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FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
PENSIONS DEPARTMENT,
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1913.

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

The COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS to the Hon the MINISTER OF PENSIONS.

SIR,—

Pensions Department, Wellington, 30th June, 1913.

I have the honour to submit herewith, for the information of Parliament, a report on the working of the Old-age, Widows', and Military Pensions Acts for the year ended 31st March, 1913.

In accordance with the decision of the Government, as outlined by the Financial Statement delivered on the 6th August, 1912, the administration of the various Pensions Acts was again centered during the year in a separate Department, the re-creation of which, on the 14th November, 1912, was coincident with the resignation of the late Commissioner, Mr. D. Robertson, to undertake the duties attaching to the office of Public Service Commissioner. The happy associations of the staff with the Post and Telegraph Department, which had existed for the preceding three years and a half, were thus terminated, though a direct connection with that important Department of State is maintained by the continuance of the payment of pensions at the various post-offices throughout the Dominion.

The pension legislation was further added to during the year by—(1) A Military Pensions Act, and (2) an amendment of the Widows' Pensions Act.

The Military Pensions Act, which repealed an Act similarly intituled passed in the previous year, provides for an annual pension of £36—an increase of £10 on the maximum old-age pension—to veterans of the Maori War who have been awarded the New Zealand War Medal, and who can comply with qualifications which are not so exacting as those required for an old-age pension. The annual liability under this Act, a leading feature of which is that which vests the granting of pensions in the Commissioner, has, after six months' working, already reached £22,000, and claims are still coming in at the rate of six per week. Unlike the old-age and widows' pensions, which require to be applied for through a Registrar of Pensions and determined by a Stipendiary Magistrate, the military pension is obtained by applying direct to the Commissioner in Wellington, or to the nearest representative of the Defence Department, whose report is furnished to the Commissioner. The following particulars, which relate to the number of inquiries made from all sources regarding this class of pension and to the number of signed applications lodged to date, may be found of interest:—

Total inquiries recorded	1,062
Signed applications lodged	893
Pensions granted	667
Claims refused	118
Claims not gone on with	6
Claims adjourned for production of medal	82
Claims being investigated	20

Sixty-four of the completed claims have been lodged by Maoris, 24 of which have so far been granted.

Among those who have inquired regarding the pension are residents of the United States, South Africa, Tonga, and Australia, but these have no claim by reason of the qualification requiring residence in the Dominion.

The reasons for the rejected applications are as follows:—

Excess of income	60
Excess of property	44
Habits	8
Deserters	5
Insufficient residence	1
Total	118

Of the applications not gone on with, 2 were withdrawn, and in the remaining 4 the applicants died.

Of the pensioners admitted to the roll, 19 have died to date.

In no less than 101 of the cases where the pension has been granted the applicants could not produce their medals, but the Department was able to obtain the necessary proof of the award of such to settle their claims. No pains have been spared to assist those who were without direct evidence of this most important qualification. Near at home, the files of the Defence Department and of the Imperial Pay Branch of the Treasury, and the *New Zealand Gazette* of the early seventies, have been of immense service, while farther afield the records of the War Office and of the Admiralty in London, with the authorities of which communication was carried on by cable through the High Commissioner, have been the means of determining the eligibility of quite a number. Some 11 cables in all have been sent regarding 36 applicants, and in 17 of these the award of the medal could not be traced.

The number of old-age pensioners who have applied to date to have their pensions converted to military pensions is 472, and of these 419 have had their claims to the increased amount established. The figures to the end of the year were 432 claims and 380 grants. The saving to the old-age pensions vote on account of these transfers is as follows:—

To 31st March, 1913	£ 9,422
To date (<i>i.e.</i> , 30th June, 1913)	10,386

As an indication of the more liberal provisions attaching to the military pension as distinguished from the old-age pension, it may be mentioned that the increase on the latter is not limited to the £10 difference between the maximum pensions payable under each head, the following being examples of actual cases dealt with:—

Military Pension No.	Old-age Pension.	Military Pension.	Increase.
	£	£	£
3	12	36	24
16	12	36	24
135	8	36	28
574	16	36	20
650	11	36	25

Of the 893 who have completed the form of application, 237 were members of the various Imperial regiments that visited the Dominion, 11 were engaged on Her Majesty's ships-of-war, and the remaining 645 were associated with one or other of the various Colonial Corps, the Armed Constabulary being the Force most largely represented amongst these. The Native Contingents have furnished 33 applicants. A detailed statement showing the corps to which the various applicants belonged is embodied in Table XIV of the appendix.

The main features of the Widows Act Amendment are,—

- Provision for extending the benefits of the pension to the wives of inmates of mental hospitals with young children. The number of cases added to the roll under this head during the year was 23. The total number to date totals 28.
- Provision for the payment of the pension after the death of the widow to the guardian of the children. The total deaths of widows to date number 18, and in 14 of these application was made and authority given for the continuance of the pension.
- A more liberal definition of "income."
- The exemption of furniture and personal effects from the computation of the pension. As a result of this provision 37 widows to date have had their pensions increased.
- An extension of the pension to children born out of the Dominion in certain cases, and to those born prior to the marriage of their parents. A limited number of pensioners have benefited by these provisions.

PENSIONS IN FORCE.

Old-age Pensions.—The number of pensioners under this head on the 31st March, including 679 members of the Native race, was 16,509, being a decrease of 140 on the figures of the previous year, thus:—

Deaths	Europeans.	Maoris.	Totals.
	1,496	73	...
Cancellations	613	30	2,212
Deduct new grants	1,955	117	2,072
Decrease			140

The liability in regard to these at the end of the year was £412,408, being an average of £24 19s. 7d. per pension.

The decrease above referred to, which is the first recorded since the year 1905, when the pension was increased from £18 to £26 per annum, is due to the fact that of the 613 cancelled pensions some 380 represent conversions into military pensions. Leaving these out of consideration, the figures otherwise would show an increase of 240.

The percentage of pensioners to the population eligible by age and to those eligible by age and residence, which in the previous year had shown a slight upward tendency, has returned to what it was in the two preceding years—namely, 32 per cent. and 36 per cent. respectively—the numerical decrease above referred to being responsible for this.

