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OLD-AGE PENSIONS DEPARTMENT

(TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE), FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1908.

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The REGISTRAR OF OLD-AGE PENSIONS to the Right Hon. the MINISTER OF FINANCE.

SIR,— Old-age Pensions Department, Wellington, 1st July, 1908.

I have the honour to submit herewith my report on the working of the Department for the financial year ended the 31st March, 1908.

PENSIONS IN FORCE.

As is to be expected, with an increasing population, and a practically universal desire on the part of those in whose interest the Old-age Pensions Act was framed to take advantage of the benefits provided thereby, the number of participants in the scheme is being added to year by year. Although this increase in actual numbers is taking place, the percentage of pensioners to the population eligible by age and residence shows no upward tendency, and this fact can, I think, be safely taken as a reflex of the maintenance of the general prosperity of the Dominion.

On the 31st March last there were on the books of the Department a total number of 13,569 pensioners, being an increase of 312 on the number at the corresponding date in the previous year. Thus:—

New pensions granted	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,740
Deduct,—							
Deaths	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,189
Cancellations	..	..	..	..	..	..	239
							<u>1,428</u>
Net increase	..	..	..	..	..	..	312

The increase in the two preceding years—this is, since the date on which the pension was increased to 10s. a week—was 812 in the year 1905-6, and 675 in the year 1906-7. The number in excess of those on the roll on the 31st March, 1902, is only 793.

Included in the total number of pensioners are 657 members of the Native race.

The percentage of pensioners to the population eligible by age and residence in each year since 1902 is set out in the following table:—

On 31st March.	European Population eligible by Age and Residence.	European Pensioners.	Percentage.
1902	(Estimated) 27,993	11,721	41
1903	" 29,384	11,589	39
1904	" 30,890	11,197	36
1905	" 32,013	11,138	35
1906	(Actual) 37,367*	11,915	31
1907	(Estimated) 38,611	12,597	32
1908	" 39,336	12,912	32

* See results of census 1906, page 238.

The percentage of pensions to the population eligible by age is 29 per cent.

Of the total number of pensioners 10,774, or 79 per cent. of the whole, are in receipt of the full pension of £26. There are 5 pensioners drawing the minimum pension of £1.

Of the 7,487 pensioners who were admitted to the roll during the financial year in which the Act was passed—*i.e.*, for the three months ended 31st March, 1899—2,476, or 33 per cent., are still drawing the pension, as against 38 per cent. last year. Included in the total number of deaths for the year—*i.e.*, 1,189—are 337 of these original pensioners.

There are 1,856 more male European pensioners than female, and of the Maori pensioners the females exceed the males by 1.

The age which claims the greatest number of pensioners is 74, 1,114 European pensioners being of that age. Ages 73 and 75 follow next with 1,006 each.

There are 80 European pensioners of the age of 90 and over, of which number 8 are 96 and over, and 2 have topped the century. Of the Maori pensioners, 9 are stated to be 90 and over. The following particulars relate to those pensioners who are 96 and over, and who have by my direction been seen alive during the current month (two have died at age 96 since 31st March):—

Pension No.	District.	Age.	Sex.	Address.	Born.	Conjugal Condition.
2801	Auckland	96	Female	Auckland	26th February, 1812	Widow.
447	Hamilton	97	Male	Tuakau	21st October, 1810	Widower.
55	Napier	97	"	Napier	7th May, 1810	"
1866	Auckland	99	"	Newton	1809	"
278	Russell*	104†	"	Russell	15th February, 1804	Unmarried.
155	Otaki	107†	"	Waikanae	1801	Widower

* This pensioner draws his instalments in person at the post-office each month.

† Supposed to be of this age.

The following statement shows the number of pensioners on the roll at the end of each month of the year just ended:—

Number of pensions at 31st March, 1907	..	..	..	13,257
Add new grants during April, 1907	..	..	139	
Deduct deaths during April	..	..	36	
„ cancellations during April	..	..	3	
			—	39
				100 increase.
Number of pensions at 30th April, 1907	..	..	..	13,357
Add new grants during May, 1907	..	..	154	
Deduct deaths during May	..	..	87	
„ cancellations during May	..	..	27	
			—	114
				40 increase.
Number of pensions at 31st May, 1907	..	..	..	13,397
Add new grants during June, 1907	..	..	168	
Deduct deaths during June	..	..	113	
„ cancellations during June	..	..	15	
			—	128
				40 increase.
Number of pensions at 30th June, 1907	..	..	..	13,437
Add new grants during July, 1907	..	..	174	
Deduct deaths during July	..	..	106	
„ cancellations during July	..	..	20	
			—	126
				48 increase.
Number of pensions at 31st July, 1907	..	..	..	13,485
Add new grants during August, 1907	..	..	147	
Deduct deaths during August	..	..	101	
„ cancellations during August	..	..	23	
			—	124
				23 increase.
Number of pensions at 31st August, 1907	..	..	..	13,508
Add new grants during September, 1907	..	..	144	
Deduct deaths during September	..	..	123	
„ cancellations	..	..	14	
			—	137
				7 increase.
Number of pensions at 30th September, 1907	..	..	..	13,515
Add new grants during October, 1907	..	..	126	
Deduct deaths during October	..	..	143	
„ cancellations during October	..	..	19	
			—	162
				36 decrease.

Number of pensions at 31st October, 1907	13,479
Add new grants during November, 1907	146
Deduct deaths during November	101
„ cancellations during November	13
	—
	114
	32 increase.
Number of pensions at 30th November, 1907	13,511
Add new grants during December, 1907	131
Deduct deaths during December	77
„ cancellations during December	21
	—
	98
	33 increase.
Number of pensions at 31st December, 1907	13,544
Add new grants during January, 1908	123
Deduct deaths during January	85
„ cancellations during January	21
	—
	106
	17 increase.
Number of pensions at 31st January, 1908	13,561
Add new grants during February, 1908	132
Deduct deaths during February	82
„ cancellations during February	16
	—
	98
	34 increase.
Number of pensions at 29th February, 1908	13,595
Add new grants during March, 1908	156
Deduct deaths during March	135
„ cancellations during March	47
	—
	182
	26 decrease.
Number of pensions at 31st March, 1908	13,569
Total increase for year, 312.	

NEW CLAIMS.

The number of new claims lodged throughout the Dominion during the year was 2,327, being 250 less than in the previous year, and 700 less than in the year 1905-6. These with 666 claims on hand at the beginning of the year awaiting investigation made a total of 2,993 dealt with. The manner in which they were disposed of is as follows:—

Pensions granted	1,740
Rejected, withdrawn, &c.	613
Outstanding at end of year	640
	—
	2,993

The percentage of new pensioners to the people who became eligible by age and residence in each of the past three years is as follows:—

Year ended 31st March.	People who became eligible by Age and Residence.	New Pensioners.	Percentage.
1906	5,900	2,073	35
1907	3,762	2,030	54
1908	3,623	1,740	48

The new pensions for the year include 80 granted to Maoris.

1,556, or 89 per cent. of the total of 1,740, were of British extraction, 1,499 being born in the British Isles.

538 were of the minimum age of 65, while 48 were 80 years of age and over.

The total number of claims lodged since the Act came into force amounts to 33,598. Of this number pensions have been established in 25,617 cases, 52 per cent. of which still remain on the roll.

The following table shows the number of claims lodged and those rejected since the inauguration of the new system of investigation early in the year 1903:—

Year.	Claims received.	Claims rejected.
1903-4	1,544	311
1904-5	1,683	323
1905-6	3,027	590
1906-7	2,577	774
1907-8	2,327	613
	—	—
	11,158	2,611

The rejections represent 23 per cent. of the total claims lodged, and it is without doubt that had it not been for the introduction of the system above referred to, in regard to which the Magistrates of the Dominion expressed themselves so favourably (see my report dated the 18th July, 1904), a much larger number of pensioners would have been added to the roll. Prior to 1903, 78 per cent. of those who applied were granted pensions; since 1903 the percentage has dropped to 72 per cent.

