

STATE MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

(LICENSING ACT, 1921)

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st MARCH, 1931

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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 tenth report to be presented in accordance with the requirements of the Act and relates to the year ended 31st March, 1931.

FINANCIAL POSITION.

The financial position of the three districts as at 31st March, 1931, is set out in the Summary of the Accounts printed in the Appendix to this Report.†

The nett profits of the three undertakings for the year ended 31st March, 1931, amounted to £73,069 7s. 9d. (as compared with £77,341 5s. 11d. 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 retail receipts again fell during the year mainly on account of the decreased consumption of intoxicating liquor.

GENERAL.

The geographical limits of the three Districts are defined in the second Schedule to the Licensing Act of 1921. Briefly, the 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 191. 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

* 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, 1931.

the County of Ross and Cromarty, the corresponding figures are 39 and 18.

During the period under review the conduct of the Schemes has been continued on the lines which have been followed since the inception of State Management. In the Carlisle District a commencement was made with the erection of the new premises in Warwick Road which are to replace the Lord Brougham. Work was also in progress on the rebuilding of the Green Bank at Carleton, near Carlisle. The house is being set back by arrangement with the Cumberland County Council for the purpose of widening the main Carlisle-Penrith road. Alterations were undertaken at the Red Lion Hotel in the centre of Carlisle with a view to improving the entrance to the Hotel and at the same time a passenger-lift has been installed. Improved accommodation is being provided at the Royal Oak, Scotby, on the outskirts of the City.

The Carlisle Arms, in the centre of the City, was closed in September, 1930, and, in accordance with the arrangements made with the Corporation of Carlisle, transferred to them for the purpose of a street improvement.

The new Cumberland Inn in Botchergate, Carlisle, the Rose and Crown at Upperby, and the Spinners Arms at Cummersdale, were completed and opened to the public during the year.

The new Cumberland Inn replaces an old and out-of-date building. The new house is externally in the Tudor style with a stone front and stone windows with leaded lights. The interior accommodation consists, on the ground floor, of a public bar with an annexe providing additional accommodation at weekends, and a general smoking room. On the first floor there are two large smoking rooms. The public rooms are finished in oak with panelled walls and beamed ceilings.

The Rose and Crown at Upperby has steep tiled roofs, and whitewashed brick walls with bright green doors and shutters. The accommodation consists of a public bar, a smoking room, and tea room with a separate entrance. The latter room opens on to a loggia overlooking a formal garden. A bowling green is in course of formation at the rear of the house. As a result of the opening of the new house, it has been possible to close the Black Bull Inn at Upperby.

The Spinners Arms, Cummersdale, replaces an inn which had originally been formed out of two small houses, and was no longer adapted to modern requirements. The new house is of brick, lime-whited, with a half-timbered and tile-hung gable. It stands back from the road behind a grass fore-court. The accommodation consists of public bar, smoking room, and tea room.

In all the new houses, provision has been made for comfortable seating accommodation for customers, and the plan has been designed to promote efficiency of service and ease of supervision.

In Scotland, the remodelling of the Cromarty Arms at Cromarty was completed and the house again opened to the public. Before the alterations, the accommodation had consisted of a public bar and two small drinking rooms which in respect both of their planning and accommodation were ill-adapted to modern requirements. The alterations took the form of an entire remodelling of the interior of the building. The accommodation now consists of a spacious and airy public bar and a smoking room with a separate entrance. Arrangements have been made to promote ease of service and supervision and to provide seating accommodation for customers. As a result of these alterations, it was found possible to discontinue the Victoria Bar at Cromarty.

The alterations to the Royal Hotel, Cromarty, have been completed. A good entrance hall and lounge have been provided and the kitchen accommodation has been entirely re-planned. Additional bath rooms have been provided and wash-basins with hot and cold water have been installed in all the bedrooms. The public bar adjoining the hotel has also been improved.

The structural alterations at the Ecclefechan Hotel have been completed. Here a new dining room and lounge have been provided, additional bedrooms have been made available for the public, and the public bar has been remodelled. Improvements have also been effected at the hotels at Kirtlebridge near Annan and Conon Bridge near Dingwall.