The following table shows the variation in the percentage from 1906 onwards:—

At 31st March.	(a.) European Population eligible by Age.	(b.) European Population eligible by Age and Residence.	European Pensioners.	Percentage to (a).	Percentage to (b).
1906 (actual) ..	40,788	37,367	11,915	29	31
1907 (estimated) ..	42,337	38,611	12,597	29	32
1908 „ ..	43,371	39,336	12,912	29	32
1909 „ „ ..	44,562	40,176	13,705	30	34
1910 „ ..	44,838	40,238	14,626	32	36
1911 (actual) ..	47,700	41,990	15,336	32	36
1912 (estimated) ..	48,294	42,772	15,984	33	37
1913 „ ..	48,915	43,557	15,830	32	36

Widows' Pensions.—The number of pensioners on the roll at the end of the year, including 16 Maoris, was 1,313, being an increase on the figures of the previous year (which, it may be mentioned, represented the results of three months' working only) of 525, thus:—

	Europeans.	Maoris.	Totals.
New grants	641	16	657
Deduct deaths	3	..	..
Deduct cancellations	129	..	132
Increase .. .. .	..	..	525

The liability in regard to these was £24,768, being an average of £18 17s. 3d. per pension.

The three deaths referred to represent cases where advantage was not taken of the provision for continuance of the pension to the guardian of the children.

Military Pensions.—The number of pensions in force under this head at the 31st March, being the result of four months' operation of the Act passed in November, 1912, was 568, of which number 6 were payable to Maoris. The total number granted was 577, there being 9 deaths, including 1 Maori, recorded before the close of the year. The liability in regard to these was £19,026, an average of £33 10s. per pension.

Summarized, the total pensions and the liability thereon at the close of the year were as follows:—

	Number of Pensions.	Liability. £
Old-age	16,509	412,408
Widows'	1,313	24,768
Military	568	19,026
Totals	18,390	£456,202

The percentages of pensioners drawing the full pension are as follows: Old-age, 84 per cent.; widows', 95 per cent.; military, 80 per cent. Thirty-two old-age pensioners are drawing the increased pension provided by the Act of 1911 for males at 60 and females at 55 who have two or more children under 14 years of age. The number of these last year was 18.

The distribution of old-age and widows' pensioners in the various districts throughout the Dominion, together with the annual amount payable in these districts, is embodied in Table I of the appendix. The distribution of the military pensions in postal districts is set out in Table II.

Table III shows the number of all classes of pensions payable at each rate.

Table IV shows the number of old-age pensioners remaining on the roll of the various groups admitted year by year since the Act came into operation.

The ages of all pensioners on the 31st March are embodied in Table V, wherein it will be noted that, of the old-age pensioners, there are no less than 119 of the advanced age of 90 and upwards, while 17 are 95 and upwards.

The total deaths during the year were: Old-age, 1,569; widows, 10; military, 9. The percentage of deaths of old-age pensioners to the total number drawing pensions during the year was 8 per cent. Table VI shows the ages at death of the European section of these, a distinction being made between those who were on the roll at the beginning of the year and those who were admitted during the year. Five old-age pensioners of 96 and upwards died during the year.

Included among the old-age pensioners are 1,780 married couples.

The original nationalities and occupations of the old-age and widows' pensioners are set out in Tables VII and VIII.

Particulars relating to the sex and conjugal condition of the old-age pensioners appear in Table IX.

NEW CLAIMS.

Old-age Pensions.—The number of claims lodged under this head during the year totalled 2,499, a decrease of 476 on the figures of the previous year. These, with the 690 cases awaiting investigation at the seventy-three agencies of the Department at the 31st March, 1912, made a grand total of 3,189 dealt with, which were accounted for as follows:—

Granted	2,072
Rejected (including deaths and withdrawals)	598
Being investigated on 31st March, 1913	519
Total	3,189

Of the 2,072 granted, 136 represent applicants who had been previously in receipt of a pension.

The following table relates to the number of claims lodged in each year since 1906, the number of such claims granted and the number of applicants who could not produce evidence of age:—

	Number of Claims.	Number of New Pensions.	Number without Proof of Age.
1907	2,577	2,031	672
1908	2,327	1,740	639
1909	2,834	2,113	812
1910	2,892	2,304	874
1911	2,963	2,399	810
1912	2,975	2,318	928
1913	2,499	2,072	846

These figures show that during the years 1909 to 1912, inclusive, each of which was immediately preceded by an amendment of the Act liberalizing the provisions of former measures, the number of applicants showed a marked increase, no doubt due to the desire of the old people to take advantage of the added benefits provided; but when a year like last year was reached, the work of which was not disturbed by any variation of the law immediately preceding it, the number of those seeking admission to the roll reverted approximately to the number who applied in the years 1907 and 1908, which followed lean years as far as legislation was concerned.

The total claims lodged since the Act came into operation in 1898 now number 47,742, of which number 36,823 have been established, 44 per cent. of these latter being still on the roll.

The new pensioners include 117 Maoris. Of the remainder, all but 104 were of British extraction, including 100 whites born in New Zealand.

The total number of white New-Zealanders admitted to the roll is shown in the following table:—

Year ended 31st March, 1904	1
" " 1905	2
" " 1906	10
" " 1907	16
" " 1908	23
" " 1909	52
" " 1910	66
" " 1911	85
" " 1912	88
" " 1913	100
Total	443

Of these, 363 are still drawing the pension.

As indicated above, 846 of the new applicants were unable to produce any documentary evidence of age, and the results of inquiries made in all quarters of the globe on their behalf by the Department are as follows:—

Age proved	530
Proved to be under age	121
No proof obtainable	147
Replies outstanding	48
Total	846

Of the 68 where replies were outstanding at the end of the previous year, 23 were proved to be eligible, 9 were found ineligible, and in the remaining 36 cases no evidence could be traced.

Requests were made to Head Office for verification of date of arrival in 525 cases, and in three of these only was the applicant's period of residence found to be short of the twenty-five years required.

The number of claims lodged in each district during the year, and how dealt with, are shown in Table X of the appendix.

The number of pensions granted in each year since 1898, and the deaths and cancellations over the same period, will be found in Table XI.

Widows' Pensions.—The number of claims lodged under this head during the year totals 668. These, with the 234 awaiting investigation at the close of the previous year, made a total of 902 dealt with, which were accounted for as follows:—

Granted	657
Rejected	166
On hand awaiting investigation	79
Total	902

Since the Act came into force in 1911 there has been a total of 1,865 claims lodged, of which number 1,448 were established, 1,313 being still on the roll. These figures show that of the 8,500 widows between the ages of 20 and 55 who were shown by the last report on the working of the Act—namely, parliamentary paper F.-9—to be approximately those from whose ranks the pensioners were likely to be drawn, some 15 per cent. are actually drawing the pension. This percentage, however, is not submitted as one that is at all stable, inasmuch as it will be observed from the table relating to the ages of pensioners (Table V) that there are some 36 pensioners drawn from the higher-aged group of 56 to 65, inclusive, and, further, there are no statistics available, or likely to be, to show how many widows are being created each year at the various ages.