Further details regarding the nationality, age, sex, and conjugal condition of the new pensioners will be found in the Appendix, together with a comprehensive return setting out the number of new claims received in each district since the Act came into force, the number lodged during the past year, and the manner in which these latter have been dealt with.

ANNUAL PAYMENTS.

The gross payment by way of pensions for the year amounts to £325,199 3s. 2d., being approximately £10,000 short of the amount appropriated by Parliament for the purpose, and £11,015 in excess of the gross amount disbursed in the previous year. Deduct the sum of £163 0s. 8d., being overpayments refunded to the Public Account, and the net charge against the Consolidated Fund is found to be £325,036 2s. 6d.

The payment made in each month of the year is as follows:—

							£	s.	d.
1907.									
April	..	..	..	..	..	26,597	10	5
May	..	..	..	..	..	26,924	6	9
June	..	..	..	..	..	26,935	19	10
July	..	..	..	..	..	27,209	16	2
August	..	..	..	..	..	27,108	16	0
September	..	..	..	..	..	27,126	18	6
October	..	..	..	..	..	27,149	18	0
November	..	..	..	..	..	27,155	6	7
December	..	..	..	..	..	27,110	3	4
1908.									
January	..	..	..	..	..	27,252	16	5
February	..	..	..	..	..	27,272	11	3
March	..	..	..	..	..	27,354	19	11
							£325,199	3	2

The following table shows the number of individual payments and the total amounts paid in each Postal district during the year:—

Postal District.	Number of Payments.	Amount.		
		£	s.	d.
Auckland	33,147	67,914	19	1
Thames	5,795	12,169	1	6
Gisborne	1,238	2,263	5	2
Napier	5,580	11,018	1	3
New Plymouth	2,902	5,798	17	3
Wanganui	4,592	9,575	15	6
Wellington	14,821	30,022	10	7
Nelson	3,397	6,887	12	3
Blenheim	1,797	3,665	7	9
Christchurch	26,008	53,565	2	6
Timaru	5,500	10,957	9	9
Greymouth	6,016	12,744	12	2
Hokitika	6,303	13,360	7	0
Westport	3,651	7,754	16	2
Oamaru	3,365	6,930	10	4
Dunedin	24,828	50,225	6	8
Invercargill	9,842	20,366	18	3
Totals	158,782	£325,220	13	2

[NOTE.—The total of these figures does not quite agree with the total which immediately precedes them, by reason of the fact that they include a number of payments which through some informality have not been brought into the Treasury accounts. The following figures show the balance with the Treasury:—

		£	s.	d.
Payments in abeyance on 31st March, 1907	..	25	11	8
Plus payments during year 1907-8	..	325,220	13	2
		325,246	4	10
Less payments in abeyance on 31st March, 1908	..	47	1	8
Gross charge against vote "Old-age Pensions Act, 1898"	..	325,199	3	2

The following table shows the gross amount paid since the Act came into force, together with the cost per head of the population (exclusive of Maoris) in each year :—

	Gross Payments on Account of Pensions. £	Population at End of Year.	Cost per Head of Population. s. d.
Three months ended 31st March, 1899 (at £18)	3,124	746,676	0 1
Year ended 31st March, 1900 (at £18)	157,342	758,617	4 1
" " 1901	197,292	772,719	5 1
" " 1902	207,468	789,994	5 3
" " 1903	210,140	814,842	5 2
" " 1904	203,164	838,954	4 10
" " 1905	195,475	864,971	4 6
" " 1906*	254,367	889,968	5 8
" " 1907 (at £26)	314,184	913,873	6 10
" " 1908	325,199	937,587	6 11
Total ...	2,067,755		

* Five months at £18; seven months at £26.

RECOVERIES.

The amount recovered and paid to the credit of the Public Account during the year was £163 Os. 8d., being for the most part instalments collected by pensioners to which they were not by law entitled.

The following table shows the amounts recovered in each year since the Act came into operation :—

	£	s.	d.
Three months ended 31st March, 1899	..	..	..
Year ended 31st March, 1900	..	..	..
" " 1901	..	..	..
" " 1902	..	..	..
" " 1903	..	..	..
" " 1904	..	..	..
" " 1905	..	..	..
" " 1906	..	..	..
" " 1907	..	..	..
" " 1908	..	..	..
Total	£6,059	0	0

COST OF ADMINISTRATION.

The cost of administration for the past year was £5,765 15s. 3d., the details of the expenditure being as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Salaries	3,618	11	1
Other charges,—			
Clerical assistance	336	7	1
Contribution to Post Office for paying pensions	1,010	0	0
Travelling - expenses of Registrar, Stipendiary Magistrates, Deputy Registrars, and police constables	143	9	0
Interpreters' fees	38	2	6
Postage and telegrams	468	6	9
Contingencies	150	18	10
Total	£5,765	15	3

The difference in the amount disbursed under this head and the amount voted by Parliament is accounted for by the fact that of the total vote of £2,500 appropriated for the purpose of paying pensions the sum of £1,010 only was claimed by the General Post Office. The balance of £1,450 has, however, been claimed since the close of the financial year and paid, and the appropriations for the current financial year will therefore require to exceed the actual amount required for the year's disbursements by this amount, which was short-collected last year.

The amount paid for administering the Act in each year since the Act was passed is as follows :—

	£
Three months ended 31st March, 1899	510
Year ended 31st March, 1900	2,360
" " 1901	2,415
" " 1902	2,535
" " 1903	3,805
" " 1904	3,655
" " 1905	3,936
" " 1906	4,758
" " 1907	5,250
" " 1908	5,766
Total	£34,990

The percentage of the total cost of administering the Act since it came into operation to the gross payments of £2,067,755 is 1.69 per cent.

ANNUAL LIABILITY.

The liability at the end of each year since the Act came into force is as follows :—

	£	£	s.	
At 31st March, 1899,	127,319,	or an average of	17 2	for 7,443 pensioners.
" 1900,	193,718,	"	17 3	" 11,285
" 1901,	211,965,	"	17 2	" 12,405
" 1902,	217,192,	"	17 0	" 12,776
" 1903,	211,594,	"	16 19	" 12,481
" 1904,	200,915,	"	16 17	" 11,926
" 1905,	199,081,	"	16 18	" 11,770
" 1906,	313,018,	"	24 17	" 12,582
" 1907,	326,084,	"	24 12	" 13,257
" 1908,	333,340,	"	24 11	" 13,569

The increase for the past year is £7,256, as against £13,066 for the previous year.

The accompanying table shows the number of pensions at each rate at the end of the year just closed :—

Number of Pensions.	Rate. £	Liability. £	Number of Pensions.	Rate. £	Liability. £
10,774	26	280,124	67	12	804
351	25	8,775	57	11	627
368	24	8,832	62	10	620
274	23	6,302	51	9	459
205	22	4,510	48	8	384
223	21	4,683	28	7	196
168	20	3,360	30	6	180
151	19	2,869	24	5	120
186	18	3,348	12	4	48
107	17	1,819	14	3	42
85	16	1,360	7	2	14
121	15	1,815	5	1	5
81	14	1,134			
70	13	910			
			Totals 13,569		£333,340

FORFEITED INSTALMENTS.

The instalments due last year and unpaid on the 31st March amounted to £1,256 11s. 8d. £1,199 6s. 8d. of this amount represents absolutely forfeited instalments on which there is no further claim, and the balance of £57 5s. represents instalments the payment of which is in abeyance.

