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SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 30 June 1962

The Executive Board of the Institute has acquired two new members during the year. At the Ordinary General Meeting of the Institute, held on 16 November 1961, Professor J. Meenan, Professor of Political Economy, University College Dublin, was elected as permitted by Articles 34 and 36 of the Articles of Association. During the year Professor S. R. Dennison, on his appointment to the Chair of Economics at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, resigned from the Board and at a Meeting of the Executive Board Professor R. D. C. Black, Department of Economics, The Queen's University, Belfast, was appointed to fill the vacancy according to Article 38 of the Articles of Association.

The activities of the Institute during the past year may be listed under the heads of papers which have actually been published or are in preparation, work for Government Departments, training activities and conferences in which members of the Institute staff participated or intend to participate etc. Papers comprise the following:—

E. T. Nevin: "The Ownership of Personal Property in

Ireland." (Paper No. 1.) (Published.)

A. Kuehn: "Short Term Economic Forecasting and its

Application in Ireland." (Paper No. 2.) (Published.)

E. T. Nevin: "The Irish Tariff and the E.E.C.: A Factual

Survey." (Paper No. 3.) (Published.)

- C. E. V. Leser: "Demand Relationships in Ireland." (Paper No. 4.) (Published.)
- D. Walker: "Local Government Finance in Ireland. A Preliminary Survey." (Paper No. 5.) (Pub-

lished.)

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A. Kuehn: "Prospects of the Irish Economy in 1962."

(Paper No. 6.) (Published.)

R. C. Geary: "The Irish Woollen and Worsted Industry, 1946-1959: A Study in Statistical Method."

(In press.)

R. C. Geary and "Elements of Linear Programming with M. D. McCarthy: Economic Illustrations." (Ready for press.)

D. Walker: "The Allocation of Public Funds for Social Development." (Ready for press.)

E. T. Nevin: "Public Debt and Economic Development.
(Passed by referee.)

D. J. Reynolds: "Inland Transport in Ireland—A Factual Survey." (Passed by referee.)

E. T. Nevin: "The Irish Price Level: A Comparative Study."
(With referee.)

A. Kuehn and "A Preliminary Survey of the Fuel and Power

D. J. Reynolds: Problem in Ireland." (In preparation.)

D. J. Reynolds: "The Future of Transport in Ireland." (In preparation.)

D. Walker: "A Study of Inflationary Influences in Ireland."
(In preparation.)

E. A. Attwood, "The Economic Status of Irish Counties."
P. Morrissey and (In preparation.)

R. C. Gcary:

E. T. Nevin: "Wages in the Irish Industrial Cost Structure." (In preparation.)

C. E. V. Leser: "Price and Income Elasticities Based on Time Series." (In preparation.)

Copies of all papers are circulated to Institute Governors.

R. C. Geary acted as editor of a book entitled "Europe's Future in Figures" (North-Holland Publishing Company) by a group of European scholars, which was published in June 1962. R. C. Geary's chapter has been published in the Institute's Reprint Series.

Industrial Sample Surveys of the present position and the prospects in Irish Industry were initiated by Dr. Kuehn and quarterly stencilled issues were circulated to Government Departments, Institute Governors and other interested persons.

Work for Government Departments

The Memorandum of Association provides that research may be undertaken by the Institute on behalf of the Government. To date two such tasks have been assigned:

- (a) An investigation into local government finance in Ireland;
- (b) Economic growth possibilities in Ireland.

The paper cited above by D. Walker "Local Government Finance in Ireland. A Preliminary Survey," is the first of a series pertaining to (a). In this connection, also, a study on the economic status of Irish counties has now been initiated (E. A. Attwood, R. C. Geary and P. Morrissey). A series of short papers has already been prepared in response to (b) dealing with the macro-economic effects. The Committee on Industrial Organisation has also referred certain problems to the Institute. E. T. Nevin has produced a number of studies for this project and is continuing in this investigation.