Of the 10,900 widows aged 65 and over who were in the Dominion at the date of the last census, there are 4,906 on the old-age-pension roll, or 10 more than last year.

Of the 657 admitted to the roll during the year, 418, or 63 per cent., were Europeans born in New Zealand, 16 were Maoris, and only 7 were of foreign extraction.

Of the 166 rejected claims during the year, some 76 represent cases where the income of the applicant was in excess of the amount allowed by law.

The total families of the new pensioners range from 1 to 18, and the number of children under 14 years of age in one family from 1 to 10, the averages being: Total family, 5; family under 14 years of age, 2.44. The averages last year were 5 and 2.43. Details are embodied in Table XIII of the appendix.

The number of children to date on whose account the pension has been granted is 3,527, and the total children of pensioners 7,297, thus:—

	Number of Pensions granted.	Children under 14.	Total Children.
1911-12	791	1,923	3,982
1912-13	657	1,604	3,315
Totals	1,448	3,527	7,297

The number of claims lodged in each district during the year is shown in Table X.

Military Pensions.—The actual claims under this head recorded to the 31st March totalled 788, of which number 577 were granted. A detailed reference to these has already been made earlier in this report.

ANNUAL PAYMENTS.

Old-age Pensions.—The gross payments under this head during the year totalled £415,760 14s. 11d., an increase on the figures of the previous year of £9,504 18s. 7d., the smallest increase in any year since the pension was increased to £26 per annum. A comparative statement showing the variation in the payments in each year since the Act was passed appears in Table XII.

After deducting the sum of £868 0s. 9d., being refund of overpaid instalments made during the year, and making allowance for payments held up on account of some informality, the net charge against the Consolidated Fund for the year stands at £414,861 11s. 10d., to which has been applied a credit of £17,824 3s. 11d., being revenue from the national-endowment lands.

The total amount credited to date from the endowment-land revenue is as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
1910	20,142	12	7
1911	16,758	9	8
1912	18,709	11	6
1913	17,824	3	11
Total	£73,434	17	8

The grand total paid in old-age pensions to date now stands at £3,972,421.

The gross payments and the cost per head of the population in each year are as follows:—

	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 (at £18 and £26)	254,367	889,968	5 8
" " 1907 (at £26)	314,184	913,873	6 10
" " 1908	325,199	937,587	6 11
" " 1909	336,760	968,313	6 11
" " 1910	362,496	987,480	7 4
" " 1911	383,393	1,008,468	7 7
" " 1912	406,256	1,031,500	7 10
" " 1913	415,761	1,061,748	7 10
Total	£3,972,421		

Widows' Pensions.—The gross payments under this head for the year were £22,114 11s. 4d. Deducting £5 for refund of overpaid instalments and £1 8s. 4d. for a payment held up, the net charge against the Consolidated Fund is £22,108 3s. The gross payments in each year to date are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
1911-12 (two months)	1,963	1	5
1912-13	22,114	11	4
Total	£24,077	12	9

Military Pensions.—The payments made to the end of the year for this class of pension was £3,681 11s. 8d., being the instalments for four months, as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
December, 1912	206	5	0
January, 1913	646	18	4
February, 1913	1,304	13	4
March, 1913	1,523	15	0
	£3,681	11	8

The following table shows the distribution of the year's payments under each head in the various parts of the Dominion:—

Postal District	Old-age. £	Widows'. £	Military. £
Auckland	87,162	4,161	1,610
Thames	13,732	706	279
Gisborne	3,271	227	58
Napier	15,796	816	389
New Plymouth	7,404	485	321
Wanganui	13,811	1,008	306
Wellington	45,829	3,012	342
Nelson	8,241	510	36
Blenheim	5,023	365	27
Christchurch	71,789	4,068	127
Timaru	17,149	742	15
Greymouth	13,004	582	24
Hokitika	13,109	147	30
Westport	6,764	421	9
Oamaru	8,231	319	30
Dunedin	60,370	3,089	53
Invercargill	25,076	1,456	25
	£415,761	£22,114	£3,681

Grand total, £441,556.

RECOVERIES.

The amount of overpaid pensions refunded and paid to the Public Account during the year totalled £873 0s. 9d., as follows: Old-age, £868 0s. 9d.; widows, £5. The total refunded to date now stands at £8,714, including £6 on account of widows' pensions.

COST OF ADMINISTRATION.

The cost under this head during the year amounted to £5,260 16s. 4d., the details being as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Salaries	4,526	12	4
Lodging-allowances	102	7	3
Non-permanent Postmasters for paying pensions	239	10	0
Fees for certificates of age	18	3	8
Interpreters' fees	7	0	0
Travelling-expenses	88	6	2
Printing and stationery	228	16	11
Miscellaneous	50	0	0
	£5,260	16	4

Of the increase on the figures of the previous year—namely, £879—£229 represents a new item for printing and stationery for the five months commencing on the 1st November, 1912. The cost of this service was previously borne by the Printing and Stationery Department. The proportion of the total cost to the total amount paid in pensions during the year is 1·19 per cent. The total cost of administration to date is £60,824, the percentage to the gross payments of £4,000,180, being 1·51 per cent., as compared with 1·56 per cent. in 1912.

FORFEITED INSTALMENTS.

The old-age-pension instalments due last year and remaining unpaid on the 31st March totalled £1,805 19s. 11d., of which amount £1,775 14s. 11d. represents absolutely forfeited instalments on which there is no further claim, the balance of £30 5s. being instalments the payment of which is in abeyance. The instalments not collected within the time allowed by law, but subsequently specially authorized and paid during the year, numbered 881, representing a total of £1,757 18s. 5d. The absolutely forfeited instalments are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
1912—April	150	19	4
May	138	14	2
June	147	1	0
July	129	5	7
August	155	9	9
September	178	7	1
October	119	3	0
November	137	17	2
December	162	5	0
1913—January	147	19	7
February	154	2	11
March	154	10	4
Total	£1,775	14	11

Instalments of widows' pensions forfeited during the year totalled £64 10s.

The total of instalments of military pensions forfeited was £14 15s.

HOMES AND HOSPITALS.

The amount paid to the controlling bodies of the various homes and hospitals during the year totalled £22,534 13s., an increase of £1,122 on the amount paid in the previous year. The amount includes £269 11s. 8d. paid on account of military pensioners. £1,731 17s. 6d. of the total represents the charge made for the medical treatment of 41 pensioners in hospitals. The number of pensioners paying for maintenance at the end of the year was 858, being an increase of 40 on the number at the end of the previous year. Full particulars regarding these payments, including the amount allowed to pensioners out of each month's instalment, appear in Table XV of the appendix.