The absolutely forfeited instalments in each month are,—

	Absolutely Forfeited Instalments.		
	£	s.	d.
1907.			
April	75	11	8
May	101	6	8
June	85	13	4
July	96	1	8
August	98	0	0
September	124	18	4
October	121	18	4
November	130	0	0
December	116	5	0
1908.			
January	85	18	4
February	85	3	4
March	78	10	0
	£1,199	6	8

Of the £79 10s., the payment of which was in abeyance on the 31st March, 1907, £60 16s. 8d. was absolutely forfeited.

HOMES AND HOSPITALS.

During the year the total amount paid to the controlling bodies of the various homes and hospitals throughout the Dominion was £16,991 19s. 2d., the number of pensioners resident in such institutions on the 31st March being 645. Of this number 626 represent pensioners who prefer to permanently reside in Homes, the remaining 19 being hospital patients receiving treatment. A return setting out the amount paid to each institution, and the number of pensioners resident therein, is embodied in the Appendix.

As indicating the effect which the operation of the pension scheme has had on the annual expenditure on outdoor relief in the Dominion since the Old-age Pensions Act came into force in 1898, the following table is supplied. It will be noted that the cost of outdoor relief has decreased from £50,850 in 1899 to £33,998 in 1908, or a decrease from 1s. 4½d. to 8¾d. in the cost per head of the European population.

Year ended.	European Population.	Annual Cost of Outdoor Relief. £	Cost per Head of Population. s. d.
31st March, 1899	746,676	50,850	1 4½
" 1900	758,617	41,790	1 1½
" 1901	772,719	42,181	1 1
" 1902	789,994	38,934	0 11¾
" 1903	814,842	43,421	1 0¾
" 1904	838,954	42,618	1 0¼
" 1905	864,971	40,799	0 11¼
" 1906	889,968	39,547	0 10½
" 1907	913,873	36,532	0 9½
" 1908	937,587	*33,998	0 8¾

* This sum does not include £7,000 cost of administration.

WEALTH OF PENSIONERS.

The amount of accumulated property owned by pensioners is as follows:—

Freehold	£	350,453
Leasehold		29,387
Life interest		20,056
Cash		56,911
Stock, furniture, &c.		96,628
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		553,435
Less mortgages on property		82,786
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Total net property owned by pensioners		470,649
Total net property owned by husbands and wives of pensioners (not themselves pensioners)		113,818
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Grand total		£584,467

The total annual income earned by pensioners is £108,718, and by their husbands and wives (not themselves pensioners) £22,939.

The total net property owned by pensioners represents an increase of £35,705 on last year's figures, while the income of pensioners has decreased by £1,294.

The average amount of property held by each pensioner, after the deduction of mortgages, is £34 13s., as against £32 16s. in 1907 and £28 12s. in 1906.

The average amount of income earned per pensioner is £8, as against £8 5s. in 1907 and £8 4s. in 1906.

Of the 13,569 pensioners on the roll, no less than 2,605 have benefited by the provision in the 1905 Act increasing the allowance from £50 to £150 on property whereon a pensioner resides, and which produces no income.

The particulars which go to make up these figures are set out in full detail in the Appendix.

GENERAL.

The relationship existing between the Department and the pensioners on the one side, and the magistracy of the Dominion on the other, continues to be of a harmonious character, and this desirable position may be ascribed both to the ready assistance which is given to applicants in proving their eligibility, and also to the system adopted of having the fullest information available when the applicant is before the Pension Court. Under this latter system the now very isolated cases of misrepresentation are detected at the outset, and I have pleasure in recording the fact that in no single instance throughout the year was it found necessary to exact the full penalties provided by law.

The assistance rendered to intending applicants by the Department in securing evidence of their ages is indicated by the fact that in no less than 639 individual cases throughout the year were inquiries made from the different sources open to the Department. Of this number 357 were proved to be of the required age, while the large number of 144 were proved to be still short of the pension age. In 95 cases no evidence was obtainable at all, and in the remaining 43 cases replies from outside the Dominion are still awaited.

Of the 101 cases where replies from outside the Dominion were being awaited at the date of my last report, 30 were proved to be over the age, 4 under the age, the balance of 67 being cases in which no proof was obtainable.

A mistaken notion exists in some quarters that the Department refuses to allow claims to go before the Magistrate until documentary evidence of age is forthcoming. This is an entirely erroneous view. What is done when an applicant has no evidence of age when he lodges his claim is to have every known official source of information searched for any proof that may exist, and if this fails, the claim is submitted with any evidence that the applicant can produce, and the Magistrate has the power, if he so chooses, to accept this and dispense with corroborative evidence. If the Magistrate refuses the claim for want of proof of age, the decision is final, and the Department has no jurisdiction in the matter.

With reference to the question of what constitutes income for old-age pensions purposes, I feel constrained, in view of the opinion so persistently expressed that friendly society benefits are not exempted in the computation of income, to here repeat what I had to say in my last year's report on the subject. I then wrote as follows :—

“As some doubt seems still to exist as to the effect which the operation of the old-age pension scheme has on the membership of friendly societies, I should like to emphasize the statement made in my last year's report—namely, that any benefit derived from a friendly society by way of sick or funeral allowance is exempted, not only by law but in actual practice, from being applied to reduce the amount of pension payable to any claimant. This statement was fully borne out by the replies to my inquiry in the matter then published from the various Magistrates in the Dominion, every one of whom intimated that in no case had any deduction been made from a pension on account of benefits received from any friendly society.

“The law is very clear on the point, the definition of income in section 2 of the Old-Age Pensions Act of 1898 containing the following words : “Income” . . . shall be deemed to include personal earnings, but not any pension payable under this Act, nor any payment by way of sick-allowance or funeral benefit from any registered friendly society.’

“The meaning of this provision is that a member of a friendly society may be in receipt of a sick-allowance of £60 (or more) per annum, or may have received by way of funeral benefit a similar sum, sufficient in itself to disqualify an ordinary applicant, and yet be entitled to receive the full pension of £26, provided he is otherwise qualified in accordance with section 8 of the Act referred to.

“The Old-age Pensions Act, therefore, in my opinion, offers a special inducement to a person to become a member of a friendly society, inasmuch as he will in his old age be qualified to receive the old-age pension in addition to any benefit that may accrue to him as a member of such society.”

I may here add that any person of the required age who is in receipt from the Imperial, Indian, or any colonial Government of a military pension, can, provided his total income including such pension does not exceed £34, and provided also that he is otherwise qualified by law, draw a full old-age pension of £26. This applies also to any person who may be in receipt from any superannuation fund of a pension which, with other income, does not exceed £34.

J. EMAN SMITH, Registrar.

APPENDIX.

TABLES EMBODIED IN APPENDIX.

- Table 1. Number and annual value of pensions (in districts).
 " 2. Pensions in North and South Islands.
 " 3. Sex of pensioners (in districts).
 " 4. Ages of European pensioners.
 " 5. Occupations of European pensioners.
 " 6. Claims received in each district and how disposed of.
 " 7. Nationalities of pensioners admitted during the year 1907-8.
 " 8. Sex and conjugal condition of pensioners admitted during the year 1907-8.
 " 9. Ages of pensioners admitted during the year 1907-8.
 " 10. Ages of European pensioners who died during the year 1907-8.
 " 11. Percentage of pensions granted in each year now in force.
 " 12. Pensions in force and payments in each year.
 " 13. New grants, deaths, and cancellations in each year.
 " 14. Wealth of pensioners.
 " 15. Amounts paid to homes and hospitals.

TABLE 1.—NUMBER and ANNUAL VALUE of PENSIONS granted to Europeans and Maoris in Force on the 31st March, 1908.

