

Works Loans Act, 1897 (60 and 61 Vict., c. 51), the Public Works Loans Act, 1918 (8 and 9 Geo. 5, c. 27), the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1919 (9 and 10 Geo. 5, c. 35), the Housing, Town Planning, etc. (Scotland), Act, 1919 (9 and 10 Geo. 5, c. 60), and the Housing Act, 1921 (11 and 12 Geo. 5, c. 19), Their Lordships have been pleased to direct by Their Minute of the 1st instant that on loans advanced from the Local Loans Fund, on and after the 1st May, 1923, there shall be chargeable, in lieu of the rates fixed by the Treasury Minute of the 2nd October, 1922, the following rates of interest, save as regards any loans already agreed to be advanced at rates of interest lower than  $4\frac{3}{4}$  per cent. per annum, in respect of which the rate of interest will be determined by the lending authority having regard to the circumstances of each individual case, but shall not exceed the appropriate rate prescribed by this Minute:—

#### 1.—HOUSING LOANS.

##### (a) Loans in respect of *subsidised* Housing Schemes:—

###### (1) Loans to Local Authorities secured on Local Rates:—

	Rate of Interest. Per cent.
Any period ... ..	$4\frac{3}{4}$

###### (2) Loans to Public Utility Societies as defined by the Housing Acts, 1919 and 1921:—

Not exceeding 50 years ...	$4\frac{3}{4}$
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##### (b) Loans in respect of schemes not receiving subsidy under the Housing Acts:—

###### (1) Loans to Local Authorities secured on Local Rates:—

Any period ... ..	$4\frac{3}{4}$
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###### (2) Loans to Public Utility Societies as defined by the Housing Acts, 1919 and 1921:—

Not exceeding 30 years ...	$4\frac{3}{4}$
Not exceeding 50 years ...	5

###### (3) To Companies and Private Persons limiting their profits to 6 per cent. per annum (subject to Income Tax) and to Companies as defined by Section 4 of the Public Works Loans Act, 1922:—

Not exceeding 30 years ...	$4\frac{3}{4}$
Not exceeding 40 years ...	5

###### (4) To Companies and Private Persons not so limiting their profits to 6 per cent. (subject to Income Tax):—

Not exceeding 30 years ...	$5\frac{1}{2}$
Not exceeding 40 years ...	$5\frac{1}{2}$

###### (5) To Authorised Associations as defined by sub-section 4 of Section 10 of the Housing (Additional Powers) Act, 1919, as amended by Section 6 of the Housing Act, 1921, complying with the terms of any Treasury Minute prescribing conditions under Section 7 of the Housing Act, 1921:—

Not exceeding 30 years ...	$4\frac{3}{4}$
Not exceeding 50 years ...	5

#### II.—OTHER LOANS.

##### (1) Loans to Local Authorities for any purposes of the Small Holdings Acts

and the Allotments Acts, 1908 to 1922:—

	Rate of Interest. Per cent.
Any period ... ..	$4\frac{3}{4}$
(2) Other Loans secured on Local Rates:—	
Not exceeding 30 years ...	$4\frac{3}{4}$
Not exceeding 50 years ...	5
(3) Loans not secured on Local Rates:—	
(a) Loans under the Harbour and Passing Tolls Act, 1861:—	
(i) With collateral security:—	
Not exceeding 30 years ...	$4\frac{3}{4}$
Not exceeding 50 years ...	5
(ii) Without collateral security:—	
Not exceeding 30 years ...	$5\frac{1}{2}$
Not exceeding 50 years ...	$5\frac{1}{2}$
(b) Other Loans not secured on Local Rates (except loans to Territorial Associations, which under Section 6 of the Public Works Loans Act, 1908, bear interest at the rate prescribed for loans on the security of Local Rates):—	
Not exceeding 30 years ...	$5\frac{1}{4}$
Not exceeding 50 years ...	$5\frac{1}{2}$

Treasury Chambers,  
1st May, 1923.

Whitehall, 27th April, 1923.

An Address of Congratulation on the occasion of the Marriage of His Royal Highness The Duke of York to the Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, having been transmitted by the following to the Right Honourable William Clive Bridgeman, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, has been laid before His Majesty, who has been pleased to receive the same very graciously:—

The Town Council of Widnes.

Home Office,

30th April, 1923.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice, pursuant to section 3 (3) of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, that on 23rd April, 1923, he made Rules under the Prison Acts, 1877 and 1898, with respect to the constitution of the Visiting Committee of Cardiff Prison, such Rules to take effect forthwith.

Copies of the Rules may be purchased, either directly or through any bookseller, from H.M. Stationery Office, at the following addresses:—Imperial House, Kingsway, London, W.C. 2; 28, Abingdon Street, London, S.W. 1; 37, Peter Street, Manchester; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff.

The Home Secretary gives notice that, in pursuance of Section 2 (1) of the Employment of Women, Young Persons and Children Act, 1920, he has made an Order authorising the employment on two day-shifts of women and young persons of 16 years of age and over in the Meter Machine Department at the works