The decrease in the annual expenditure on outdoor relief since the Old-age Pensions Act came into force in 1898 is indicated by the following table:—

Year ended 31st March,	European Population.	Annual Cost of Outdoor Relief.		Cost per Head of Population.	
		£	s.	d.	
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	38,305	0	10	
1908	937,587	33,998	0	8¾	
1909	968,313	37,537	0	9¼	
1910	987,480	38,988	0	9¼	
1911	1,008,468	33,051	0	7¾	
1912	1,031,500	34,171	0	7¾	
1913	1,061,748	(Figures not available.)			

MENTAL HOSPITALS.

The number of old-age pensioners maintained in the mental hospitals of the Dominion during the year was 119, the percentage to the total number of pensioners whose names appeared on the roll during the same period—i.e., 18,721—being 0.64 per cent. The instalments paid to the Mental Hospitals Department on account of these totalled £1,816 3s. 7d., and the number still being maintained at the end of the year was 79.

WEALTH OF PENSIONERS.

The following particulars relate to the amount of accumulated property owned by the 16,509 old-age pensioners who were on the roll at the end of the year, and by the husbands and wives of these who were themselves not old-age pensioners. The grand total, it will be observed, now exceeds £1,000,000 :—

Owned by pensioners—		£
Homes (including furniture and personal effects)		780,381
Land (not used as a home), stock, &c.		162,835
Cash		111,338
		<u>1,054,554</u>
Less mortgages on this property... ..		162,536
		<u>892,018</u>
Owned by the husbands or wives of pensioners—		£
Homes		124,814
Land and other property		29,669
Cash		19,160
		<u>173,643</u>
Less mortgages on this property		41,875
Total net property owned by husbands or wives of pensioners (not themselves pensioners)		<u>131,768</u>
Grand total		<u>£1,023,786</u>

The total income earned by these pensioners, exclusive of the amount exempted in terms of the 1908 Amendment Act by reason of the loss of employment, was £125,175, and by their husbands or wives (not themselves pensioners), £25,823. The average amount of income earned by each pensioner was £7 11s., and the average amount of property held, after the deduction of mortgages, £54. The averages in 1906, when the exemption from property on account of the home was £150 instead of £340 as now, were—Income, £8 4s.; property, £28 12s.

The income and property of the 1,313 widows' pensioners at the end of the year were as follows :—

Income—		£
From property		8,431
From other sources (including personal earnings)		38,998
		<u>£47,429</u>
Total		£47,429
Average income per pensioner		£36
Property—		
Homes		115,885
Cash		36,791
Other property		41,172
		<u>193,848</u>
Less mortgages		53,178
		<u>£140,670</u>
Total		£140,670
Average amount of property per pensioner		£107

In conclusion, I would like to take the opportunity of expressing the Department's appreciation of the earnest and careful work performed in connection with the investigation of claims for old-age and widows' pensions by the various Registrars of Pensions throughout the Dominion, most of whom are Clerks of Court or police officers acting as Clerks of Court, and the State is indebted to these officers for the manner in which its interests have been so thoroughly safeguarded. To the Magistracy of the Dominion I take the liberty of expressing my best thanks for hearty co-operation at all times.

This tribute would be incomplete without reference to the interest taken in the old soldiers who applied for the military pension by the various officers in charge of area-groups and sergeants-major of the Defence Department, and the ready manner in which they have performed the duties appertaining to the position of Examining Officer under the Military Pensions Act, often under great stress owing to the nature of their ordinary work in connection with the administration of the Defence Act. The efforts of these officers have been cheerfully seconded by those members of the Headquarters Staff in Wellington who have been associated with the work, mainly that phase of it relating to the award of war medals. To these I tender my best thanks.

G. C. FACHE, Commissioner.

APPENDIX.

- Table I. Number and annual value of pensions in districts—old-age and widows’.
- „ II. Number of pensions in districts—military.
 - „ III. Pensions at each rate—old-age, widows’ and military.
 - „ IV. Percentage of pensions granted in each year now in force—old-age.
 - „ V. Ages of European pensioners—old-age, widows’, and military.
 - „ VI. Ages at death during 1912-13—old-age.
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 - „ XIV. Regiments of applicants for military pension.
 - „ XV. Amounts paid to homes and hospitals—old-age and military.

TABLE I.—NUMBER AND ANNUAL VALUE OF OLD-AGE AND WIDOWS' PENSIONS IN FORCE ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1913.

