

(c.) £200 lent on mortgage not disclosed when pension applied for. Refund of £51 obtained from executor of pensioner's estate.

(d.) Receipt of insurance money, £202, not disclosed at the proper time. Refund of £43 by husband and wife.

(e.) Land sold, and proceeds, £360, invested in a private company. Not disclosed when pension applied for, and refund of £53 obtained from husband and wife.

(f.) Bank account of £200 in name of daughter not disclosed. Refund from husband and wife, £41

The following table shows the amounts recovered in each year since 1898 :—

	£	s.	d.
Three months ended 31st March, 1899 .. .. .			Nil.
Year ended 31st March, 1900 .. .. .	5	15	0
.. .. . 1901 .. .. .	63	18	4
.. .. . 1902 .. .. .	127	1	11
.. .. . 1903 .. .. .	1,039	11	1
.. .. . 1904 .. .. .	2,349	14	7
.. .. . 1905 .. .. .	1,526	10	9
.. .. . 1906 .. .. .	405	11	0
.. .. . 1907 .. .. .	357	16	8
.. .. . 1908 .. .. .	163	0	8
.. .. . 1909 .. .. .	227	14	7
.. .. . 1910 .. .. .	319	11	9
.. .. . 1911 .. .. .	653	2	8
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>£7,259</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>

#### COST OF ADMINISTRATION.

The cost of administration during the year was £3,802 14s. 10d., the percentage of this cost to the gross payments on account of pensions being 0.99 per cent. The details are as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Salaries .. .. .	3,219	8	4
Lodging-allowances .. .. .	48	2	0
Non-permanent Postmasters, for paying pensions .. .. .	275	19	6
Fees for certificates of age .. .. .	37	3	9
Interpreters' fees .. .. .	13	7	9
Travelling-expenses .. .. .	58	13	6
Miscellaneous .. .. .	150	0	0
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>£3,802</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>

The amount paid for administering the Act since it came into operation 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
.. .. . 1909 .. .. .	9,098
.. .. . 1910 .. .. .	3,290
.. .. . 1911 .. .. .	3,803
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>£51,181</b>

The percentage of the total cost of administration to the gross payments since 1898—namely, £3,150,404—is 1.62 per cent., as against 1.8 per cent. at the end of 1909, and 1.71 per cent. at the end of 1910.

#### FORFEITED INSTALMENTS.

The instalments due last year and remaining unpaid at the 31st March amounted to £1,388 13s. Of this amount, £1,305 13s. represents absolutely forfeited instalments on which there is no further claim, the balance of £83 being instalments the payment of which is in abeyance.