0	8	930	16	2	1,050	18	6	7,858	15	4
„ Depreciation of Leasehold Properties ...	55	19	0	—			—			55	19	0
„ Alterations and Improvements to Properties—proportion of cost written off and Addition to Reserve	9,978	12	7	1,885	4	4	2,605	3	6	14,469	0	5
„ Headquarters Administrative Expenses ...	5,197	2	1	503	14	5	769	10	10	6,470	7	4
„ Insurance ...	1,279	16	7	117	0	5	110	15	4	1,507	12	4
„ Reserve for Contingencies ...	2,000	0	0	—			—			2,000	0	0
„ Balance, Profit for year carried down ...	66,689	7	9	4,239	4	9	6,412	13	5	77,341	5	11
	91,115	18	8	7,676	0	1	10,949	1	7	109,741	0	4
„ Cash transmitted during the year, or in course of transmission to the Exchequer ...	64,396	15	0	3,877	12	1	4,665	18	9	72,940	5	10
„ Balance carried to Statement of Assets and Liabilities above	320,234	1	7	25,950	6	10	49,831	5	2	396,015	13	7
£	384,630	16	7	29,827	18	11	54,497	3	11	468,955	19	5

**(LICENSING ACT, 1921).**

AS AT THE 31ST MARCH, 1930.

ASSETS.	Carlisle.	Gretna.	Cromarty Firth.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
I. LAND, BREWERIES, MALTINGS, SPIRIT STORES, LICENSED AND OTHER PROPERTIES (including licence values) and fixed plant, at cost, less depreciation of leaseholds and fixed plant	642,906 18 2	56,129 18 3	115,625 18 3	814,662 14 8
II. ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS, less amounts written off...	174,092 18 9	15,081 10 1	11,478 7 2	200,652 16 0
III. LOOSE PLANT, FURNISHINGS AND UTENSILS, less depreciation	26,055 14 0	3,387 4 9	4,960 11 6	34,403 10 3
IV. STOCKS, at cost or under ... ..	103,832 15 1	5,414 15 4	16,607 5 10	125,854 16 3
V. SUNDRY DEBTORS ...	4,974 17 2	2 6 6	6 16 2	4,983 19 10
VI. CASH at Banks and in hand ... ..	2,831 5 3	236 1 9	264 14 8	3,332 1 8
£	954,694 8 5	80,251 16 8	148,943 13 7	1,183,889 18 8

## THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1930.

CR.	Carlisle.	Gretna.	Cromarty Firth.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Balance from Trading Accounts, after making provision for Rent, Repairs and Renewals; Licence and other Duties (Beer, Spirits, etc.); Taxes (other than Income Tax (Sch. D)); Rates (or contributions in lieu thereof); Managerial and Architectural Staff ... ..	79,211 13 3	6,930 3 2	9,971 7 2	96,113 3 7
„ Balance from Property Account ... ..	11,904 5 5	745 16 11	977 14 5	13,627 16 9
	91,115 18 8	7,676 0 1	10,949 1 7	109,741 0 4
„ Profit for year brought down ... ..	66,689 7 9	4,239 4 9	6,412 13 5	77,341 5 11
„ Amount brought forward, being balance of accumulated Profits retained in Undertaking at 31st March, 1929 ...	317,941 8 10	25,588 14 2	48,084 10 6	391,614 13 6
£	384,630 16 7	29,827 18 11	54,497 3 11	468,955 19 5

J. C. G. SYKES, *Accounting Officer.*

19th August, 1930.