District.	Old-age.			Widows'.		
	Europeans.	Maoris.	Annual Value.	Europeans.	Maoris.	Annual Value.
			£			£
Auckland	1,955	25	49,380	176	..	3,110
Coromandel	79	23	2,614	12	..	252
Dargaville	89	13	2,576	8	..	144
Hamilton	316	51	9,136	16	..	342
Kaitia	23	50	1,799	1	3	84
Mangonui	21	23	1,041	1	2	42
Raglan	17	10	665	..	..	..
Rawene	31	35	1,557	6	3	174
Rotorua	28	58	2,011	..	..	..
Russell	62	66	3,126	2	1	84
Taupo	13	6	474	2	..	36
Waipu	49	5	1,388	3	..	53
Warkworth	55	4	1,348	4	..	78
Whangarei	190	3	4,916	15	..	319
Whangaroa	20	35	1,295	4	2	126
Thames	233	10	6,118	15	..	264
Opotiki	14	17	788	2	..	54
Paeroa	153	30	4,546	19	1	427
Tauranga	28	57	2,110	4	..	69
Whakatane	4	30	756	1	..	24
Gisborne	109	11	2,896	15	..	322
Port Awanui	6	5	246	..	6	..
Napier	386	4	9,869	35	..	735
Dannevirke	149	..	3,647	14	..	290
Waipawa	79	..	1,984	4	..	90
Wairoa	16	9	525	..	..	..
New Plymouth	214	9	5,507	24	..	441
Stratford	51	2	1,288	4	..	90
Wanganui	243	2	6,150	29	..	564
Eltham	26	..	637	5	..	102
Hawera	83	2	2,112	6	..	120
Marton	84	1	2,119	6	..	117
Patea	37	..	933	..	..	..
Taihape	53	2	1,377	4	..	90
Wellington	1,143	3	28,685	115	..	2,124
Chatham Islands	2	1	70	..	..	..
Feilding	145	2	3,668	14	1	325
Masterton	185	..	4,590	17	..	294
Otaki	73	6	1,984	10	..	226
Pahiatua	56	..	1,343	5	..	114
Palmerston North	238	3	5,929	24	..	431
Nelson	248	..	6,248	24	..	398
Motueka	80	..	1,992	7	..	157
Blenheim	191	6	4,992	17	1	320
Havelock	8	..	208	..	..	..
Christchurch	2,115	1	52,943	196	1	3,486
Akaroa	38	4	1,034	7	..	129
Amberley	20	..	461	1	..	12
Ashburton	332	..	8,484	22	..	452
Culverden	12	..	312	1	..	30
Kaipoi	358	5	9,089	15	1	318
Kaikoura	19	2	514	2	..	54
Timaru	308	..	7,686	24	..	497
Fairlie	23	..	569	2	..	42
Geraldine	217	9	5,585	8	..	144
Waimate	152	1	3,864	9	..	140
Westport	246	2	6,291	19	..	405
Greymouth	403	..	10,339	25	..	462
Reefton	118	..	3,022	6	..	153
Hokitika	490	1	12,641	6	..	138
Oamaru	315	2	7,982	16	..	314
Dunedin	1,598	5	39,676	146	..	2,555
Balclutha	157	2	4,033	9	..	210
Cromwell	112	..	2,892	6	..	132
Lawrence	183	..	4,597	7	..	125
Milton	165	..	4,050	13	..	252
Naseby	104	..	2,650	2	..	54
Palmerston South	58	..	1,428	4	..	114
Waikouaiti	41	2	1,074	..	..	..
Invercargill	547	4	13,670	52	..	1,007
Gore	145	..	3,658	17	..	291
Queenstown	114	..	2,912	1	..	25
Riverton	155	20	4,309	11	..	195
Totals	15,830	679	412,408	1,297	16	24,768
North Island	6,758	613	183,203	622	13	12,157
South Island	9,072	66	229,205	675	3	12,611
Totals	15,830	679	412,408	1,297	16	24,768

TABLE II.—NUMBER OF MILITARY PENSIONS IN FORCE ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1913.

Postal District.	Number.	Postal District.	Number.
Auckland	238	Brought forward	518
Thames	52	Christchurch	20
Gisborne	10	Timaru	2
Napier	57	Greymouth	5
New Plymouth	61	Hokitika	4
Wanganui	46	Westport	4
Wellington	47	Oamaru	4
Nelson	4	Dunedin	7
Blenheim	3	Invercargill	4
Forward.. .. .	518	Total	568

TABLE III.—NUMBER OF PENSIONS AT EACH RATE ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1913.

Rate.	Old-age.		Widows'.		Military.	
	Number.	Liability.	Number.	Liability.	Number.	Liability.
£		£		£		£
39	21	819	..	..	..	..
38	1	38	..	..	..	..
37	3	111	..	..	..	..
36	1	36	..	..	457	16,452
35	..	..	..	..	7	245
34	1	34	..	..	9	306
33	3	99	..	..	1	33
32	..	..	..	..	6	192
31	..	..	..	..	6	186
30	1	30	224	6,720	10	300
29	..	..	..	..	2	58
28	1	28	..	..	1	28
27	..	..	1	27	7	189
26	14,017	364,442	1	26	2	52
25	345	8,625	2	50	5	125
24	282	6,768	239	5,736	2	48
23	238	5,474	2	46	2	46
22	179	3,938	3	66	5	110
21	202	4,242	5	105	6	126
20	175	3,500	..	..	3	60
19	126	2,394	4	76	..	..
18	136	2,448	346	6,228	7	126
17	87	1,479	11	187	1	17
16	101	1,616	3	48	6	96
15	73	1,095	8	120	..	..
14	69	966	4	56	3	42
13	71	923	4	52	2	26
12	63	756	406	4,872	2	24
11	62	682	6	66	3	33
10	68	680	5	50	7	70
9	35	315	7	63	1	9
8	47	376	8	64	..	..
7	19	133	5	35	1	7
6	25	150	3	18	2	12
5	19	95	2	10	1	5
4	18	72	9	36	..	..
3	9	27	1	3	1	3
2	6	12	4	8	..	..
1	5	5	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	16,509	412,408	1,313	24,768	568	19,026
Average pension	£24 19s. 7d.		£18 17s. 3d.		£33 10s.	

TABLE IV.—NUMBER OF OLD-AGE PENSIONS GRANTED IN EACH YEAR, TOGETHER WITH THE NUMBER OF SUCH PENSIONS IN FORCE ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1913.

	Pensions granted in each Year.	Number of such Pensions still in Force on 31st March, 1913.	Percentage of Pensions in Force to Pensions granted.
Year ended 31st March, 1899	7,487	1,070	14
" " 1900	4,699	834	18
" " 1901	2,227	548	25
" " 1902	1,694	465	27
" " 1903	1,391	489	35
" " 1904	1,063	436	41
" " 1905	1,210	565	47
" " 1906	2,075	1,022	49
" " 1907	2,031	1,115	55
" " 1908	1,740	1,073	62
" " 1909	2,113	1,403	66
" " 1910	2,304	1,644	71
" " 1911	2,399	1,878	78
" " 1912	2,318	1,989	86
" " 1913	2,072	1,978	95
Totals ...	36,823	16,509	...

TABLE V.—AGES OF EUROPEAN PENSIONERS ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1913.

Age.	Old-age.	Military.	Widows'.	
	Number.	Number.	Age.	Number.
56	1	..	20	2
59	..	1	22	1
60	2	1	23	4
62	3	4	24	7
63	2	8	25	16
64	1	15	26	18
65	424	18	27	20
66	657	17	28	20
67	854	29	29	26
68	1,244	24	30	36
69	912	26	31	33
70	1,054	41	32	43
71	1,058	30	33	44
72	1,077	53	34	45
73	1,002	35	35	54
74	930	33	36	59
75	865	27	37	65
76	802	42	38	59
77	753	33	39	53
78	779	38	40	59
79	761	19	41	43
80	671	22	42	62
81	477	7	43	57
82	384	17	44	54
83	280	3	45	54
84	211	2	46	57
85	147	6	47	49
86	129	5	48	34
87	97	5	49	41
88	81	1	50	47
89	53	1	51	34
90	29	2	52	27
91	25	..	53	29
92	22	2	54	14
93	26	..	55	11
95	7	1	56	11
96	3	..	57	11
97	5	..	58	9
98	1	..	59	2
99	1	..	62	1
			63	1
			67	1
Totals ..	15,830	568	..	1,313

TABLE VI.—AGES AT DEATH OF EUROPEAN OLD-AGE PENSIONERS DURING THE YEAR 1912-13.