District.	Number.		Annual Value.	District.	Number.		Annual Value.
	Europeans.	Maoris.			Europeans	Maoris.	
Auckland	1,351	11	£ 33,416	Otaki	57	7	£ 1,558
Coromandel	93	35	3,219	Pahiatua	47	..	1,041
Dargaville	83	19	2,512	Palmerston North	190	2	4,596
Hamilton	252	33	7,004	Nelson	209	..	5,078
Helensville	53	1	1,374	Motueka	73	..	1,821
Kaitiaki	15	53	1,720	Blenheim	142	..	3,530
Mangonui	12	16	718	Havelock	6	..	156
Maungaturoto	39	..	937	Christchurch	1,565	2	38,568
Otago	111	3	2,791	Akaroa	38	3	1,058
Raglan	14	22	899	Amberley	13	..	321
Rawene	20	59	1,897	Ashburton	237	..	5,906
Rotorua	19	43	1,561	Culverden	8	..	204
Russell	60	80	3,434	Kaipoi	322	4	8,118
Taupo	4	9	338	Kaikoura	15	2	413
Warkworth	76	7	1,853	Timaru	190	..	4,666
Whangarei	143	6	3,756	Fairlie	13	..	316
Whangaroa	15	25	964	Temuka	155	6	3,834
Thames	254	6	6,648	Waimate	123	1	2,957
Opotiki	14	20	859	Greymouth	444	..	11,307
Paeroa	72	11	2,068	Reefton	130	..	3,319
Tauranga	29	31	1,474	Hokitika	513	1	12,987
Te Aroha	48	1	1,236	Westport	260	1	6,633
Whakatane	6	28	873	Oamaru	292	2	7,266
Gisborne	68	18	1,979	Dunedin	1,311	1	30,893
Port Awanui	6	11	344	Balclutha	137	1	3,411
Napier	269	..	6,667	Clyde	121	..	3,103
Dannevirke	140	1	3,302	Lawrence	200	..	5,040
Waipawa	57	1	1,366	Milton	135	..	3,296
Wairoa	14	19	679	Naseby	112	..	2,768
New Plymouth	204	13	5,179	Palmerston South	57	..	1,420
Stratford	34	1	856	Waikouaiti	56	4	1,401
Wanganui	194	2	4,989	Invercargill	471	4	11,712
Hawera	75	3	1,915	Gore	151	..	3,816
Marton	84	2	2,104	Queenstown	95	..	2,428
Patea	33	..	808	Riverton	124	14	3,415
Wellington	645	5	15,972	Chatham Islands	2	3	106
Feilding	98	2	2,409				
Carterton	84	1	2,052				
Masterton	110	1	2,711	Totals	12,912	657	£333,340

TABLE 2.—PENSIONS IN FORCE at the 31st March, 1908, in North and South Islands.

	Europeans.	Maoris.	Liability.
In North Island	5,192	608	142,073
In South Island	7,720	49	191,267
	12,912	657	£333,340

TABLE 3.—SEXES of PENSIONERS on the Roll at the 31st March, 1908.

District.	Europeans.		Maoris.		District.	Europeans.		Maoris.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.		Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
Auckland	683	668	8	3	Otaki	40	17	2	5
Coromandel	71	22	20	15	Pahiatua	31	16	..	..
Dargaville	62	21	10	9	Palmerston North	99	91	2	..
Hamilton	133	119	22	11	Nelson	114	95	..	..
Helensville	43	10	1	..	Motueka	43	30	..	..
Kaitaia	12	3	26	27	Blenheim	90	52	..	..
Mangonui	8	4	7	9	Havelock	6	..	..	..
Maungaturoto	21	18	..	..	Christchurch	746	819	..	2
Otahuhu	53	58	3	..	Akaroa	22	16	2	1
Raglan	10	4	12	10	Amberley	10	3	..	..
Rawene	14	6	32	27	Ashburton	164	73	..	..
Rotorua	14	5	21	22	Culverden	5	3	..	..
Russell	45	15	40	40	Kaiapoi	173	149	1	3
Taupo	1	3	2	7	Kaikoura	13	2	2	..
Warkworth	47	29	5	2	Timaru	95	95	..	..
Whangarei	101	42	6	..	Fairlie	9	4	..	..
Whangaroa	10	5	12	13	Temuka	87	68	3	3
Thames	141	113	3	..	Waimate	74	49	1	..
Opotiki	7	7	5	15	Greymouth	357	87	..	..
Paeroa	44	28	7	4	Reefton	108	22	..	..
Tauranga	16	13	14	17	Hokitika	377	186	1	..
Te Aroha	31	17	1	..	Westport	196	64	1	..
Whakatane	4	2	9	19	Oamaru	164	128	..	2
Gisborne	38	30	9	9	Dunedin	641	670	..	1
Port Awanui	5	1	3	8	Balclutha	76	61	1	..
Napier	150	119	..	..	Clyde	93	28	..	..
Dannevirke	80	60	1	..	Lawrence	134	66	..	..
Waipawa	30	27	..	1	Milton	66	69	..	..
Wairoa	11	3	13	6	Naseby	82	30	..	..
New Plymouth	104	100	6	7	Palmerston South	34	23	..	..
Stratford	14	20	1	..	Waikouaiti	28	28	..	4
Wanganui	103	91	..	2	Invercargill	277	194	2	2
Hawera	44	31	1	2	Gore	103	48	..	..
Marton	50	34	..	2	Queenstown	66	29	..	..
Patea	24	9	..	..	Riverton	93	41	7	7
Wellington	291	354	1	4	Chatham Islands	2	..	2	1
Feilding	55	43	..	2					
Carterton	44	40	..	1					
Masterton	62	48	..	1					
					Totals	7,384	5,528	328	329

TABLE 4.—AGES of EUROPEAN PENSIONERS on the Roll at the 31st March, 1908.

At age	Number.	At age	Number.	At age	Number.
65	333	78	494	91	19
" 66	592	" 79	385	" 92	16
" 67	855	" 80	281	" 93	6
" 68	857	" 81	275	" 94	4
" 69	845	" 82	206	" 95	3
" 70	855	" 83	162	" 96	3
" 71	858	" 84	141	" 97	2
" 72	851	" 85	102	" 99	1
" 73	1,006	" 86	76	" 104	1
" 74	1,115	" 87	77	" 107	1
" 75	1,006	" 88	63		
" 76	732	" 89	30		
" 77	635	" 90	24		
				Total	12,912

TABLE 5.—OCCUPATIONS of EUROPEAN PENSIONERS on the Roll at 31st March, 1908.

