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# OLD-AGE PENSIONS:

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED THE 31ST MARCH, 1902.

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*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to Section 62 of "The Old-age Pensions Act, 1898."*

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The REGISTRAR of OLD-AGE PENSIONS to the Right Hon. the COLONIAL TREASURER.

SIR,—

Old-age Pensions Office, Wellington, 17th July, 1902.

I have the honour to furnish the following statement of particulars required for presentation to Parliament in terms of section 62 of "The Old-age Pensions Act, 1898," for the year ended the 31st March, 1902:—

The number of pensions in force on the 31st March, 1902, inclusive of 1,055 granted to Maoris, was 12,776, representing a yearly payment of £217,192.

During the year ended the 31st March, 1902, 1,694 new pensions were granted, of which 167 were granted to Maoris; 935 pensioners died, of whom 99 were Maoris; 206 pension-certificates, of which 48 were held by Maoris, were cancelled; and 182 pensions, of which 76 were granted to Maoris, lapsed through non-application for renewal. The cancelled certificates include 118 renewal claims by Europeans and 34 by Maoris which were refused.

The total amount paid in respect of pensions during the year was £207,468 8s. 5d. This amount includes £41 0s. 5d. charged to a vote provided for the purpose of paying forfeited instalments in special cases, and portions of instalments accruing up to date of death.

The total amount of absolutely forfeited instalments during the year was £2,998 10s.

During the year 510 pension-certificates, of which 58 were held by Maoris, were transferred from one old-age pension district to another.

The cost of administration was £2,535 14s. 2d.

Tables are attached showing—(1) Number and annual value of pensions granted to Europeans and Maoris in force on the 31st March, 1902, in each old-age pension district; (2) number of old-age pensioners maintained by charitable institutions throughout the colony as at the 31st March, 1902, together with amounts paid to each pensioner after deduction of maintenance; (3) number of pensions granted since Act came into operation, number of deaths, certificates cancelled, and pensions lapsed during each year, and number of pensions in force at end of each year.

J. EMAN SMITH,  
Registrar Old-age Pensions.

TABLE I.—NUMBER and ANNUAL VALUE of PENSIONS granted to Europeans and Maoris in Force on the 31st March, 1902.