Age.	(a.) Pensions in force on the 1st April, 1912.	(b.) New Pensions granted, 1912-13.	Deaths.	
			Of (a).	Of (b).
55	2	1	..	..
60	1	3	..	1
61	3	..	..	..
63	..	2	..	..
64	..	1	..	..
65	412	434	21	4
66	742	295	47	5
67	1,181	197	53	5
68	894	164	55	3
69	1,034	119	59	2
70	1,074	121	62	5
71	1,114	86	75	2
72	1,062	89	83	3
73	965	79	72	7
74	912	77	68	5
75	850	57	68	1
76	824	50	79	2
77	884	37	99	3
78	878	34	107	1
79	759	28	86	..
80	552	20	71	1
81	457	18	74	..
82	339	13	60	2
83	262	9	55	..
84	179	7	30	1
85	166	4	30	..
86	127	1	30	..
87	95	1	16	..
88	65	4	14	..
89	39	2	8	..
90	28	1	3	..
91	31	..	8	..
92	31	1	5	..
94	7	..	..	..
95	5	..	2	..
96	5	..	..	..
97	2	..	1	..
98	2	..	1	..
99	1	..	1	..
Totals ..	15,984	1,955	1,443	53

TABLE VII.—ORIGINAL NATIONALITIES OF OLD-AGE AND WIDOWS' PENSIONERS ON THE ROLL ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1913.

Nationality.	Old-age.	Widows'.	Nationality.	Old-age.	Widows'.
British (England) ..	7,373	225	French ..	40	..
.. (Ireland) ..	3,537	85	Austrian ..	46	..
.. (Scotland) ..	3,060	53	American ..	31	1
.. (New Zealand) ..	363	832	Italian ..	32	2
.. (Australia) ..	280	76	Swiss ..	18	..
.. (Wales) ..	135	4	Dutch ..	12	..
.. (Canada) ..	93	1	Portuguese ..	13	..
.. (Channel Islands) ..	50	3	Russian ..	9	..
.. (India) ..	18	..	Finn ..	7	..
.. (West Indies) ..	16	..	Greek ..	7	..
.. (Isle of Man) ..	10	1	Belgian ..	5	..
.. (South Africa) ..	11	1	Pole ..	6	..
.. (Newfoundland) ..	8	..	Hungarian ..	3	..
.. (Fiji) ..	1	..	Spanish ..	3	..
.. (Pitcairn Island) ..	..	..	Chilian ..	1	..
German ..	301	8	Maori ..	679	16
Dane ..	148	4			
Swede ..	104	..	Totals ..	16,509	1,313
Norwegian ..	89	..			

TABLE VIII.—OCCUPATIONS OF OLD-AGE AND WIDOWS' PENSIONERS (EUROPEANS) ON THE ROLL ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1913.

<i>Males.</i>					
Occupation.	Number.	Occupation.	Number.	Occupation.	Number.
Labourer ...	2,961	Railway employee ...	20	Barman ...	4
Miner ...	1,062	Saddler ...	14	Clergyman ...	3
Farmer ...	655	Sawyer ...	14	Confectioner... ..	2
Carpenter ...	443	Soldier ...	14	Hatter ...	4
Gardener ...	388	Draper ...	13	Horse-trainer ...	5
Gumdigger ...	236	Plasterer ...	13	Laundryman ...	4
Bootmaker ...	152	Fireman ...	12	Solicitor ...	5
Carter ...	126	Waterman ...	11	Upholsterer ...	5
Cook ...	120	Inspector ...	11	Asphalter ...	2
Blacksmith ...	105	Porter ...	7	Auctioneer ...	2
Clerk ...	90	Wharf labourer ...	12	Bookbinder ...	1
Farm labourer ...	67	Hotelkeeper ...	11	Caneworker ...	2
Shepherd ...	84	Waiter ...	9	Customhouse officer ...	3
Seaman ...	87	Grocer ...	13	Flaxmiller ...	3
Agent ...	69	Ropemaker ...	10	Lamplighter ...	5
Bushman ...	67	Boardinghouse-keeper ...	9	Librarian ...	2
Baker ...	63	Brewer ...	9	Millwright ...	3
Fisherman ...	62	Cooper ...	7	Prospector ...	2
Painter ...	63	Fellmonger ...	10	Slater ...	3
Butcher ...	68	Moulder ...	9	Steward ...	3
Storekeeper ...	50	Sexton ...	9	Assayer ...	2
Bricklayer ...	51	Tinsmith ...	9	Dentist ...	1
Tailor ...	54	Watchmaker ...	9	Dyer ...	2
Custodian ...	46	Miller ...	9	Herbalist ...	3
Engineer ...	53	Music-teacher ...	9	Linguist ...	1
Engine-driver ...	40	Ranger ...	10	Paper-bag maker ...	2
Driver ...	33	Sailmaker ...	8	Shoeblick ...	1
Hawker ...	36	Weaver ...	9	Warder ...	2
Coachbuilder ...	32	Chemist ...	6	Well-sinker ...	2
Contractor ...	35	Dairyman ...	3	Blindmaker ...	1
Fruitgrower ...	32	Hairdresser ...	6	Brushmaker ...	1
Stonemason ...	30	Nightwatchman ...	7	Cordial-manufacturer ...	2
Storeman ...	33	Post Office employee ...	5	Corkmaker ...	1
Shipwright ...	32	Surveyor ...	7	Glassblower ...	1
Stonebreaker ...	20	Boilermaker ...	6	Lighthouse-keeper ...	1
Rabbiter ...	23	Chimney-sweep ...	8	Matchmaker ...	1
Teacher ...	22	Police officer... ..	3	Naturalist ...	1
Drover ...	31	Ironmonger ...	7	Soapmaker ...	1
Groom ...	25	Machinist ...	7	Sugarworker... ..	1
Platelayer ...	29	Messenger ...	7	Salesman ...	1
Dealer ...	23	Photographer ...	6	Bailiff ...	1
Poultry-farmer ...	20	Tanner ...	5	Shearer ...	1
Sawmiller ...	22	Veterinary surgeon ...	4	Overseer ...	1
Plumber ...	20	Architect ...	4	Tram-driver ...	1
Wool-classer... ..	19	Gunsmith ...	5	Wood-turner ...	3
Printer ...	18	Journalist ...	6		
News agent ...	16	Mail-carrier ...	5		
Brickmaker ...	17	Artist ...	4		
				Total ...	8,339

TABLE VIII.—OCCUPATIONS OF OLD-AGE AND WIDOWS' PENSIONERS (EUROPEAN) ON THE ROLL ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1913—*continued*.

