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POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT:
OLD-AGE PENSIONS BRANCH

(FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1912.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to Section 69 of the Old-age Pensions Act, 1908.

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

SIR,— Old-age Pensions Office, General Post Office, Wellington, 14th June, 1912.

I have the honour to submit, for the information of Parliament, the results of the operation of the Old-age Pensions Acts for the year ended the 31st March, 1912.

Points of interest at the close of the year are as follows, a comparison being shown with the figures of the previous year:—

	At 31st March, 1912.	At 31st March, 1911.
European population of New Zealand	1,031,500	1,008,468
Maori population of New Zealand	49,844	49,844
European population, sixty-five years and over	48,294	47,700
European population, sixty-five years of age and twenty-five years in New Zealand	42,772	41,990
Number of pension-claims lodged since Act came into operation on 1st January, 1899	45,243	42,271
Number of pensions granted since Act came into operation on 1st January, 1899	34,751	32,433
Number of European pensioners on the roll	15,984	15,336
Number of Maori pensioners on the roll	665	684
Percentage of European pensioners to total European population	1.54	1.52
Percentage of European pensioners to European population sixty-five years and over	33.0	32.0
Percentage of European pensioners to European population eligible by age and residence	37.0	36.0
Percentage of Maori pensioners to total Maori population	1.33	1.38
Number of pensioners in receipt of pension of £26	14,209	13,936
Percentage of these to total number of pensioners	85.3	87.0
Amount paid in pensions during year	£406,256	£383,393
Cost per head of European population	7s. 10d.	7s. 7d.
Total amount paid in pensions since Act came into operation	£3,556,660	£3,150,404
Cost of administration during year	£4,382	£3,803
Percentage of cost of administration to annual payments	1.07	0.99
Cost of administration since Act came into operation	£55,563	£51,181
Percentage of total cost of administration to total payments	1.56	1.62