<i>Males.</i>								
Accountant	...	6	Dairyman	...	7	Master mariner	...	9
Agent	...	25	Dealer	...	14	Messenger	...	3
Ammunition-tester	...	1	Dentist	...	1	Miller	...	6
Apiarist	...	1	Draper	...	15	Mill hand	...	2
Architect	...	2	Draughtsman	...	1	Millwright	...	2
Artist	...	3	Drill-instructor	...	2	Mine-manager	...	3
Assayer	...	1	Driver	...	2	Miner	...	1,071
Auctioneer	...	1	Drover	...	14	Mining agent	...	5
Baker	...	41	Dyer	...	1	Moulder	...	1
Barman	...	2	Engine-driver	...	17	Musician	...	3
Basketmaker	...	3	Engineer	...	18	Music-teacher	...	14
Bath-keeper	...	1	Engine-fitter	...	4	Nailmaker	...	1
Bellows-maker	...	1	Evangelist	...	1	Naturalist	...	1
Billiard-marker	...	3	Expressman	...	6	Netmaker	...	2
Blacksmith	...	48	Farmer	...	463	Newsagent	...	2
Blindmaker	...	1	Fellmonger	...	6	Newspaper-seller	...	7
Bluemaker	...	1	Fencing-teacher	...	1	Nightwatchman	...	6
Boardinghouse-keeper	...	15	Fern-collector	...	1	Orchardist	...	1
Boatbuilder	...	6	Ferryman	...	4	Oyster-dealer	...	1
Boatman	...	2	Fireman	...	8	Packer	...	4
Boilermaker	...	2	Fish-canner	...	1	Painter	...	36
Bookbinder	...	2	Fish-dealer	...	10	Photographer	...	2
Bookseller	...	2	Fisherman	...	49	Plasterer	...	10
Book-keeper	...	4	Fish-scale worker	...	1	Platelayer	...	14
Bootmaker	...	107	Flaxmiller	...	1	Ploughman	...	5
Bottle-gatherer	...	1	French-polisher	...	1	Plumber	...	16
Brewer	...	3	Fruiterer	...	4	Porter	...	8
Bricklayer	...	23	Fruit-grower	...	7	Postmaster	...	1
Brickmaker	...	14	Ganger	...	1	Potter	...	2
Bridgebuilder	...	1	Gardener	...	284	Poultry-dealer	...	2
Builder	...	3	Gas-inspector	...	1	Poultry-keeper	...	2
Bushfeller	...	3	Gatekeeper	...	1	Poundkeeper	...	3
Bushman	...	49	Glover	...	1	Presser	...	3
Butcher	...	42	Goldsmith	...	1	Printer	...	4
Cabdriver	...	4	Grain-merchant	...	2	Prospector	...	5
Cabinetmaker	...	25	Grain-sampler	...	1	Rabbiter	...	36
Canvasser	...	7	Greengrocer	...	1	Railway employee	...	6
Caretaker	...	4	Grocer	...	4	Ranger	...	1
Carpenter	...	276	Groom	...	17	Restaurant-keeper	...	1
Carpet-layer	...	1	Gum-digger	...	240	Ropemaker	...	8
Carriage-trimmer	...	1	Gum-sorter	...	1	Saddler	...	8
Carter	...	76	Gunsmith	...	1	Sawmiller	...	5
Carver	...	1	Hairdresser	...	4	Sawyer	...	16
Chairmaker	...	1	Hatter	...	2	Sailmaker	...	3
Chemist	...	2	Hawker	...	16	Schoolmaster	...	3
Chimney-sweep	...	2	Herbalist	...	2	Seaman	...	36
Civil engineer	...	4	Horse-trainer	...	1	Seed-grower	...	1
Clergyman	...	2	Hosiery-manufacturer	...	1	Sexton	...	3
Clerk	...	53	Hotelkeeper	...	10	Shearer	...	1
Coachsmith	...	5	House servant	...	1	Shepherd	...	40
Coach-painter	...	2	Interpreter	...	1	Shipwright	...	15
Coach-driver	...	9	Ironmonger	...	3	Shooting-gallery proprietor	...	1
Coal-dealer	...	2	Ironmoulder	...	1	Shop-assistant	...	3
Coffee-stall keeper	...	1	Jeweller	...	2	Shopkeeper	...	20
Coke-dealer	...	2	Joiner	...	6	Signalman	...	2
Collector	...	6	Journalist	...	3	Signwriter	...	2
Commercial traveller	...	3	Labourer	...	3,353	Slater	...	1
Composer	...	5	Lampighter	...	3	Slaughterman	...	1
Confectioner	...	5	Land agent	...	1	Soldier	...	5
Constable	...	4	Laundryman	...	1	Solicitor	...	3
Contractor	...	17	Law clerk	...	1	Station hand	...	5
Cook	...	62	Leather-dresser	...	1	Station-manager	...	1
Cooper	...	6	Letter-carrier	...	2	Stevedore	...	1
Coppersmith	...	1	Librarian	...	1	Steward	...	1
Cordial-manufacturer	...	4	Lighthouse-keeper	...	1	Stock-dealer	...	1
Corset-maker	...	2	Limeburner	...	2	Stock-inspector	...	2
Creamery-manager	...	1	Loom-tuner	...	1	Stockman	...	2
Curio-dealer	...	1	Machine-knitter	...	1	Stonebreaker	...	27
Currier	...	1	Machinist	...	3	Stonemason	...	14
Custodian	...	13	Magazine-keeper	...	1	Storekeeper	...	13
Cutler	...	1	Mail-carrier	...	6	Storeman	...	11
Cutter	...	1	Maltster	...	3	Surveyor	...	5

TABLE 5.—OCCUPATIONS OF EUROPEAN PENSIONERS on the Roll at 31st March, 1908—*contd.*

<i>Males—continued.</i>					
Tailor	30	Vocalist	1	Wheelwright	18
Taxidermist	1	Wagoner	2	Whipmaker	1
Teacher	13	Waiter	4	Whitesmith	2
Tea-dealer	1	Warder	4	Wine and spirit merchant	1
Telephonist	1	Warehouseman	1	Woodcutter	7
Timber-merchant	1	Watchmaker	8	Wood-merchant	1
Tinsmith	6	Waterman	7	Wood-turner	1
Umbrella-maker	2	Weaver	1	Wool-classer	12
Undertaker	2	Weighbridge-keeper	1		
Verger	4	Wellsinker	1		
Veterinary surgeon	5	Wharfinger	1		
					7,884
<i>Females.</i>					
Boardinghouse-keeper	3	Governess	1	Registry-office keeper	1
Charwoman	41	Lacemaker	1	Saleswoman	1
Cook	17	Laundress	58	Sister of Mercy	2
Dairywoman	2	Music-teacher	1	Stewardess	2
Deaconess	1	Needlewoman	35	Teacher	9
Domestic duties	5,151	Nurse	158	Washerwoman	13
Dressmaker	28	Postmistress	3		
					5,528

TABLE 6.—NUMBER of CLAIMS received in each District since the Act came into Force, the Number made during the Past Year, and the Manner in which the Latter have been dealt with.

District.	Deputy Registrar.	Total Number of Claims received since Act came into Force.	Claims awaiting Investigation on 31st Mar., 1907.	For Financial Year ending 31st March, 1908.			Claims awaiting Investigation on 31st Mar., 1908.
				Claims received.	Claims established.	Claims rejected, &c.	
Auckland	S. Ruddock	3,378	49	236	169	85	31
Coromandel	G. G. Paul	325	9	16	12	2	11
Dargaville	S. Thompson	279	12	19	17	10	4
Hamilton	H. J. Dixon	550	24	51	38	18	19
Helensville	G. A. Tapp	441	...	4	3	1	...
Kaitaia	W. Sefton	94	15	19	13	1	20
Mangonui	W. Drummond	178	5	3	4	...	4
Maungaturoto	J. Hemphill	101	8	3	2	8	1
Otahuhu	G. Foreman	786	5	16	9	6	6
Raglan	J. O'Sullivan	225	10	5	6	...	9
Rawene	H. Cox	309	10	9	6	...	13
Rotorua	A. F. Bent	221	11	10	12	7	2
Russell	B. J. Parsons	354	2	13	9	1	5
Taupo	D. Ryan	109	...	7	...	...	7
Warkworth	E. M. Johnson	229	1	12	11	...	2
Whangarei	W. J. Reeve	455	1	20	11	4	6
Whangaroa	P. Carmody	123	2	14	8	...	8
Thames	J. Jordan	637	13	48	27	7	27
Opotiki	C. O'Reilly	96	6	9	3	1	11
Paeroa	H. R. Bush	234	18	23	11	4	26
Tauranga	W. A. Thom	311	50	18	15	29	24
Te Aroha	H. R. Bush	93	3	17	12	...	8
Whakatane	J. S. Willcocks	116	8	7	6	1	8
Gisborne	G. J. A. Johnstone	333	13	13	8	3	15
Port Awanui	G. W. Wales	283	3	...	1	2	...
Napier	A. Trimble	710	35	56	28	16	47
Dannevirke	S. Tansley	399	5	24	15	4	10
Waipawa	J. Eccleton	84	5	8	10	2	1
Wairoa	H. H. Carr	259	...	7	2	5	...
New Plymouth	J. Terry	593	6	35	34	3	4
Stratford	D. W. Mason	109	3	13	8	4	4
Wanganui	C. A. Barton	523	20	22	19	4	19
Hawera	D. Banks	219	5	19	13	2	9
Marton	H. Morgan	271	4	13	10	2	5
Patea	M. O'Brien	83	1	6	7	...	...
Wellington	L. Crow	1,477	12	131	82	52	9
Feilding	C. V. Roberts	226	9	26	20	10	5
Carterton	H. Salmon	229	3	9	5	3	4
Masterton	M. Foley	303	9	26	18	9	8
Carried forward ... ..	...	15,745	395	987	684	306	392