<i>Females.</i>					
Occupation.	Old-age.	Widows'.	Occupation.	Old-age.	Widows'.
Domestic duties ..	6,911	903	Tailoress ..	..	16
Nurse ..	224	38	Dressmaker ..	..	48
Seamstress ..	82	4	Dairy-farmer ..	..	13
Charwoman ..	92	100	Factory hand ..	..	17
Laundress ..	54	34	Shop-assistant ..	..	9
Cook ..	24	..	Storekeeper ..	..	7
Boardinghouse-keeper ..	24	41	Farmer ..	..	6
Shopkeeper ..	13	5	Needlewoman ..	..	4
Music-teacher ..	11	6	Waitress ..	..	3
Teacher ..	9	4	Confectioner ..	..	3
Sister of Mercy ..	7	..	Milliner ..	..	3
Caretaker ..	6	3	Proprietress tea-rooms ..	..	3
Servant ..	5	1	Settler ..	..	2
Housekeeper ..	2	..	Companion ..	..	1
Postmistress ..	5	7	Fishmonger ..	..	1
Fruiterer ..	4	2	Boot-finisher ..	..	1
Machinist ..	3	15	Polish-manufacturer ..	..	1
Hotelkeeper ..	1	..	Tobacconist ..	..	1
Presse ..	1	..	Poultry-farmer ..	..	1
Stewardess ..	2	2	Clothing-renovator ..	..	1
Artist ..	1	..	Compositor ..	..	1
Boxmaker ..	1	..	Matron ..	..	1
Corsetmaker ..	1	..	Milkmaid ..	..	1
Hatmaker ..	1	..	Photographer' assistant ..	..	1
Herbalist ..	1	..	Sewing-machine agent ..	..	1
Leather-worker ..	1	..	Typiste ..	..	1
Registry-office keeper ..	2	..	Wardmaid ..	..	1
Saleswoman ..	1	..			
Taxidermist ..	1	..	Totals ..	7,491	1,313
Gumdigger ..	1	..			

TABLE IX.—SEX AND CONJUGAL CONDITION OF OLD-AGE PENSIONERS ON THE ROLL ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1913.

Sex.	Single.	Married.	Widowed.	Total.
Male ..	2,276	3,821	2,544	8,641
Female ..	275	2,687	4,906	7,868
Totals ..	2,551	6,508	7,450	16,509

Conjugal Condition of Old-age Pensioners admitted to the Roll since the Act was passed in 1898.

Married ..	17,128
Single ..	6,490
Widowed ..	13,205
Total ..	36,823

TABLE X.—CLAIMS FOR OLD-AGE AND WIDOWS' PENSIONS RECEIVED AND HOW DISPOSED OF DURING THE YEAR 1912-13.

District.	Total Number of Claims received since Act came into force.		Claims awaiting Investigation on 31st March, 1912.		For Financial Year ending 31st March, 1913.						Claims awaiting Investigation on 31st March, 1913.	
					Claims received.		Claims established.		Claims rejected.			
	Old-age.	Widows'.	Old-age.	Widows'.	Old-age.	Widows'.	Old-age.	Widows'.	Old-age.	Widows'.	Old-age.	Widows'.
Auckland	5,262	244	23	12	337	98	256	85	72	19	32	6
Coromandel	409	13	8	2	15	5	10	7	3	..	10	..
Dargaville	394	10	2	1	16	7	13	7	2	..	3	1
Hamilton	895	34	18	9	56	16	45	16	11	7	18	2
Kaitiaki	158	10	13	5	7	4	5	3	..	..	15	6
Mangonui	212	6	3	1	12	3	10	2	2	..	3	2
Raglan	257	1	3	..	10	..	4	..	4	..	5	..
Rawene	362	17	3	4	5	8	3	5	1	5	4	2
Rotorua	332	2	8	..	13	..	14	..	2	..	5	..
Russell	441	4	12	..	16	3	16	3	5	..	7	..
Taupo	136	3	7	1	2	2	1	..	1	2	7	1
Waipu	142	4	1	3	12	1	12	3	..	1	1	..
Warkworth	278	4	..	1	6	3	4	4	2	..	..	..
Whangarei	620	21	1	4	29	7	24	8	4	..	2	3
Whangaroa	164	7	4	1	8	3	8	3	3	1	1	..
Thames	842	26	27	5	28	8	27	8	6	..	22	5
Opotiki	137	4	14	1	7	3	2	4	12	..	7	..
Paeroa	409	36	36	9	25	15	35	16	11	4	15	4
Tauranga	410	5	8	..	34	3	21	2	4	1	17	..
Whakatane	141	1	16	..	3	1	15	1	3	..	1	..
Gisborne	446	20	19	3	19	13	19	11	3	1	16	4
Port Awanui	303	1	1	..	5	1	1	..	5	1	..	..
Napier	1,132	50	10	4	67	16	46	15	14	5	17	..
Dannevirke	534	18	11	4	21	9	18	10	7	1	7	2
Waipawa	136	7	..	..	8	4	7	2	..	2	1	..
Wairoa	282	1	..	..	6	1	2	..	2	..	2	1
New Plymouth	808	32	14	13	45	8	38	16	8	3	13	2
Stratford	178	7	7	1	8	2	9	1	5	2	1	..
Wanganui	714	44	8	1	33	12	24	8	7	3	10	2
Eltham	21	7	1	..	5	2	2	2	3	..	1	..
Hawera	297	8	14	5	12	2	16	4	6	3	4	..
Marton	378	9	3	2	13	5	7	5	3	2	6	..
Patea	118	5	..	..	6	1	6	..	..	..	..	1
Taihape	25	5	2	..	17	2	12	2	5	..	2	..
Wellington	2,643	198	17	9	255	74	177	55	84	27	11	1
Chatham Islands	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Feilding	356	30	13	2	31	15	25	11	12	5	7	1
Masterton	477	21	2	3	29	9	27	9	2	2	2	1
Otaki	212	11	1	..	11	7	10	6	1	1	1	..
Pahiatua	171	5	..	..	2	3	2	3	..	..	..	..
Palmerston North	656	27	3	3	34	9	31	9	6	2	..	1
Nelson	792	29	4	3	35	9	31	10	6	1	2	1
Motueka	261	7	8	2	14	1	10	3	4	..	8	..
Blenheim	545	22	13	5	34	5	30	9	8	1	9	..
Havelock	30	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Christchurch	4,769	245	104	39	278	62	255	80	78	13	49	8
Akaroa	150	9	1	..	11	4	8	4	..	..	4	..
Amberley	36	1	..	..	3	1	3	1	..	..	..	..
Ashburton	748	29	7	2	46	7	45	7	1	2	7	..
Culverden	37	1	..	..	6	..	1	..	1	..	4	..
Kaiapoi	874	17	7	..	35	6	34	4	6	..	2	2
Kaikoura	77	2	1	..	5	1	4	1	1	..	1	..
Timaru	638	28	15	6	39	9	45	15	3	..	6	..
Fairlie	50	3	..	1	4	..	3	1	..	..	1	..
Geraldine	495	9	6	..	30	2	30	1	2	1	4	..
Waimate	354	11	8	2	24	5	22	5	1	1	9	1
Westport	801	31	11	8	39	9	32	11	14	4	4	2
Greymouth	1,236	34	18	11	45	9	36	18	17	..	10	2
Reefton	427	8	5	1	8	5	9	6	..	..	4	..
Hokitika	1,463	11	12	..	34	5	30	2	4	1	12	2
Oamaru	850	26	18	7	42	4	41	8	8	1	11	2
Dunedin	4,104	205	55	11	257	79	201	67	66	16	45	7
Balclutha	406	15	2	..	17	4	15	3	4	1	..	..
Cromwell	356	12	6	3	21	3	15	3	5	2	7	1
Lawrence	538	10	5	1	17	3	16	2	3	2	3	..
Milton	396	19	3	..	21	5	16	4	3	..	5	1
Naseby	301	4	1	..	22	4	15	2	4	2	4	..
Palmerston South	178	8	2	..	13	4	9	1	4	2	2	1
Waikouaiti	111	2	4	..	3	2	3	..	4	2	..	..
Invercargill	1,809	60	20	8	76	17	60	21	21	4	15	..
Gore	140	28	3	2	15	12	15	8	2	5	1	1
Queenstown	332	2	3	..	10	..	9	..	..	..	4	..
Riverton	494	19	15	13	26	6	24	14	7	5	10	..
Closed agencies	2,037	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	47,739	1,865	690	234	2,499	668	2,072	657	598	166	519	79

