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EXPLANATORY NOTES.

The present volume treats of the classification of the population by ages and gives information regarding the age distribution of the population in the different areas of the country. In later volumes will be presented particulars of the persons in each age group classified according to occupation, industry, religion, birthplace, etc.

Classification by ages is of the utmost importance and the provision of age particulars in the most accurate form obtainable is a matter to which great attention is given at Census inquiries. At the Censuses of 1926 and 1936 the householder was asked to state the age of each person in the household in years and months. Prior to the inquiry of 1926 it had been the practice to obtain statistics of age from a statement on the Census Schedule of the number of completed years of age at Census date. For the Census of Population, 1946, particulars of date of birth of each person were requested and the summarization of these particulars gives results of a more accurate nature than were available heretofore.

The tendency, evident at previous Censuses, of furnishing ages which grouped at 30, 40, 50, etc., and in a lesser way at 25, 35, etc., has to a large extent been counteracted by the introduction of date of birth as a means of recording age. The following figures, showing the number of males in 1926, 1936 and 1946, respectively recorded at particular ages, reflects a considerable improvement.

Age			1926		1936		1946
29	...	...	18,001	...	19,893	...	21,268
30	...	...	26,271	...	22,324	...	20,501
31	...	...	14,666	...	16,598	...	21,168
39	...	...	14,550	...	17,728	...	19,469
40	...	...	28,589	...	22,490	...	18,124
41	...	...	11,702	...	14,699	...	16,875
49	...	...	13,838	...	14,695	...	17,608
50	...	...	31,170	...	21,168	...	16,309
51	...	...	11,135	...	12,650	...	14,308
59	...	...	9,641	...	13,688	...	14,386
60	...	...	20,141	...	18,370	...	12,818
61	...	...	6,720	...	10,987	...	11,956

Where particulars of age were not entered on the Schedules separate consideration was given to each case and an age was assumed which was based on the other information shown on the schedule. Such cases were relatively few.

MARRIAGE OR ORPHANHOOD.

For children under 15 years information was sought regarding the parents: whether both parents were alive, father dead, mother dead, or both parents dead. In an appreciable number of cases this information was not available or not given and consequently the tables published show a column for "orphanhood not stated,"

CONJUGAL CONDITION.

Information regarding conjugal condition was sought in respect of persons 15 years of age and over, *i.e.*, whether single, married, widower or widow. In addition to the actual figures for these categories the tables in this volume show the number of single persons in each age group expressed as a percentage of the total in that age group.

FERTILITY OF MARRIAGE.

For each married woman information as to the number of children born to the existing marriage was collected and will be published in a volume relating to Fertility of Marriage. For married men, widowers and widows particulars of the number of dependent children under 16 years of age were compiled and will be shown in a report dealing with Dependency.

LIFE TABLE.

The Life Tables based upon Census of Population figures classified by ages and on statistics of deaths published by the Registrar-General, are included as Tables 21 and 22. They are accompanied by a memorandum explaining the method of computation.

AGE LAST BIRTHDAY.

In setting out the tables in this report the ages shown in all cases represent the age last birthday, *e.g.*, in Table 15 persons shown as in the age group 15-19 have reached their fifteenth birthday but are under 20 years of age.