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

During the year the Carlisle and District Local Advisory Committee suffered a serious loss by the death of Mr. G. A. Rimington, their Chairman. Mr. Rimington was an original member of the Gretna-Without Local Advisory Committee and on the formation of the Carlisle Local Advisory Committee in August, 1916, he consented to transfer his services to the Carlisle Committee. He was elected Chairman of the Committee in October, 1922, and served continuously in that capacity up to the date of his death. The services which he rendered were of the greatest value to the State Management Scheme.

We have also to report with regret that the Carlisle Local Advisory Committee lost the services of Mr. Alderman Dalton, J.P., who had been for many years a member of the Committee, and whose death occurred in November, 1930, and that Ex-Provost J. Thomson, who had been a member of the Gretna Local Advisory Committee almost from its inception, died in March, 1931.

J. R. CLYNES.

W. ADAMSON.

20th August, 1931.

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, improve- ments and contin- gencies	17,668	10	8	—			1,200	0	0	18,868	10	8
III. SUNDRY CREDITORS AND ACCRUED CHARGES	24,869	2	8	5,196	14	11	7,995	4	7	38,061	2	2
IV. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT— Balance of accumula- ted Profits retained in Undertaking ...	292,122	13	6	25,576	5	6	51,800	10	10	369,499	9	10
£	927,960	6	10	79,973	0	5	150,495	15	5	1,158,429	2	8

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR

DR.	Carlisle.			Gretna.			Cromarty Firth.			Totals.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Interest on claims out- standing (estimated)	38	0	0	—			—			38	0	0
„ Depreciation of Fixed and Loose Plant, Fur- nishings and Utensils	5,691	8	11	947	15	3	1,438	5	0	8,077	9	2
„ Depreciation of Lease- hold Properties ...	55	19	0	—			—			55	19	0
„ Alterations and Im- provements to Proper- ties — proportion of cost written off ...	8,298	5	2	1,207	19	11	1,710	6	2	11,216	11	3
„ Headquarters Admini- strative Expenses ...	5,259	4	4	518	19	2	785	7	8	6,563	11	2
„ Insurance	1,284	7	3	114	5	0	113	16	4	1,512	8	7
„ Reserve for Contin- gencies	250	0	0	—			—			250	0	0
„ Balance, Profit for year carried down ...	62,804	10	3	4,065	2	3	6,199	15	3	73,069	7	9
	83,681	14	11	6,854	1	7	10,247	10	5	100,783	6	11
„ Cash transmitted dur- ing the year, or in course of transmission to the Exchequer ...	90,915	18	4	4,439	3	7	4,230	9	7	99,585	11	6
„ Balance carried to Statement of Assets and Liabilities above	292,122	13	6	25,576	5	6	51,800	10	10	369,499	9	10
£	383,038	11	10	30,015	9	1	56,031	0	5	469,085	1	4

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AS AT THE 31ST MARCH, 1931.

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, <i>less</i> realisations and <i>less</i> depreciation of leaseholds and fixed plant	617,630 11 7	56,034 13 10	115,747 9 3	789,412 14 8
II. ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS, <i>less</i> amounts written off...	183,900 1 9	15,081 10 1	13,428 7 2	212,409 19 0
III. LOOSE PLANT, FURNISHINGS AND UTENSILS, <i>less</i> depreciation	24,965 19 1	3,329 16 11	5,930 7 11	34,226 3 11
IV. STOCKS, at cost or under	94,385 7 8	5,290 16 0	15,110 5 5	114,786 9 1
V. SUNDRY DEBTORS ...	4,195 11 4	9 7 2	7 3 7	4,212 2 1
VI. CASH at Banks and in hand	2,882 15 5	226 16 5	272 2 1	3,381 13 11
£	927,960 6 10	79,973 0 5	150,495 15 5	1,158,429 2 8

THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1931.

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	73,012 12 1	6,179 15 9	9,285 11 5	88,477 19 3
" Balance from Property Account	10,669 2 10	674 5 10	961 19 0	12,305 7 8
	83,681 14 11	6,854 1 7	10,247 10 5	100,783 6 11
" Profit for year brought down	62,804 10 3	4,065 2 3	6,199 15 3	73,069 7 9
" Amount brought forward, being balance of accumulated Profits retained in Undertaking at 31st March, 1930 ...	320,234 1 7	25,950 6 10	49,831 5 2	396,015 13 7
£	383,038 11 10	30,015 9 1	56,031 0 5	469,085 1 4

J. C. G. SYKES, *Accounting Officer.*
29th July, 1931.