District.	Europeans.		Maori.		Totals.	
	Number of Pensions.	Amount.	Number of Pensions.	Amount.	Number of Pensions.	Amount.
Akaroa .. .. .	41	£ 697	9	£ 153	50	£ 850
Amberley .. .. .	7	119	..	..	7	119
Ashburton .. .. .	199	3,383	..	..	199	3,383
Auckland .. .. .	1,008	17,136	8	136	1,016	17,272
Balclutha .. .. .	139	2,363	..	..	139	2,363
Blenheim .. .. .	155	2,635	1	17	156	2,652
Chatham Islands .. .. .	3	51	1	17	4	68
Christchurch .. .. .	1,222	20,774	6	102	1,228	20,876
Clyde .. .. .	100	1,700	..	..	100	1,700
Coromandel .. .. .	89	1,513	39	663	128	2,176
Culverden .. .. .	3	51	..	..	3	51
Dannevirke .. .. .	147	2,499	1	17	148	2,516
Dargaville .. .. .	62	1,054	17	289	79	1,343
Dunedin .. .. .	985	16,745	1	17	986	16,762
Fairlie .. .. .	10	170	..	..	10	170
Feilding .. .. .	91	1,547	9	153	100	1,700
Geraldine .. .. .	130	2,210	9	153	139	2,363
Gisborne .. .. .	55	935	37	629	92	1,564
Greymouth .. .. .	488	8,296	..	..	488	8,296
Greytown .. .. .	82	1,394	1	17	83	1,411
Hamilton .. .. .	150	2,550	16	272	166	2,822
Havelock .. .. .	7	119	..	..	7	119
Hawera .. .. .	61	1,037	4	68	65	1,105
Helensville .. .. .	246	4,182	13	221	259	4,403
Hokitika .. .. .	507	8,619	2	34	509	8,653
Invercargill .. .. .	584	9,923	1	17	585	9,945
Kaipoi .. .. .	282	4,794	6	102	288	4,896
Kaikoura .. .. .	24	408	1	17	25	425
Kaitiaki .. .. .	12	204	47	799	59	1,003
Lawrence .. .. .	209	3,553	..	..	209	3,553
Mangonui .. .. .	10	170	21	357	31	527
Marton .. .. .	79	1,343	15	255	94	1,598
Masterton .. .. .	89	1,513	1	17	90	1,530
Maungaturoto .. .. .	41	697	..	..	41	697
Milton .. .. .	125	2,125	..	..	125	2,125
Motuoka .. .. .	73	1,241	..	..	73	1,241
Napier .. .. .	260	4,420	4	68	264	4,488
Naseby .. .. .	82	1,394	..	..	82	1,394
Nelson .. .. .	292	4,964	4	68	296	5,032
New Plymouth .. .. .	204	3,468	26	442	230	3,910
Oamaru .. .. .	243	4,131	3	51	246	4,182
Opotiki .. .. .	14	238	27	459	41	697
Otahuhu .. .. .	240	4,080	13	221	253	4,301
Otaki .. .. .	56	952	15	255	71	1,207
Paeroa .. .. .	52	884	6	102	58	986
Pahiatua .. .. .	38	646	..	..	38	646
Palmerston North .. .. .	160	2,720	9	153	169	2,873
Palmerston South .. .. .	60	1,020	..	..	60	1,020
Patea .. .. .	25	425	4	68	29	493
Port Awanui .. .. .	4	68	28	476	32	544
Port Chalmers .. .. .	187	3,179	7	119	194	3,298
Queenstown .. .. .	106	1,802	..	..	106	1,802
Raglan .. .. .	14	238	64	1,088	78	1,326
Rawene .. .. .	17	289	94	1,598	111	1,887
Reefton .. .. .	151	2,567	..	..	151	2,567
Riverton .. .. .	125	2,125	5	85	130	2,210
Rotorua .. .. .	8	136	57	969	65	1,105
Russell .. .. .	60	1,020	96	1,632	156	2,652
Stratford .. .. .	31	527	..	..	31	527
Taupo .. .. .	1	17	35	595	36	612
Tauranga .. .. .	28	476	47	799	75	1,275
Te Aroha .. .. .	35	595	1	17	36	612
Thames .. .. .	257	4,369	10	170	267	4,539
Timaru .. .. .	149	2,533	..	..	149	2,533
Waimate .. .. .	95	1,615	1	17	96	1,632
Waipawa .. .. .	20	340	..	..	20	340
Wairoa .. .. .	8	136	66	1,122	74	1,258
Wanganui .. .. .	192	3,264	34	578	226	3,842
Warkworth .. .. .	72	1,224	8	136	80	1,360
Wellington .. .. .	495	8,415	5	85	500	8,500
Westport .. .. .	248	4,216	4	68	252	4,284
Whakatane .. .. .	9	153	84	1,428	93	1,581
Whangarei .. .. .	155	2,635	7	119	162	2,754
Whangaroa .. .. .	13	221	25	425	38	646
Totals .. .. .	11,721	199,257	1,055	17,935	12,776	217,192

TABLE II.—NUMBER of OLD-AGE PENSIONERS maintained by CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS throughout the Colony as at the 31st March, 1902, together with Amounts handed to each Pensioner after Deduction of Maintenance.

