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PART VI

EXCHEQUER GRANTS AND OTHER FINANCIAL PROVISIONS.

Discontinued Grants.

85 Discontinuance of grants.

- (1) The grants set out in the Second Schedule to this Act (in this Act referred to as "the Discontinued Grants") shall cease to be payable in respect of any period after the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty.
- (2) For the purposes of this Part of this Act, any part of a discontinued grant paid in any year to a voluntary association (other than the King Edward the Seventh Welsh National Memorial Association) shall be treated as paid in respect of that year, notwithstanding that the amount thereof was based on the expenditure of the association in the preceding year.
- (3) As soon as may be after the appointed day, the Local Taxation Account and the Exchequer Contribution Account of every county and county borough shall be wound up in accordance with such directions as, in the case of the Local Taxation Account, the Treasury, and in the case of the Exchequer Contribution Accounts, the Minister, may give.
- (4) The provisions set out in the Third Schedule to this Act shall, as from the appointed day, have effect with respect to the payments therein mentioned, being payments which immediately before the appointed day were payable out of Local Taxation Accounts, or out of moneys which would have been payable to such accounts or were payments required to be charged to Exchequer Contribution Accounts.
- (5) Where, immediately before the appointed day, there is in force a financial adjustment between any spending authorities with respect to any of the discontinued grants payable to those authorities, such financial adjustment shall, as from the appointed day, cease to have effect, and if and so far as, having regard to the Exchequer Grants

payable under this Part of this Act, any new financial adjustment is necessary, a new financial adjustment on an equitable basis shall be made by agreement between the spending authorities, or, in default of agreement, by a single arbitrator appointed by the Minister.

General Exchequer Contributions.

86 Payment of General Exchequer Contributions.

- (1) There shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament in respect of the year beginning on the appointed day, and each subsequent year, an annual contribution towards local government expenses in counties and county boroughs to be called the " General Exchequer Contribution."
- (2) The amount of the General Exchequer Contribution shall be periodically revised; the amount first fixed shall be for a period of three years beginning on the appointed day, the amount fixed, on the first revision shall be for a period of four years from the expiration of the first period, the amount fixed on any subsequent revision shall be for a period of five years from the expiration of the previous period, and a period for which the General Exchequer Contribution is so fixed is hereinafter referred to as a " fixed grant period."
- (3) The amount of the General Exchequer Contribution shall be the sum of the following amounts, that is to say:
 - an amount equal to the total losses on account of rates of all counties and county boroiighs:
 - an amount equal to the total losses on account of grants of all counties and (b) county boroughs:
 - in respect of each year in the first fixed grant period, five million pounds, and in respect of each year of every following fixed grant period such amount as Parliament may hereafter determine with respect to the fixed grant period so, however, that the proportion which the General Exchequer Contribution for any fixed grant period bears to the total amount of rate and grant borne expenditure in the penultimate year of the preceding fixed grant period shall never be less than the proportion which the General Exchequer Contribution for the first fixed grant period bore to the total amount of rate and grant borne expenditure in the first year of that fixed grant period. In the foregoing provisions of this paragraph—
 - (i) "rate and grant borne expenditure" means the local expenditure which fell to be borne by rates and by grants made under this Part of this Act out of the General Exchequer Contribution; and
 - (ii) if as respects any fixed grant period the Minister certifies that the amount of rate and grant borne expenditure in the penultimate year of that fixed grant period was abnormally increased by reason of any emergency involving the issue of a proclamation under the Emergency Powers Act, 1920, there shall be deemed to be substituted for the reference to the penultimate year of the preceding fixed grant period a reference to the last year preceding the said penultimate year in which no such abnormal expenditure was incurred.

87 Payments out of Road Fund towards General Exchequer Contribution.

- (1) Towards the General Exchequer Contribution there shall at such times and in such manner as the Treasury may direct be paid out of the Road Fund in respect of the year beginning on the appointed day and each subsequent year an annual contribution amounting to the sum of the following amounts, that is to say—
 - (a) a sum equal to the certified amount of discontinued road grants for the standard year; and
 - (b) in respect of each year in the first fixed grant period, eighty ninety-first parts of the sum of three million pounds, and in respect of each year of each following fixed grant period, such sum as Parliament may hereafter determine with respect to the fixed grant period;

and any sum so payable out of the Road Fund shall, in accordance with regulations made by the Treasury, be applied as an appropriation in aid of the moneys to be provided by Parliament for the purposes of the General Exchequer Contribution.