TABLE 6.—NUMBER of CLAIMS received in each District since the Act came into Force, the Number made during the Past Year, and the Manner in which the Latter have been dealt with—*continued.*

District.	Deputy Registrar.	Total Number of Claims received since Act came into Force.	Claims awaiting Investigation on 31st Mar., 1907.	For Financial Year ending 31st March, 1908.			Claims awaiting Investigation on 31st Mar., 1908.
				Claims received.	Claims established.	Claims rejected, &c.	
Brought forward ...	...	15,745	395	987	684	306	392
Otaki ...	T. O'Rourke ...	154	2	10	3	2	7
Pahiatua ...	D. O'Rourke ...	114	3	12	8	6	1
Palmerston North ...	C. J. Hewlett ...	442	10	34	33	11	...
Nelson ...	E. C. Kelling ...	626	15	37	25	15	12
Motueka ...	F. Pidgeon ...	191	4	17	4	8	9
Blenheim ...	F. W. Hart ...	390	6	22	14	8	6
Havelock ...	C. J. King ...	26	...	...	...	...	...
Christchurch ...	P. A. Keddel ...	3,143	24	248	211	29	32
Akaroa ...	R. W. Shepherd ...	121	...	4	2	...	2
Amberley ...	F. Lewin ...	20	...	3	2	...	1
Ashburton ...	J. Fitzgerald ...	513	12	38	35	11	4
Culverden ...	A. S. Bird ...	21	3	...	3	...	...
Kaiapoi ...	A. G. Ashby ...	657	1	37	32	3	3
Kaikoura ...	J. P. Clarkson ...	55	...	5	4	...	1
Timaru ...	T. W. Tayler ...	387	7	38	33	9	3
Fairlie ...	D. Hyland ...	26	1	5	3	...	3
Temuka ...	J. Gillespie ...	350	7	37	27	7	10
Waimate ...	W. Y. Purchase ...	231	9	18	15	5	7
Greymouth ...	B. Harper ...	949	14	53	38	19	10
Reefton ...	H. Smith ...	341	3	16	13	5	1
Hokitika ...	J. N. Nalder ...	1,171	20	81	63	18	20
Westport ...	O. E. Bowling ...	606	10	38	32	8	8
Oamaru ...	R. P. Ward ...	607	...	61	50	4	7
Dunedin ...	R. S. Stokes ...	2,722	33	246	191	65	23
Balclutha ...	C. W. Lopdell ...	302	11	16	12	6	9
Clyde ...	F. T. D. Jeffrey ...	263	9	26	25	2	8
Lawrence ...	A. M. Eyes ...	430	3	28	22	5	4
Milton ...	D. McRae ...	271	6	26	23	6	3
Naseby ...	J. C. Malfroy ...	235	7	22	18	1	10
Palmerston South ...	C. Findlay ...	124	1	9	6	...	4
Waikouaiti ...	S. Kidd ...	76	5	11	11	2	3
Invercargill ...	J. R. Colyer ...	1,334	29	74	54	33	16
Gore ...	G. H. Lang ...	37	...	37	21	4	12
Queenstown ...	A. J. Thompson ...	241	12	10	8	10	4
Riverton ...	D. P. Phillips ...	328	4	21	15	5	5
Chatham Islands ...	W. A. Matthews ...	11	...	...	...	...	...
Port Chalmers ...	(Agency closed) ...	338	...	...	...	...	...
		33,598	666	2,327	1,740	613	640

TABLE 7.—ORIGINAL NATIONALITIES of PENSIONERS to whom new Pensions were granted during the Financial Year ended the 31st March, 1908.

	Number.		Number.		Number.
British (English) ...	790	British (Maltese) ...	1	Prussian ...	3
" (Irish) ...	364	" (Newfoundlander) ...	1	Finn ...	2
" (Scotch) ...	325	" (West-Australian) ...	1	Bavarian ...	1
" (New-Zealander) ...	23	German ...	30	Bohemian ...	1
" (Welsh) ...	13	Danish ...	15	Greek ...	1
" (Tasmanian) ...	9	Swedish ...	12	Hanoverian ...	1
" (New-South-Welsh) ...	7	Norwegian ...	9	Hungarian ...	1
" (Canadian) ...	7	American ...	5	Pole ...	1
" (Channel-Islander) ...	5	Austrian ...	4	Russian ...	1
" (Victorian) ...	5	Dutch ...	4	Swiss ...	1
" (Manxman) ...	2	French ...	4	Maori ...	80
" (South-Australian) ...	2	Italian ...	4		
" (Cape-Colonist) ...	1	Portuguese ...	4	Total ...	1,740

These pensioners are now all British subjects as required by law.

TABLE 8.—SEX and CONJUGAL CONDITION of PENSIONERS who were admitted during the Year ended the 31st March, 1908.

Sex.	Single.	Married.	Widowed.	Totals.
Males ...	243	489	263	995
Females ...	20	333	392	745
Totals ...	263	822	655	1,740

TABLE 9.—AGES of PENSIONERS admitted during the Year ended the 31st March, 1908.

At age	Number.	At age	Number.	At age	Number.
65 ...	538	74 ...	46	83 ...	7
" 66 ...	222	" 75 ...	46	" 84 ...	5
" 67 ...	181	" 76 ...	32	" 85 ...	2
" 68 ...	132	" 77 ...	25	" 86 ...	2
" 69 ...	118	" 78 ...	20	" 87 ...	4
" 70 ...	91	" 79 ...	12	" 88 ...	1
" 71 ...	101	" 80 ...	13	" 89 ...	1
" 72 ...	58	" 81 ...	9	" 92 ...	1
" 73 ...	70	" 82 ...	2	" 93 ...	1
				Total ...	1,740

TABLE 10.—AGES of EUROPEAN PENSIONERS who died during the Year ended the 31st March, 1908.

At age	Number.	At age	Number.	At age	Number.
65 ...	16	76 ...	76	87 ...	19
" 66 ...	25	" 77 ...	73	" 88 ...	24
" 67 ...	46	" 78 ...	49	" 89 ...	13
" 68 ...	34	" 79 ...	49	" 90 ...	5
" 69 ...	56	" 80 ...	52	" 91 ...	4
" 70 ...	46	" 81 ...	40	" 92 ...	3
" 71 ...	57	" 82 ...	48	" 93 ...	3
" 72 ...	67	" 83 ...	22	" 94 ...	1
" 73 ...	73	" 84 ...	25	" 95 ...	1
" 74 ...	80	" 85 ...	28	" 96 ...	1
" 75 ...	76	" 86 ...	11	" 97 ...	2
				Total ...	1,125

TABLE 11.—NUMBER of PENSIONS GRANTED in each Financial Year, together with the NUMBERS of such PENSIONS IN FORCE on the 31st March, 1908.

Year ended 31st March,	Pensions granted in each Year.	Number of such Pensions still in Force, on 31st March 1908.	Percentage of Pensions in Force to Pensions granted.
1899 ...	7,487	2,476	33
" 1900 ...	4,699	1,657	35
" 1901 ...	2,227	1,015	46
" 1902 ...	1,694	840	50
" 1903 ...	1,391	825	59
" 1904 ...	1,063	718	68
" 1905 ...	1,210	914	76
" 1906 ...	2,075	1,661	80
" 1907 ...	2,031	1,793	88
" 1908 ...	1,740	1,670	96
Totals ...	25,617	13,569	

TABLE 12.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of PENSIONS IN FORCE, and PAYMENTS MADE in each Financial Year since the Act came into Operation.

