

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL INQUIRY SOCIETY OF IRELAND

One Hundred and Thirty Third Session 1979/80

## DUBLIN MEETINGS

### *First Meeting*

The Society met at Academy House, Dawson Street, on Thursday, 8th November 1979 and the President, Dr. Brendan Menton, was in the Chair.

Mr. M.J. Harrison, Department of Economics, Trinity College, Dublin presented a paper entitled "Economies of Scale and Technical Change in Electricity Production in Ireland". A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A.G. Kelly and seconded by Mr. C. McCarthy. The following also spoke: Dr. J. O'Hagan, Dr. D. Kearney, Professor D. McAleese, Dr. P. Honohan and Mr. Cuffe. Mr. Harrison replied to the discussion.

### *Second Meeting*

The Society met at Academy House, Dawson Street, on Thursday, 13th December 1979 and the President, Dr. Brendan Menton, was in the Chair.

There was a Symposium on "Necessary Changes in Industrial Relations" and papers were read by Dr. D. Sapsford, Economic and Social Research Institute; Professor B. Hillery, University College Dublin; and Professor Charles McCarthy, Trinity College Dublin. The following also spoke: Dr. E. McCarthy, Professor R. O'Connor, Mr. A.F. Ryan and Mr. D. Murphy. Dr. Sapsford, Professor Hillery and Professor McCarthy replied to the discussion.

### *Third Meeting*

The Society met at Academy House, Dawson Street, on Thursday, 6th March 1980. In the absence of the President because of illness, Mr. T.P. Linehan, Vice-President, was in the Chair.

Dr. J.W. O'Hagan, Department of Economics, Trinity College Dublin, presented a paper entitled "An Analysis of the Growth of the Public Sector in Ireland, 1953-1977". A vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. F. Kennedy and seconded by Dr. N. Whelan. The following also spoke: Mr. J. Blackwell, Mr. S. Cromien, Mr. Alan Matthews, Mr. G. Noonan, Mr. B. Broderick and Mr. P. Ó hUiginn. Dr. O'Hagan replied to the discussion.

### *Fourth Meeting*

The Society met at Academy House, Dawson Street, on Thursday, 29th May 1980, and the President, Dr. Brendan Menton, was in the Chair.

Dr. J. McKeon, Industrial Development Authority, presented a paper entitled "Economic Appraisal of Industrial Projects in Ireland". A vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. F. Ruane and seconded by Mr. D. Croughan. The following also spoke: Mr. S. Cromien, Mr. J. Durkan, Dr. R. Johnson, Professor L. Smith, Professor Brendan Walsh, Mr. S. Nolan and Dr. B. Menton. Dr. McKeon replied to the discussion.

## BELFAST MEETING

The Society met at Queen's University, Belfast, on 27th March 1980, and Professor R.D.C. Black was in the Chair. Professor J.V. Simpson, Queen's University, Belfast, read a paper entitled "The Finance of the Public Sector in Northern Ireland, 1968-1978". A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Arthur Green, Director, Northern Ireland Court Services, previously Deputy Secretary, Department of Finance, N.I. A general discussion followed.