(2) So much of section two of the Roads Act, 1920 as provides for the payment in every year to the Local Taxation Account, out of the sum to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund under that section, of the sum of five hundred and thirty-six thousand nine hundred and fifty-four pounds and eight shillings, shall as from the appointed day cease to have effect.

In respect of each of the years beginning on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight and nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, there shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund or the growing produce thereof and paid thereout to the Road Fund, in addition to the sums paid into that fund under subsection (3) of the said section two, a sum of five hundred and thirty-six thousand nine hundred and fifty-four pounds and eight shillings.

88 Apportionment of General Exchequer Contribution.

- (1) The General Exchequer Contributions shall be apportioned amongst the several counties and county boroughs in manner hereinafter following, that is to say:—
 - (a) during the first four fixed grant periods there shall out of the General Exchequer Contribution for each year be apportioned to each county or county borough an amount equal to the appropriate percentage of the losses on account of rates and grants of the county or county borough:
 - (b) during the first four fixed grant periods the residue, and thereafter the whole, of every General Exchequer Contribution, shall each year be apportioned amongst the several counties and county boroughs in proportion to their weighted populations.
- (2) The amount apportioned under this section to a county shall be called the county apportionment" and the amount so apportioned to a county borough shall be called "the county borough apportionment."

Grants to Counties other than London.

89 General Exchequer Grants to counties.

Out of the county apportionment of every county other than the county of London there shall be set aside such amount as will be sufficient to pay to the councils of

districts situate wholly or partly within the county the sums hereinafter directed to be so set aside; the residue of the county apportionment after such sums as aforesaid have been so set aside, shall be paid to the council of the county and shall be called the "General Exchequer Grant" of that council:

Provided that, if in the case of any county the county apportionment is less than the amount to be so set aside, the deficiency shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament, and the sums so paid shall be treated as part of the county apportionment.

90 Additional Exchequer Grants to counties.

- (1) As respects the first fixed grant period, if in the case of any county the county apportionment falls short of an amount arrived at by adding to the standard sum a sum equivalent to one shilling per head of the estimated population of the county for the standard year, there shall in respect of each year of that fixed grant period be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament to the council of the county a sum equal to the deficiency.
- (2) As respects each subsequent fixed grant period, if in the case of any county the county apportionment falls short of the standard sum increased by the greater of the two following sums, that is to say—
 - (a) a sum equivalent to one shilling per head of the estimated population of the county for the appropriate year;
 - (b) a sum equivalent to one-third of the excess of the county apportionment for the period in question over what would have been the county apportionment for the period in question had the General Exchequer Contribution for that period been the same as the General Exchequer Contribution for the first fixed grant period;

there shall in respect of each year of the fixed grant period in question be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament to the council of the county a sum equal to the deficiency.

- (3) For the purposes of this section, the standard sum as respects any county shall be the amount of the loss on account of rates and grants of that county, so, however, that—
 - (a) if, for the fixed grant period in question the General Exchequer Contribution is less than the General Exchequer Contribution for the first fixed grant period, the standard sum shall be the said amount reduced proportionately to such diminution in the General Exchequer Contribution;
 - (b) if for the fixed grant period in question the weighted population of the county is less than the weighted population of the county for the first fixed grant period adjusted as regards unemployment, the standard sum shall be the said amount reduced (or if a reduction therein has been made under paragraph (a) of this subsection, that reduced amount further reduced) proportionately to such diminution in weighted population.
- (4) In this section the expression "adjusted as regards unemployment" means calculated as if the appropriate' multiple mentioned in Rule 2 of Part III of the Fourth Schedule to this Act had been the multiple appropriate to the fixed grant period in question, and not the multiple appropriate to the first fixed grant period.
- (5) The sum payable out of moneys provided by Parliament to the council of a county under this section in respect of any year shall be called the "Additional Exchequer Grant" of that council.

Grants to County Districts.

91 General Exchequer Grants to districts.

- (1) The sum to be set aside out of the count)' apportionment for payments to the councils of districts shall be such sum as is required to provide for each district wholly or partly within the county a sum calculated for each fixed grant period in accordance with the rules set out in Part IV of the Fourth Schedule to this Act upon the basis of the estimated population of the district or the part of the district within the county, as the case may be, together with such sums as are under the two sections of this Act next following required to be so set aside.
- (2) There shall be paid in respect of each year to the council of a district the sums so set aside in respect of the district subject to such additions and deductions as are in pursuance of the provisions hereinafter contained required for adjusting losses and gains of areas in the district, and the sum so payable to the council of the district shall be called the "General Exchequer Grant" of that council.

