

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL INQUIRY SOCIETY OF IRELAND

One Hundred and Twenty-Ninth Session 1975/76

## DUBLIN MEETINGS

### *First Meeting*

The Society met at Academy House, Dawson Street, on Thursday, 23 October 1975, the President, Mr. T. P. Linehan, in the Chair.

Dr. Sean D. Barrett read a paper entitled *The Economic Evaluation of Road Investment in the Republic of Ireland*. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. Blackwell and seconded by Mr. A. Metcalfe. The following also spoke: Mr. J. J. O'Connor, Professor R. O'Connor, Mr. D. McIlraith and Mr. M. McNicholas. Dr. Barrett replied to the discussion.

### *Second Meeting*

The Society met at Academy House, Dawson Street, on Thursday, 20 November 1975, the President, Mr. T. P. Linehan, in the Chair.

There was a Symposium on *Increasing Employment in Ireland* and the following contributed: Kieran A. Kennedy, Michael J. Killeen, Donal Nevin and Derek Chambers. The following also spoke: Mr. Cox, Mr. Cearbhaill, Mr. Walsh, Dr. McAleese, Dr. O'Halloran, Mr. John Raven, Mr. J. Teeling, Mr. L. Connellan, Mr. Cromien and Mr. Donovan. The contributors replied to the discussion.

### *Third Meeting*

The Society met at Academy House, Dawson Street, on Thursday, 15 January 1976, the President, Mr. T. P. Linehan, in the Chair.

Dr. Dermot Walsh presented a paper entitled *The Incidence and Prevalence of Psychiatric Illness in Ireland - A Progress Report*. The vote of thanks was proposed by Professor Geoffrey Bourke and seconded by Professor Brendan O'Donnell. The following also spoke: Mr. T. P. Linehan and Professor R. O'Connor. Dr. Walsh replied to the discussion.

### *Fourth Meeting*

The Society met at Academy House, Dawson Street, on Thursday, 19 February 1976, the President, Mr. T. P. Linehan, in the Chair.

Dr. Harold Harrison presented a paper entitled *Medical Information Systems in the Health Services*. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. P. McQuillan and seconded by Mr. S. Trant. The following also spoke: Mr. T. P. Linehan, Professor R. O'Connor, Mr. D. McMorro, Dr. E. Tempany and Mr. L. McCarthy. Dr. Harrison replied to the discussion.

### *Fifth Meeting*

The Society met at Academy House, Dawson Street, on Thursday, 20 May 1976, the President, Mr. T. P. Linehan, in the Chair.

Mr. Donal C. Murphy presented a paper entitled *1973 Household Budget Survey: Special Features and Results*. The vote of thanks was proposed by Miss Rita Sheridan and seconded by Dr. Julian Hart. The following also spoke: Professor R. O'Connor, Dr. R. C. Geary, Dr. M. Stuart, Dr. E. A. Attwood and Mr. T. P. Linehan. Mr. Murphy replied to the discussion.

## BELFAST MEETINGS

### *First Meeting*

The Society met at Queen's University, Belfast, on Wednesday, 10 December 1975 at 7.30 p.m. Professor R. D. C. Black was in the Chair.

There was a Symposium on *Government Statistics* to which the contributors were:

Mr. D. H. McNally (Northern Ireland, Department of Finance)

Mr. R. Whatmough (Northern Ireland, Department of Agriculture)

Mr. T. Morahan (Northern Ireland, Department of Manpower Services)

This was a joint meeting with the Royal Statistical Society.

### *Second Meeting*

The Society met at Queen's University, Belfast on Tuesday, 16 March 1976 at 7.30 p.m. Professor R. D. C. Black was in the Chair.

Mr. J. V. Simpson of the Department of Economics, Queen's University read a paper entitled *Population, Employment and Urbanisation Trends in Northern Ireland*. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. John Semple, Assistant Secretary, Department of Housing and Local Government, Northern Ireland and seconded by Dr. F. Boal, Senior Lecturer, Department of Geography, Queen's University, Belfast. The following also spoke: Professor W. Black, Dr. D. Rea, Dr. A. Agwah and Mr. C. Jefferson.

### *Third Meeting*

The Society met at Queen's University, Belfast on Wednesday 19 May 1976 at 7.30 p.m. The Chair was taken by Professor R. D. C. Black. There was a Symposium entitled *The Northern Ireland Economy, Current Problems*. Contributors were:

Professor W. Black (Professor of Applied Economics, Queen's University, Belfast)

Mr. F. Adair (General Manager, Northern Ireland Development Agency)

Mr. G. Quigley (Northern Secretary, I.N.T.O.; Northern Ireland Committee I.C.T.U.)

The following also spoke: Messrs. B. Harkin, J. V. Simpson, P. H. Hughes, T. Carlin, D. Slattery and Dr. A. Agwah.