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ANGLO-IRANIAN OIL CO. LTD.

Introduction.

The Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. is the largest employer of labour in Iran. Its capital is £33,000,000, and the total expenditure in Iran excluding royalties amounted to over £17,500,000 in 1946. The royalties it paid last year to the Government of Iran amounted to over £5,000,000 and this sum, together with local taxes paid by its employees (all of which go to the Central Government) makes up nearly 25% of the revenues of the country.

The total number of direct employees is over 50,000, in addition to approximately 11,000 contractors' employees, and there are many thousands of other small employers and workers who serve an industrial community of this size.

During the war the vital need for oil forced the Company to concentrate upon production at the expense of other activities, and year by year the output of crude oil has been stepped up until it reached nearly 17,000,000 tons in 1945 and 19,000,000 tons in 1946. The end of the war has not meant the end of development work because Iranian oil is in fact "sterling" oil, and in addition the agreement to supply 2,000,000 tons of crude oil per year to American oil companies will necessitate the continued development of the fields.

The fact that there is no Local Government system in Iran worth talking about has forced the Company to undertake the building and maintenance of houses, schools, hospitals, clubs, roads, bridges, the maintenance of health services (water, sewerage, cleansing, etc.) throughout the area under its control. At the present time the Company is engaged in putting a main sewerage and drainage system throughout the Abadan area.

Employees.

The overwhelming proportion of the employees are naturally Iranian, but nearly 25% of the total above the skilled grades

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