92 Compensation for losses on account of special and parish rates.

- (1) Where in the standard year a special or parish rate is levied in any area within a rural district, the loss on account of that rate shall be ascertained in accordance with the rules set out in Part I of the Fourth Schedule to this Act, and—
 - (a) the sum to be set aside out of the county apportionment in respect of the rural district and payable to the council thereof shall in respect of each year during the first four fixed grant periods be increased by a sum equal to the appropriate percentage of the loss of the area on account of the special or parish rate; and
 - (b) there shall be payable to the council of the district by the council of the county, in each year during the first and second fixed grant periods a sum equal to twenty-five per cent. of that loss, and thereafter such sum as the council of the county may determine.
- (2) Any sum paid to a rural district council under this section shall be applied by the council to such purposes and in such manner as may be prescribed.

93 Schemes as to maternity and child welfare.

As respects any county in which there is a district the council of which have established a maternity and child welfare committee under the Maternity and Child Welfare Act, 1918, the Minister shall before the beginning of each fixed grant period, after consultation with the councils of the county and of the district, make a scheme for increasing the sum to be set aside out of the county apportionment in respect of the district by such amount as he thinks fit, having regard to the expenditure which will be defrayed by the council of the district upon services in connection with maternity and child welfare; and where such a scheme is made, the sum to be set aside out of the county apportionment in respect of the district shall be increased accordingly.

94 Supplementary Exchequer Grants to districts.

(1) For the purpose of adjusting as between separately rated areas in any county any decreases and increases in the poundage of rates (other than special and parish rates) due to the operation of Parts I, III, V and; VI of this Act during the period of nineteen

years beginning on the appointed day, the following provisions shall have effect during that period:—

- (a) there shall be ascertained in accordance with the rules set out in the Fifth Schedule to this Act as respects every separately rated area in the county whether the operation of Parts I, III, V and VI of this Act would, apart from this section, result in a gain or loss to the area and the amount of the gain or loss:
- (b) in respect of each area as respects which a loss is disclosed there shall be added to the sum which, apart from this section, would be payable as the General Exchequer Grant of the council of the district in which the area is situate the following amounts, that is to say, for the year beginning on the appointed day and each of the four following years, an amount equal to the full amount of the loss, and for each of the next succeeding fourteen years an amount less than the amount so added in the preceding year by a sum equal to one-fifteenth of the amount added for the year beginning on the appointed day:
- (c) the sum required for providing such additions as are mentioned in the last foregoing paragraph shall not be met by setting aside any sum out of the county apportionment, but the said sum shall be contributed:—
 - (i) as to one moiety thereof, by payments out of moneys provided by Parliament;
 - (ii) as to the other moiety thereof, by deducting from the amounts allocated to the several districts out of the county apportionment on the basis of estimated population contributions to the said moiety proportionate to the amount of the gain of the separately rated areas in their respective districts as respects which such a gain is disclosed:
 - Provided that any sum by which any such contribution would in the case of any district exceed the amount so allocated shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament:
- (d) the Minister shall make regulations for securing that the grants under this Part of this Act paid to the several districts shall be distributed in such manner as to effect the objects of this section.
- (2) The sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament to the council of any district under this section in respect of any year shall be called the "Supplementary Exchequer Grant" of that council.
- (3) As respects districts which are not divided into two or more separately rated areas, the reference in this section to "the district in which the area is situate "shall be construed as a reference to the district, and the reference to "the separately rated areas in districts "shall be construed as a reference to districts.

Grants to County Boroughs.

95 General Exchequer Grants to county boroughs.

The whole of every county borough apportionment shall be paid to the council of the county borough and the sum so paid shall be called the "General Exchequer Grant " of that council.