Training Activities

D. Walker delivered a course of four lectures to about 40 honours students in economics from the two Dublin Universities, in May 1962, in the Institute's Lecture Theatre. During the present year it is hoped that lectures will be given by staff of the Institute to students of all the University Colleges.

Theses under the direction of the Research Staff are in preparation by :—

- J. McGilvray, Bursary Holder: "Input-Output Relationships."
- J. Guinan, Scholarship Holder: "The Future of Irish Agriculture."

Conferences

Conferences in which the Institute or individual staff members were concerned comprise:—

Meetings with French Planners, 4-6 April 1962. Jointly organised by the Economic Research Institute and the Institute of Public Administration, this Conference was attended by Messieurs Pierre Massé and Claude Gruson, of the Commissariat Général du Plan in France.

Joint European Conference of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics, the Institute of Management Sciences, the Econometric Society, with Participation of Fellows of the Royal Statistical Society, 3-7 September 1962 for which the Institute will act as host. The following papers by Institute staff members have been prepared for this meeting:—

R. C. Geary: "Some Remarks about Relations between

Stochastic Variables: A Discussion Document."

C. E. V. Leser: "Forms of Engel Functions."

Conference activities in which the individual staff members

R. C. Geary: Birmingham University, Lecture Tour, June

Meeting of the International Association of Research in Income and Wealth, Tutzing, August 1961.

International Input-Output Conference, Geneva, September 1961.

ASEPELT Conference, Brussels, June 1962.

A. Kuehn: Conference of l'Association d'Institut Européenc

de Conjoncture Economique, Rome, October 1961 and Liege, April 1962.

E. T. Nevin: Conference of International Institute of Public

Finance, Warsaw, September 1961.

D. J. Reynolds: University of London, Lectures, February 1962.
University of Oxford, Lectures, February 1962.

D. Walker: Paper for UN Conference on Social Aspects of Development Planning in the Arab States.

Beirut, November 1961.

University of Oxford, Lectures, January 1962. Association of University Teachers, Conference, March 1962

London School of Economics, Lectures, March 1962.

Nyasaland Economic Symposium, July 1962. For this Conference Mr. Walker has prepared a paper entitled Development Planning which will probably appear in the Reprint series of the Institute.

The Second Congress of the International Economic Association, Vienna, September 1962.

C. E. V. Leser: Royal Statistical Society Conference, 14-16 September 1962.

Labour-Management Relations

The Executive Board has initiated a project on Labour-Management Relations in Ireland. Professor A. Beacham (University

College of Wales, Aberystwyth) visited the Institute in May 1962 for consultation. It is hoped that Professor Beacham will continue to be associated with the project in an advisory capacity. Arrangements are being made for the recruitment of research staff for the project.

Visiting Lecturers

Professor J. R. Hicks (Oxford University) and Mrs. Ursula K. Hicks expect to visit Dublin under Institute auspices to lecture and for consultation, September 1962.

Education

The Director has accepted an invitation to act on the Steering Committee of the Pilot Study on long term needs for educational resources which is being sponsored by OECD.

Membership

The Institute has 168 Individual Governors and 76 Corporate Governors. The Executive Board proposes to extend membership during the year, especially corporate membership. Appendix A gives the names and addresses of Individual and Corporate Governors of the Institute.

Accounts

The Income and Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet and Auditors Report for the year ending 30 June 1962 are set out in Appendix B. The total expenditure exceeds the previous period by £15,310 which reflects the greatly increased activities of the Institute during the past year. In addition to the Ford Foundation grant of £19,935, membership subscriptions amounted to £2,719, Interest Receivable £994 and the Irish Government recouped the Institute for Rent £739 and also provided Furniture and Equipment to the value of £2,131.

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Northern Bank Ltd., Belfast, Northern Ireland.

O'Donnell Earl & Partners Ltd., 22 Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2.

Paul & Vincent Ltd., Blackhall Place, Dublin 7.

John Player & Sons, W. D. & H. O. Wills, Wm. Clarke & Son, South Circular Road, Dublin 8.