Location.	Controlling Body.		Institution.	Number of Pensioners.	Amount handed to Pensioners after Deduction of Maintenance.
	Name.				
Auckland ..	Auckland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board		Costley Home .. ..	65	1s. per week.
" ..	Little Sisters of the Poor .. ..		Home .. ..	21	Nil.
Blenheim ..	Wairau Hospital and Charitable Aid Board		Hospital.. ..	1	1s. per week.
" ..	" .. ..		Old Men's Home .. ..	3	1s. "
Charleston ..	Charleston Hospital Trustees .. ..		Hospital .. ..	3	6s. per month.
Christchurch	North Canterbury and Ashburton Charitable Aid Board		Jubilee Home, Christchurch	45	Nil.
" ..	" .. ..		Old Men's Home, Ashburton		
Dunedin ..	Otago Benevolent Institution .. ..		Benevolent Institution .. ..	95	4s. per month.
Gisborne ..	Cook District Hospital and Charitable Aid Board		Old Men's Home .. ..	8	1s. per week.
Greymouth ..	Greymouth Hospital Trustees .. ..		Hospital .. ..	30	6s. per month.
Hamilton ..	Waikato Hospital and Charitable Aid Board		Old Men's Home ... ..	8	4s. "
Hokitika ..	Westland Hospital Trustees .. ..		Hospital .. ..	16	5s. "
Invercargill ..	Southland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board		Bowmont Street Home .. ..	28	4s. 6d. "
" ..	Ditto .. ..		Lorne Farm .. ..	8	8s. 6d. "
Kumara ..	Kumara Hospital Trustees .. ..		Hospital .. ..	8	5s. "
Napier ..	Hawke's Bay United Charitable Aid Board		Old People's Home .. ..	29	4s. 4d. "
Nelson ..	Nelson Hospital and Charitable Aid Board		Old People's Home .. ..	25	4s. "
New Plymouth	Taranaki District Hospital and Charitable Aid Board		Old Men's Home .. ..	16	8s. 4d. "
Oamaru ..	North Otago Benevolent Society .. ..		Old Men's Home .. ..	13	6s. "
Picton ..	Picton Hospital and Charitable Aid Board		Hospital .. ..	8	4s. "
Reefton ..	Reefton Hospital Trustees .. ..		Hospital .. ..	7	5s. "
Ross ..	Westland Hospital Board, Hokitika .. ..		Hospital .. ..	5	5s. "
Thames ..	Thames and Coromandel United Charitable Aid Board		Old Men's Home .. ..	6	4s. "
Timaru ..	South Canterbury Hospital and Charitable Aid Board		Old Men's Home .. ..	7	1s. per week.
Wanganui ..	Wanganui Charitable Aid Board .. ..		Jubilee Home .. ..	13	5s. per month.
Wellington	Wellington Benevolent Trustees .. ..		Ohio Home .. ..	12	4s. "
" ..	Home for Aged Needy Trustees.. ..		Home for Aged Needy .. ..	22	6s. 2d. "
" ..	Sisters of the Poor .. ..		Home for Incurables .. ..	13	4s. 2d. per month (average).
Westport ..	Buller Hospital and Charitable Aid Board		Hospital .. ..	16	6s. per month.
Whangarei ..	North of Auckland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board		Old Men's Home .. ..	5	2s. 6d. "
	Total .. ..		.. ..	536	

TABLE III.—NUMBER of PENSIONS GRANTED since the Act came into Operation; NUMBER of DEATHS, CERTIFICATES CANCELLED, and PENSIONS LAPSED during each Year; and NUMBER of PENSIONS in FORCE at End of each Year.

Year ended	Number of Pensions granted.	Number of Deaths of Pensioners.	Number of Pension-certificates cancelled.	Number of Pensions lapsed.	Number of Pensions in Force at End of Year.
31st March, 1899 ...	7,487	38	6	...	7,443
" 1900 ...	4,699	786	65	6	11,285
" 1901 ...	2,227	815	227	65	12,405
" 1902 ...	1,694	935	206	182	12,776
Total ...	16,107	2,574	504	253	...

RETURN showing COST of ADMINISTRATION of "The Old-age Pensions Act, 1898," for the  
Financial Year ended 31st March, 1902.

			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries—								
Registrar	...	...	100	0	0			
Deputy Registrars	...	...	218	15	0			
						318	15	0
Other expenses—								
Clerical assistance	...	...	1,328	5	8			
Contribution to Post Office	...	...	500	0	0			
Travelling-expenses, &c.	...	...	190	1	3			
Contingencies	...	...	187	16	5			
Rent of offices	...	...	60	15	10			
						2,216	19	2
Total	...	...				£2,535	14	2

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The Treasury, 17th July, 1902.

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