Date.	Number of Pensions in Force.	Payments to End of Financial Year.	Expenditure.		Pensions.	
			Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
At 31st March, 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
" 1904 ...	11,926	203,164	...	6,976	...	555
" 1905 ...	11,770	195,475	...	7,689	...	156
" 1906 ...	12,582	*254,367	58,892	...	812	...
" 1907 ...	13,257	314,184	59,817	...	675	...
" 1908 ...	13,569	325,199	11,015	...	312	...
Total ...	...	£2,067,755	...	...	...	...

* This includes five months at the £18 rate, and seven months at the £26 rate.

TABLE 13.—NUMBER of PENSIONS GRANTED since the Act came into Operation, with NUMBER of DEATHS and CANCELLATIONS, and NUMBER IN FORCE at End of each Year.

Year ending 31st March.	Number of Pensions granted.	Deaths.	Cancellations.	In Force at End of Year.	Liability each Year.
1899 ...	7,487	38	6	7,443	£ 127,319
1900 ...	4,699	786	71	11,285	193,718
1901 ...	2,227	815	292	12,405	211,965
1902 ...	1,694	935	388	12,776	217,192
1903 ...	1,391	1,064	622	12,481	211,594
1904 ...	1,063	928	690	11,926	200,915
1905 ...	1,210	890	476	11,770	199,081
1906 ...	2,075	1,038	225	12,582	313,018
1907 ...	*2,031	1,097	259	13,257	326,084
1908 ...	1,740	1,189	239	13,569	...
Totals ...	25,617	8,780	3,268	...	...

* Includes one reinstatement of cancelled pension.

TABLE 14.—WEALTH OF PENSIONERS.

District.	Amount of Pension.	Income.		Gross Accumulated Property.						Mortgages.	Husband (or Wife).		Benefited by*
		Pensioner.	H. or W.	Freehold.	Lease.	Life Interest.	Cash.	Stock, Furniture, &c.	Insurance.		Gross Property.	Mortgage.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Auckland ..	1,862	19,618	3,850	26,012	611	4,294	5,087	10,448	628	7,425	12,198	3,181	107
Coromandel ..	128	572	107	2,780	179	..	332	527	..	128	645	..	24
Dargaville ..	102	1,143	232	1,301	173	..	125	344	3	188	1,595	235	4
Hamilton ..	285	2,160	167	8,524	91	350	1,186	1,187	245	1,675	1,884	..	49
Helensville ..	54	375	108	753	123	..	3	89	..	263	807	108	9
Kaitiaki ..	68	301	81	2,094	193	..	169	217	..	166	685	..	2
Mangonui ..	28	111	2	844	15	..	52	34	..	..	173	..	1
Maungaturoto ..	39	426	73	1,509	120	20	218	154	145	252	264	..	5
Otago ..	114	597	171	4,752	25	314	600	629	..	907	1,180	662	23
Raglan ..	36	179	15	408	..	..	..	57	..	50	372	..	..
Rawene ..	79	222	100	4,492	..	..	..	288	..	88	1,092	..	5
Rotorua ..	62	621	..	2,875	..	..	..	93	..	..	300	..	..
Russell ..	140	617	97	6,406	45	15	50	487	..	75	940	..	15
Taupo ..	13	24	..	907	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..
Warkworth ..	83	797	25	5,121	31	243	232	644	..	550	444	..	9
Whangarei ..	149	1,424	150	2,261	327	17	592	871	..	371	818	250	16
Whangaroa ..	40	271	84	1,274	..	122	38	174	..	85	279	..	3
Thames ..	260	1,108	284	2,893	925	42	1,482	1,279	..	251	1,499	128	61
Opotiki ..	34	86	..	752	..	..	..	25	..	100	..	..	6
Paeroa ..	83	770	109	2,081	175	180	90	265	..	454	669	240	13
Tauranga ..	60	152	104	2,795	..	98	203	181	..	328	634	..	3
Te Aroha ..	49	325	51	1,821	..	..	155	185	..	409	566	115	13
Whakatane ..	34	65	13	1,087	15	..	8	..	..	..	260	..	..
Gisborne ..	86	1,172	239	1,458	187	..	667	255	..	27	1,039	150	7
Port Awanui ..	17	57	..	121	15	..	73	..	..	30	200	..	1
Napier ..	269	2,703	536	3,356	..	276	261	1,806	..	965	3,055	315	20
Dannevirke ..	141	959	129	5,246	10	420	234	670	154	1,414	2,073	218	21
Waipawa ..	58	523	217	584	20	125	308	158	123	99	1,760	200	5
Wairoa ..	33	73	18	1,482	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	5
New Plymouth ..	217	1,893	280	4,644	313	1,204	2,132	978	25	740	2,273	700	32
Stratford ..	35	331	93	447	..	..	134	105	..	137	1,065	250	2
Wanganui ..	196	1,347	280	1,623	60	114	422	390	..	109	2,389	500	14
Hawera ..	78	747	264	1,488	..	..	493	433	..	593	2,295	865	10
Marton ..	86	753	283	2,333	90	20	212	431	25	342	1,180	..	17
Patea ..	33	459	23	531	8	..	111	167	..	140	616	..	5
Wellington ..	650	6,466	1,436	4,516	272	1,424	3,868	4,192	308	1,259	8,476	2,922	14
Carterton ..	85	787	328	1,852	..	119	54	765	..	514	2,301	725	15
Feilding ..	100	835	264	2,922	175	..	219	512	..	1,534	1,011	160	15
Masterton ..	111	961	175	2,991	327	58	264	742	..	689	2,593	950	15
Otaki ..	64	604	16	1,787	373	..	71	480	..	526	804	44	6
Pahiatua ..	47	640	7	2,317	764	..	214	395	..	554	15	..	7
Palmerston North ..	192	1,792	308	6,827	133	346	506	1,158	..	1,478	1,902	678	30
Nelson ..	209	1,784	393	6,364	123	1,223	1,587	1,287	120	1,934	3,596	1,094	41
Motueka ..	73	523	138	2,318	216	196	211	321	159	576	773	285	8
Blenheim ..	142	1,148	254	3,218	485	196	267	730	..	1,050	2,261	300	22
Havelock ..	6	33	..	77	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Christchurch ..	1,567	10,182	2,514	55,597	1,064	2,841	6,195	13,415	102	17,838	14,575	3,532	293
Akaroa ..	41	338	35	1,213	..	76	..	126	..	515	412	150	8
Amberley ..	13	64	8	510	490	..	30	198	..	387	120	..	6
Ashburton ..	237	1,933	362	8,412	677	272	1,017	1,424	..	2,712	4,083	1,444	66
Culverden ..	8	76	..	322	..	..	28	10	..	..	..	..	2
Kaipoi ..	326	1,402	448	12,279	250	659	1,503	1,530	30	3,747	3,242	877	77
Kaikoura ..	17	174	..	661	20	98	175	174	..	111	..	..	3
Timaru ..	190	1,195	266	7,534	75	432	1,252	1,102	..	2,697	2,276	202	39
Fairlie ..	13	117	12	70	..	..	..	82	..	..	345	..	1
Temuka ..	161	1,207	294	7,475	334	..	959	1,858	40	1,996	1,898	410	32
Waimate ..	124	1,122	109	5,063	420	450	320	1,164	..	615	1,775	180	27
Greymouth ..	444	3,469	498	3,535	3,024	..	2,108	1,204	..	632	2,431	..	245
Reefton ..	130	981	100	1,673	682	2	214	255	..	560	279	..	54
Hokitika ..	514	4,142	392	7,899	3,598	10	2,308	2,092	751	874	2,106	600	276
Westport ..	261	2,362	253	3,037	2,530	..	1,427	593	165	535	1,796	200	124
Oamaru ..	294	1,716	373	8,215	363	492	1,309	3,139	..	1,686	3,337	597	61
Dunedin ..	1,312	14,764	3,250	36,107	1,278	2,023	7,892	18,299	537	9,029	18,148	3,614	91
Balclutha ..	158	749	189	3,775	836	153	107	795	..	1,195	992	130	37
Clyde ..	121	1,318	88	1,544	994	55	471	887	..	110	378	..	53
Lawrence ..	200	1,147	134	4,894	1,409	167	1,302	1,004	..	863	2,066	47	96
Milton ..	135	783	397	6,314	550	51	383	1,117	..	1,181	2,444	275	54
Naseby ..	112	786	228	1,378	1,325	69	1,280	748	..	443	1,431	40	56
Palmerston South ..	57	312	82	1,636	142	106	216	498	..	208	1,248	..	17
Waikouaiti ..	60	391	52	4,183	..	96	503	521	..	1,056	320	..	17
Invercargill ..	475	2,427	721	17,096	1,153	325	1,431	3,823	65	4,256	4,946	1,213	107
Gore ..	151	986	321	3,267	362	70	413	919	84	398	2,598	703	38
Queenstown ..	95	820	39	1,250	690	20	535	583	..	40	178	..	16
Riverton ..	138	1,173	268	3,870	502	173	573	853	323	627	792	..	28
Chathams ..	5	33	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	13,569	108,718	22,939	350,453	29,387	20,056	56,911	92,596	4,032	82,786	143,307	29,489	2605