John Power & Son Ltd., John's Lane Distillery, Dublin 8.

Provincial Bank of Ireland Ltd., 5 College Street, Dublin 2. Roadstone Ltd., Naas Road, Dublin 12.

P. J. Roche & Sons Ltd., The Maltings, Enniscorthy, County Wexford.

The Royal Bank of Ireland Ltd., Box 123, Foster Place, Dublin 2. Thomas De La Rue & Co. Ltd., The Richview Press, Clonskeagh, Dublin.

E. Smithwick & Sons Ltd., St. Francis' Abbey Brewery, Kilkenny. Sunbeam Wolsey Ltd., Millfield, Co. Cork.

F. H. Thompson & Son Ltd., 53 Mac Curtain Street, Cork.

Ulster Bank Ltd., Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Weir & Sons (Dublin) Ltd., 96 Grafton Street, Dublin 2.

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(COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE AND NOT HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL) INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE (YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1962)

1961 £ 100 92 176 4,940 601 — 113 396 200 281 146 25 97 20 56 5 5 3 3 5	Opening Ceremony Registration Expenses Fees to Visiting Professors Salarics Wages Scholarship and Bursary Superannuation Travelling Expenses Rent Stationery Advertising Printing Telephone Postages Insurances Audit Fee Bank Charges Subscriptions General Expenses French Planning Labour Management Project	£ s. d. —————————————————————————————————	£	S	d.	1961 £ 19,902 — 653	Grant from Ford Foundation in respect of Expenses Government Grant in respect of Rent Membership Subscriptions Interest Receivable Sale of Publications	£ s. 19,934 16 739 6 2,719 2 993 18 48 7	0 10
	French Planning]			
_	Joint European Conference	18 0 0							
119		16 9 10			- 1				
	Maintenance Office Machines	29 17 0	1				ļ		
-	Refereeing of Papers	52 10 0	22,830	1	0	. !			
	Depreciation:		22,030	1	7]			
410	Furniture and Equipment	573 0 1					· ·		
-	Library Books	71 3 7	644	1	8				
12,624	Excess of income over Ex-		044	J	U				
	Balance Sheet		961	6	4				
£20,555		*	£24,435	11	9	£20,555		£24,435 11	9

THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE AND NOT HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL) BALANCE SHEET 30TH JUNE, 1962

1961 £	Current Liabilities	£ s. d.	£	s. d.	1961 £	Fixed Assets	£	s. d.	£	s.	d.
1,565	Members' Subscriptions in advance	22 0 0			4,011	Furniture and Equipment at Cost	3.600	0 0	i		
274	Sundry Creditors and Expenses Accrued	411 6 5	433	6 5		Additions during year at Cost	2,131	0 1			
4,011	Capital Balance at 1st July, 1961 Grant Receivable from	16,634 16 3	355000	0 3	411	Less: Depreciation	5,731 573	0 1 0 1	5,158	0	n
12,624	Government in respect of Furniture, etc Excess of Income over	2,131 0 1			3,600 337	Library Books at Cost at 1st July, 1961	336	17 0	3,130	•	~
	Expenditure for year to date	961 6 4	19,727	2 8		Additions during year at Cost	334	6 7			
			12,121			Less: Depreciation	671 71		600	0	0
									5,758	0	0
					11,850 764	Current Assets Government Security Sundry Debtors and	12,445		,		
		*			1,900 23	Amounts Prepaid Cash in Bank Cash in Hand Stock of Stationery	632 29	3 3 5 11 19 11 0 0			
	•					Divok of blactonery	130		14,402	9	1
£18,474			£20,160	9 1	£18,474				£20,160	9	1

Auditor's Report

We have audited the Balance Sheet of the Economic Research Institute dated 30th June, 1962 as set forth above, and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the Books of the Company.

13th July, 1962.

(Signed) POLDEN ROBINSON & CO.

Chartered Accountants.