96 Additional Exchequer Grants to county boroughs.

- (1) There shall be ascertained in accordance with the rules set out in the Fifth Schedule to this Act as respects every county borough, whether the operation of Parts I, V and VI of this Act would apart from this and the next following section result in a gain or loss to the borough and the amount of the gain or loss:
 - Provided that, if a county borough comprises two or more separately rated areas, the gain or loss of each area shall be so ascertained, and the gain or loss of the county borough as a whole shall be the amount by which the gains exceed the losses or the losses the gains of the several areas.
- (2) Section ninety of this Act shall apply to county boroughs as if for references to counties and the county apportionment there were substituted references to county boroughs and the county borough apportionment, and as if for the words " the amount of the loss on account of rates and grants of that county " there were substituted the words " an amount equal to the county borough apportionment for the first fixed grant period increased by the loss or reduced by the gain of the borough as a whole, as ascertained under subsection (1) of section ninety-six of this Act. "

97 Payment of Supplementary Exchequer Grants to county boroughs.

- (1) Where a county borough comprises two or more separately rated areas, then for the purpose of adjusting as between those separately rated areas any decrease and increase of the poundage of rates due to the operation of Parts I, V and VI of this Act during the period of nineteen years beginning on the appointed day, the following provisions shall have effect during that period:—
 - (a) there shall be ascertained in accordance with the rules set out in the Fifth Schedule to this Act as respects every separately rated area in the county borough whether the operation of Parts I, V and VI of this Act would, apart from this and the last preceding section, result in a gain or loss to the area, and the amount of the gain or loss:
 - (b) if a loss is disclosed as respects any one or more of such areas, and the Additional Exchequer Grant (if any) of the county borough is an amount less than one-half of the aggregate amount of such losses, there shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament to the council of the county borough the following amounts, that is to say:—
 - (i) for the year beginning on the appointed day and each of the four following years such sum as, together with the amount of the Additional Exchequer Grant (if any), is equal to one-half of the said aggregate amount of such losses;
 - (ii) for each of the next succeeding fourteen years an amount less than the amount payable for the preceding year by a sum equal to one-fifteenth of the amount payable for the year beginning on the appointed day:
 - (c) the Minister shall make regulations for securing that the grants under this Part of this Act paid to the council of the county borough shall be applied towards making good to areas with respect to which a loss is disclosed the amount of such loss or of part thereof in such manner as to effect the objects of this section.
- (2) The sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament to the council of a county borough under this section in respect of any year shall be called the "Supplementary Exchequer Grant" of that council.

Grants to the County of London, to the City of London and to Metropolitan Boroughs.

98 General Exchequer Grants in London.

- (1) Out of the county apportionment of the county of London there shall be set aside a sum sufficient to provide for the payment to the common council of the City of London and the council of each metropolitan borough of—
 - (a) a sum equal to the appropriate percentage of the losses on account of rates and grants of the council:
 - (b) a sum equal to one-third of the sum which would have been apportioned to the city or borough under paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section eighty-eight of this Act had it been a county borough and the weighted population thereof calculated without any increase under Rule 2 of the rules set out in Part III of the Fourth Schedule to this Act.
- (2) The residue of the county apportionment of the county of London after such sums as aforesaid have been set aside shall be paid to the London County Council, and shall be called the "General Exchequer Grant" of that council.
- (3) There shall be paid in respect of each year to the common council and the council of each metropolitan borough a sum equal to the sums so set aside as aforesaid in respect of the City or borough, and the sum so payable to any such council shall be called the "General Exchequer Grant" of that council.
- (4) The London (Equalisation of Rates) Act, 1894, shall cease to have effect as from the appointed day.

99 Additional Exchequer Grants in London.

The provisions of this Part of this Act relating to the calculation and payment of Additional Exchequer Grants to counties shall apply to the county of London as they apply to all other counties.

100 Payment of Supplementary Exchequer Grants in London.

- (1) For the purpose of adjusting as between separately rated areas in the county of London any decrease and increase in the poundage of rates due to the operation of Parts I, V and VI of this Act, during the period of nineteen years beginning on the appointed day, the following provisions shall have effect during that period:—
 - (a) there shall be ascertained in accordance with the rules set out in the Fifth Schedule to this Act as respects every separately rated area in the county, whether the operation of Parts I, V and VI of this Act would, apart from this section, result in a gain or loss to the area, and the amount of the gain or loss;
 - (b) in the case of every such area with respect to which a loss is disclosed, the amount which would otherwise be contributed by the area towards the amount required to be levied by rate for general county purposes shall be reduced by crediting to the area the following amounts, that is to say:—
 - (i) for the year beginning on the appointed day and each of the four following years the full amount of the loss;
 - (ii) for each succeeding year the amount credited in the preceding year, subject to a deduction of one-fifteenth of the full amount of the loss:

- (c) the deficiency in the revenue from rates resulting in any year to the London County Council by reason of the provisions of the last foregoing paragraph shall be met—
 - (i) as to one moiety thereof by payments out of moneys provided by Parliament; and
 - (ii) as to the other moiety thereof, by debiting to each area as respects which a gain is disclosed an amount proportionate to the amount of that gain and by increasing the amount which would otherwise be contributed as aforesaid by the area by the amount so debited.
- (2) The sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament to the London County Council under this section in respect of any year shall be called the "Supplementary Exchequer Grant" of that council.

Contributions of Councils in respect of Public Health Services.

101 Contributions by councils to voluntary associations in respect of maternity and child welfare.

- (1) It shall be the duty of the council of every county (other than the county of London) and of every county borough six months at least before the beginning of each fixed grant period to prepare and submit to the Minister for his approval a scheme for securing the payment by the council of annual contributions towards the expenses of voluntary associations, if any, providing maternity and child welfare services in or for the benefit of the county or county borough.
- (2) The scheme shall provide—
 - (a) for the payment to any such association whose services were immediately before the appointed day approved by the Minister of such annual contribution in respect of those services (not being less than a sum to be determined by the Minister) as may be specified in the scheme; and
 - (b) for the payment to any such association in respect of any services not so approved, which are utilised by the council, of such annual contribution as may be specified in the scheme.
- (3) The Minister may approve a scheme submitted under this section either with or without modifications, and if any such council fans to prepare and submit to the Minister such a scheme within the time allowed for the purpose, the Minister may himself make a scheme.
- (4) A scheme made by the council of a county under the foregoing provisions of this section shall determine whether and to what extent the services provided by any voluntary association are such that contributions thereto should be paid by the council of a district in the county who have established a maternity and child welfare committee under the Maternity fund Child Welfare Act, 1918; and where the scheme provides for such contributions being made by the council of any district, a copy thereof shall be sent to that council by the county council when the scheme is submitted to the Minister and it shall be the duty of the council of the district to prepare and submit to the Minister, within three months after the receipt of the said copy, a scheme for the payment of such contributions by the council; and the foregoing subsections shall, with the necessary adaptations, apply accordingly.

- (5) If upon representations made by any voluntary association it appears to the Minister that the association proposes to provide or to extend maternity and child welfare services in or for the benefit of a county or county borough subject to contributions or increased contributions being made to the association under any scheme for the time being in operation under this section, and that it is, therefore, expedient that any such scheme should be altered, the Minister may, after considering the representations in consultation with the council of the county or county borough, so alter the scheme as to provide for such contributions or increased contributions as he considers just, and may also make such consequential alterations, if any, as he considers desirable in any scheme made under this section by the council of any district affected.
- (6) As respects the county of London, the Minister shall before the beginning of each fixed grant period, after consultation with the councils concerned, make a scheme determining, in relation to voluntary associations providing maternity and child welfare services, which of those services are to be treated as services in respect of which the London County Council are to contribute and which are services in respect of which the common council of the City of London and the councils of the metropolitan boroughs are to contribute; and the scheme shall provide for the payment during the fixed grant period to the association by the several councils of contributions of such amounts as may be specified in the scheme.

102 Contributions by councils to voluntary associations in respect of other health services.

- (1) The Minister shall before the beginning of each fixed grant period after consultation with the county and county borough councils concerned or with the associations representing those councils make a scheme providing for payment of contributions of such amounts as may be specified in the scheme to any voluntary association which provides services for the welfare of the blind by the councils of counties and county boroughs in which are resident blind persons for whose benefit those services are provided.
 - This subsection shall apply to the City of London as if it were a county borough and the common council were the council of a county borough.
- (2) The Minister shall before the beginning of each fixed grant period, after consultation with the county and county borough councils concerned or with the associations representing those councils, make a scheme providing for the payment of contributions by councils of counties and county boroughs of such amounts as may be specified in the scheme to voluntary associations which undertake the duty of assisting or supervising defectives whilst not in institutions.
- (3) The Minister shall before the beginning of each fixed grant period, after consultation with the councils of counties and county boroughs in Wales and Monmouthshire, make a scheme for the payment by those councils to the King Edward the Seventh Welsh National Memorial Association of contributions of such amount as may be specified in the scheme towards the expenses of the services in connection with the treatment of persons suffering from tuberculosis provided by the association.

