

TABLE VII.—NUMBER of PENSIONS GRANTED since the Act came into Operation, NUMBER of VOIDS, and NUMBER IN FORCE at End of each Year.

Year ended 31st March.	Number of Pensions granted.	Deaths.	Renewals not applied for.	Renewals refused.	Cancelled.	In Force at End of Year.
1899	7,487	38	...	...	6	7,443
1900	4,699	786	6	37	28	11,285
1901	2,227	815	65	202	25	12,405
1902	1,694	935	182	152	54	12,776
1903	*1,391	1,064	278	198	146	12,481
Totals ...	17,498	3,638	531	589	259	...

\*Including 5 cancellations of the previous year reinstated.

TABLE VIII.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of PENSIONS IN FORCE, and PAYMENTS MADE in each Financial Year since Act came into Operation.

Date.	Number of Pensions in Force.	Payments to End of Financial Year.	Annual Increase in Expenditure.	Increase in Number of Pensions.	Decrease in Number of Pensions.
At March 31, 1899	7,443	£3,124	...	...	...
" 1900	11,285	£157,342	£154,218	3,842	...
" 1901	12,405	£197,292	£39,950	1,120	...
" 1902	12,776	£207,468	£10,176	371	...
" 1903	12,481	£210,140	*£2,672	...	295

*Gross increase in expenditure during the financial year 1902-3..	..	..	£	2,672
Less—(1.) Refunds to Public Account by Court proceedings	..	£934		
(2.) Refunds by way of fine	..	55		
(3.) Instalments due in 1901-2 paid in 1902-3	..	629		
				<u>1,668</u>
Net increase in expenditure ..	..	..	..	<u>£1,004</u>

TABLE IX.—COST of ADMINISTRATION for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1903.

Salaries—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Head Office	...	621	6	11			
Deputy Registrars	...	278	10	10			
					899	17	9
Other charges—							
Clerical assistance	...	1,730	5	1			
Contribution to Post Office to pay salaries of Officers employed on Old-age Pensions work	...	500	0	0			
Travelling-expenses of Registrar, Stipendiary Magistrates, Deputy Registrars, Police Constables, Interpreters' fees, &c.	...	384	6	9			
Contingencies	...	244	13	9			
Rent of offices	...	46	6	8			
					2,905	12	3
Total	...				<u>£3,805</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>