* Increased allowance of £150 under 1905 Act.

TABLE 15.—NUMBER of OLD-AGE PENSIONERS maintained in HOMES and HOSPITALS throughout the Dominion on the 31st March, 1908, together with the Amounts paid to such Institutions during the Year.

Controlling Body.		Institution.	Payments Year 1907-8.	Number of Pensioners in Institu- tion on 31st March, 1908.	Amount handed to Pensioners after Deduction of Maintenance.
Location.	Name.				
Whangarei ..	North of Auckland Charitable Aid Board ..	Old Men's Home ..	£ 213 6 11	7	4s. per month.
Auckland ..	Auckland Charitable Aid Board ..	Costley Home ..	1,568 13 8	60	6s. 6d. per month.
" ..	Little Sisters of the Poor ..	Home ..	719 16 4	28	8s.
" ..	Veterans' Home ..	" ..	871 13 4	39	2s. 6d. per week.
Thames ..	Thames and Coromandel Charitable Aid Board ..	Old Men's Home ..	304 12 6	10	5s. per month.
Hamilton ..	Waikato Charitable Aid Board ..	" ..	193 16 3	8	4s.
Gisborne ..	Cook District Charitable Aid Board ..	" ..	120 7 6	6	1s. per week.
Napier ..	Hawke's Bay United Charitable Aid Board ..	Old People's Home ..	530 3 0	23	10s. 4d. per month.
New Plymouth ..	Taranaki District Charitable Aid Board ..	Old Men's Home ..	455 3 10	17	10s.
Wanganui ..	Patea and Wanganui Charitable Aid Board ..	Jubilee Home ..	249 3 4	7	5s.
Palmerston N. ..	Palmerston North Charitable Aid Board ..	No institution ..	91 3 8	4	Nil.
Carterton ..	Carter's Home Trustees ..	Old Men's Home ..	19 10 0	..	"
Masterton ..	North Wairarapa Benevolent Society ..	Solway Home ..	17 6 8	..	"
Wellington ..	Benevolent Institution Contributors ..	Ohiro Home ..	498 14 0	21	1s. 6d. per week.
" ..	Society for Relief of Aged Needy ..	Home ..	713 6 4	28	7s. 7d. per month.
" ..	Sisters of Compassion ..	Home for Incurables ..	288 12 10	11	5s. per month.
Blenheim ..	Wairau Charitable Aid Board ..	Old Men's Home ..	107 12 4	3	1s. per week.
Picton ..	Picton Charitable Aid Board ..	Hospital ..	108 18 6	3	6s. per month.
Nelson ..	Nelson Charitable Aid Board ..	Old People's Home ..	776 14 5	29	2s. per week.
Westport ..	Buller Charitable Aid Board ..	Hospital ..	422 18 11	13	2s.
Charleston ..	Charleston Hospital Trustees ..	" ..	148 4 8	5	11s. 4d. per month.
Reefton ..	Reefton Hospital Trustees ..	" ..	323 3 10	11	5s.
Greymouth ..	Greymouth Hospital Trustees ..	" ..	694 16 0	28	10s.
Hokitika ..	Westland Hospital Trustees ..	" ..	661 6 1	25	7s. 6d.
Ross ..	Westland Charitable Aid Board ..	" ..	114 16 8	5	13s. 4d.
Kumara ..	Kumara Hospital Trustees ..	" ..	330 14 1	17	13s. 4d.
Christchurch ..	North Canterbury and Ashburton Charitable Aid Board ..	Jubilee Home ..	693 13 7	28	1s. per week.
" ..	Ditto ..	Old Men's Home, Ashburton ..	848 14 9	31	1s.
" ..	Samaritan Home Trustees ..	Samaritan Home ..	78 0 0	2	4s. per month.
" ..	Nazareth House ..	Home ..	421 0 2	16	5s.
Timaru ..	South Canterbury Charitable Aid Board ..	Old Men's Home ..	295 18 4	13	1s. 6d. per week.
Oamaru ..	North Otago Benevolent Society ..	" ..	393 11 8	14	8s. 8d. per month.
Dunedin ..	Otago Benevolent Society ..	Benevolent Institution ..	1,988 11 6	75	13s. 4d.
" ..	Home for Aged and Poor ..	Home ..	280 15 0	14	13s. 4d.
Invercargill ..	Southland Charitable Aid Board ..	Bowmont Street Home ..	760 0 0	25	4s. 6d.
			16,305 0 8	626	
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Thames ..	Thames Hospital Trustees ..	Hospital ..	27 11 8	..	
Gisborne ..	Gisborne Hospital Trustees ..	" ..	8 13 4	..	
Waipukurau ..	Waipawa Hospital Trustees ..	" ..	1 17 9	..	
Napier ..	Napier Hospital Trustees ..	" ..	20 18 4	..	
Stratford ..	Stratford Charitable Aid Board ..	" ..	3 15 6	..	
Hawera ..	Hawera Charitable Aid Board ..	" ..	15 3 4	..	
Wanganui ..	Wanganui Hospital Board ..	" ..	6 10 0	2	
Masterton ..	Masterton Hospital Trustees ..	" ..	4 2 10	..	
Wellington ..	Wellington Hospital Trustees ..	" ..	195 2 8	5	
Christchurch ..	North Canterbury Hospital Board ..	" ..	50 10 0	3	
Ashburton ..	Ashburton Hospital Trustees ..	" ..	47 5 0	2	
Oamaru ..	Oamaru Hospital Trustees ..	" ..	70 5 0	..	
Dunedin ..	Dunedin Hospital Trustees ..	" ..	85 11 5	2	
Clyde ..	Dunstan Hospital Trustees ..	" ..	52 12 0	1	
Naseby ..	Naseby Hospital Trustees ..	" ..	2 3 4	..	
Invercargill ..	Southland Hospital Trustees ..	" ..	47 16 4	2	
Arrowtown ..	Arrow District Hospital Trust ..	" ..	21 13 4	2	
Queenstown ..	Wakatipu Hospital Trust ..	" ..	6 10 0	..	
Riverton ..	Wallace and Fiord Hospital Trust ..	" ..	18 16 8	..	
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