General.

103 Payment of grants.

The grants under this Part of this Act shall be payable to the councils entitled thereto at such times and in such manner as the Treasury may direct.

104 Power to reduce grants.

The Minister may reduce the grant payable in respect of any year under this Part of this Act to any council by such amount as he thinks just, if,—

- (a) he is satisfied, either upon representations made to him by any association or other body of persons experienced or interested in matters relating to public health or without any such representations that the council have failed to achieve or maintain a reasonable standard of efficiency and progress in the discharge of their functions relating to public health services, regard being had to the standards maintained in other areas whose financial resources and other relevant circumstances are substantially similar, and that the health or welfare of the inhabitants of the area of the council or some of them has been or is likely to be thereby endangered; or
- (b) he is satisfied that the expenditure of the council has been excessive and unreasonable, regard being had to the financial resources and other relevant circumstances of the area; or
- (c) the Minister of Transport certifies that he is satisfied that the council have failed to maintain their roads or any part thereof in a satisfactory condition:

Provided that, whenever the Minister makes such a reduction, he shall make and cause to be laid before Parliament a report stating the amount of the reduction, and the reasons therefor.

105 Application of Exchequer Grants, & c.

Subject to the provisions of this Part of this Act, all sums received by a county council by way of General or Additional Exchequer Grant or of proceeds of local taxation licence duties shall be applicable to general county purposes.

Power of Minister to pay council's contributions to voluntary associations out of sums payable as General Exchequer Grant.

Upon application being made to the Minister by the council of any county or county borough requesting that the contributions of the council towards the expenses of any voluntary association having as its object the promotion of public health services may be paid directly to the association out of the amount payable as the General Exchequer Grant of the council, the Minister may pay such contributions accordingly, and any sums so paid shall be deemed to have been paid as part of that grant.

107 Government property.

For the purposes of this Part of this Act, any contribution made by the Crown in aid of rates in respect of any premises occupied by or on behalf of the Crown for public purposes shall be treated as money paid as rates, and, in the case of any premises which, if in rateable occupation, would be agricultural, industrial or freight transport

hereditaments, the value upon which that contribution would if this Act had not been passed have been computed for the half-year beginning on the first day of October, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, shall be treated as the unreduced rateable value of the premises and the value on which that contribution is computed for that half-year shall be treated as the reduced rateable value thereof.

108 Power to make regulations.

- (1) The Minister may make regulations for giving effect to the provisions of this Part of this Act and in particular—
 - (a) as to the apportionment for the purposes of this Part of this Act of the expenditure of any joint authority (including the receiver for the metropolitan police district and any assessment committee) amongst the areas liable to contribute to such expenditure, and for the part of the expenditure so apportioned to any area being treated as expenditure of a spending authority for that area for those purposes; and
 - (b) as to the manner in which the amounts of any grants payable under this Part of this Act are to be adjusted if and so far as any such adjustment is required in consequence of any alterations or combinations of authorities or alterations of boundaries taking effect on or after the appointed day; and
 - (c) as to the manner in which, subject to the express provisions of this Act, any calculation or estimate is to be made for the purposes of this Part of this Act, and as to the authority or person by or to whom any information required for the purposes of any such calculation or estimate is to be given, and as to the time at which and the form in which it is to be given; and, in particular, the regulations as to the manner in which expenditure falling to be borne by rates is to be calculated or estimated may provide for that expenditure being taken in appropriate cases to be the amount of the payments made in any year, and may provide for such adjustment as may be necessary to correct any abnormal treatment of income or expenditure in accounts; and
 - (d) for prescribing anything which, under this Part of this Act or under the Schedules therein referred to, is to be prescribed.
- (2) The Local Government (Adjustments) Act, 1913, shall as from the appointed day have effect as if in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section one thereof for the reference to the Estate Duty Grant, and the residue under section one of the Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Act, 1890, mentioned in that paragraph, there was substituted a reference to the grants payable under this Part of this Act, and as if for the rules contained in Part I of the Schedule thereto there were substituted the regulations made under paragraph (b) of the last foregoing subsection of this section.
- (3) Regulations made under paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of this section shall make provision for securing that where proposals for the development, of institutional treatment for their area were submitted to the Minister by the council of any county or county borough at such a date that grants in aid of capital expenditure on institutions to be provided thereunder are payable in accordance with the directions of the Treasury, then, if the execution of the proposals was delayed by the directions of the Minister and liabilities in connection with the proposals were incurred by the council with the approval of the Minister before the twelfth day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, and in consequence of the delay the amount of any grants paid or payable to the council for the standard year is less than the amount thereof which would otherwise have been so payable, the amount of the grants paid or payable to

the council in respect of that year shall be estimated and certified as if they had been increased by such amount as may be prescribed.

(4) All regulations made under this Part of this Act shall be laid before Parliament as soon as may be after they are made.

Method of apportionment between authorities of expenditure and grants, for purposes of Fourth and Fifth Schedules.

- (1) Where by the rules contained in the Fourth and Fifth Schedules to this Act the expenditure of any authority is required to be apportioned between the several counties or county boroughs into which the area of the authority extends, the apportionment shall be made—
 - (a) in the case of expenditure in respect of roads other than loan charges, in proportion to the certified mileage of transferred roads in the parts of the area within the several counties;
 - (b) in the case of expenditure of a board of guardians other than loan charges, in proportion to the number certified as being the estimated number of persons in receipt of poor relief assignable by reason of residence to the parts of the area within the several counties and county boroughs;
 - (c) in the case of the expenditure in respect of loan charges, in proportion to the reduced rateable value of the parts of the area within the several counties and county boroughs.
- (2) Where by the rules contained in the Fourth Schedule to this Act the amounts paid or payable to any authority out of the discontinued grants are required to be apportioned, the apportionment shall be made—
 - (a) in the case of grants in respect of roads, in proportion to the certified mileage of roads in respect of which the grants were made in the parts of the area within the several counties;
 - (b) in the case of grants to any voluntary association which carries on services for the welfare of the blind, in proportion to the number certified as being the estimated number of beneficiaries of the association ordinarily resident within the jurisdiction of the several authorities;
 - (c) in the case of any grants other than the grants hereinbefore in this subsection mentioned, on such basis as the Minister may by order direct.

110 Investigation of working of rules of Fourth Schedule, Parts III and IV, and of s.98(1)(6).

The Minister shall, before the expiration of the second fixed grant period, in consultation with such associations of local authorities as appear to him to be concerned and with any local authority with whom consultation appears to him to be desirable, cause an investigation to be made into the working of the rules contained in Parts III and IV of the Fourth Schedule to this Act, and of the provisions of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section ninety-eight of this Act, and shall cause a report of the result of the investigation to be laid before Parliament.

Transitory Provisions.

Power to adjust grants in respect of alteration of authorities or boundaries before 1st April 1930.

Where after the commencement of the standard year, and before the appointed day, any alteration of authorities or boundaries affecting any county, county borough or district, or any separately rated area, takes place, the Minister may make such equitable adjustments of the amounts of the grants payable under this Part of this Act as he may deem necessary in consequence of such alteration.

Provisions as to rates and precepts and grants in respect of loss of rates during transitory period.

- (1) For the purposes of any rate to be made or precept to be issued in respect of any period between the thirtieth day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, and the appointed day, an authority in estimating the amount which would be produced by a rate of a penny in the pound, or in determining the amount in the pound of any rate to be made or precept to be issued by them, or in making any apportionment between two or more rating areas, shall not take into account the reduction in rateable values due to the operation of Part V of this Act, or the amount of any payment to be received under this section, and for the purpose of ascertaining the amount due under any precept to which subsection (2) of section nine of the Rating and Valuation Act, 1925, applies, the amount produced by the rate of the amount in the pound specified in the precept shall be taken to be the amount which would have been so produced if the said Part V had not been passed.
- (2) There shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament to every rating authority a sum equal to the amount estimated and certified as being the difference between the sum receivable by the rating authority as the proceeds of rates in respect of the period between the thirtieth day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, and the appointed day, and the sum which would have been so receivable if the rateable value of the rating area from time to time had been calculated in accordance with the enactments which were in force immediately before the commencement of this Act:

Provided that if the Minister is satisfied that the amount in the pound of the rates levied by any rating authority in respect of that period has been abnormally increased by reason of charges not ordinarily falling to be borne by rates having been imposed thereon, the sum payable to the rating authority under this subsection shall be such sum as may be estimated and certified as the sum which would have been so payable if the said amount in the pound had not been so increased as aforesaid.