TABLE XI.—NUMBER OF OLD-AGE PENSIONS GRANTED SINCE THE ACT CAME INTO OPERATION, WITH THE DEATHS AND CANCELLATIONS, AND NUMBER IN FORCE AT END OF EACH YEAR, TOGETHER WITH ANNUAL LIABILITY AND AVERAGE PENSION.

Year ending 31st March.	Number of Pensions granted.	Deaths.	Cancellations.	In Force at End of Year.	Annual Liability.	Average Pension.		
						£	s.	d.
1899	7,487	38	6	7,443	127,319	17	2	0
1900	4,699	786	71	11,285	193,718	17	3	0
1901	2,227	815	292	12,405	211,965	17	2	0
1902	1,694	935	388	12,776	217,192	17	0	0
1903	1,391	1,064	622	12,481	211,594	16	19	0
1904	1,063	928	690	11,926	200,915	16	17	0
1905	1,210	890	476	11,770	199,081	16	18	0
1906	2,075	1,038	225	12,582	313,018	24	17	0
1907	2,031	1,097	259	13,257	326,084	24	12	0
1908	1,740	1,189	239	13,569	333,340	24	11	0
1909	2,113	1,112	174	14,396	353,343	24	10	0
1910	2,304	1,169	211	15,320	374,699	24	9	0
1911	2,399	1,423	276	16,020	403,020	25	3	0
1912	2,318	1,469	220	16,649	416,530	25	0	4
1913	2,072	1,569	643	16,509	412,408	24	19	7
Totals	36,823	15,522	4,792	...	...	...	...	...

TABLE XII.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OLD-AGE 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.	Payments.		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	...
" 1909 ...	14,396	336,760	11,561	...	827	...
" 1910 ...	15,320	362,496	25,736	...	924	...
" 1911 ...	16,020	383,393	20,897	...	700	...
" 1912 ...	16,649	406,256	22,863	...	629	...
" 1913 ...	16,509	415,760	9,504	...	...	140
Total ... ..	...	3,972,420	...	...	...	...

TABLE XIII.—NUMBER OF WIDOWS' PENSIONS GRANTED DURING THE YEAR 1912-13, WITH SIZES OF FAMILIES.

Number of Pensioners.	Total Size of Family.	Number of Pensioners.	Size of Family under Fourteen Years of Age.
77	1	218	1
92	2	175	2
110	3	124	3
87	4	75	4
60	5	37	5
62	6	21	6
34	7	5	7
24	8	1	8
27	9	1	10
28	10		
15	11	657	
11	12		
10	13		
5	14		
9	15		
4	16		
1	17		
1	18		
657			

TABLE XIV.—RETURN SHOWING REGIMENTS OF APPLICANTS FOR MILITARY PENSION TO THE 30TH JUNE, 1913.

Regiment.	Number of Applicants.
Imperial troops—	
65th Regiment	62
18th Regiment	46
40th Regiment	25
57th Regiment	22
14th Regiment	21
70th Regiment	21
68th Regiment	13
12th Regiment	11
43rd Regiment	5
50th Regiment	4
58th Regiment	3
Royal Artillery	3
Royal Engineers	1
Naval Brigade	11
Colonial forces—	
Armed Constabulary	102
New Zealand Militia	84
Taranaki Volunteer	62
1st Waikato Regiment	45
2nd Waikato Regiment	38
Transport Corps	33
Native Contingent	33
Forest Rangers	30
3rd Waikato Regiment	29
Auckland Volunteers	27
Taranaki Bush Rangers	25
Colonial Defence Force	24
Wanganui Yeomanry Cavalry	21
Hawke's Bay Military Settlers	20
Taranaki Military Settlers	20
Auckland Naval Volunteers	6
Kai Iwi Cavalry	6
Auckland Cavalry	5
Napier Rifles	5
Military Train	5
Guide Corps	4
Wellington Rifles	4
Mauku Volunteers	3
Poverty Bay Military Volunteers	3
Wellington Rangers	3
Opotiki Rangers	2
4th Waikato Regiment	2
No force stated	4
Total	893

TABLE XV.—NUMBER OF OLD-AGE PENSIONERS MAINTAINED IN HOMES AND HOSPITALS ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1913, TOGETHER WITH THE AMOUNTS PAID TO SUCH INSTITUTIONS DURING THE YEAR.

Location.	Institution.	Payments, Year 1912-13.	Number of Pensioners in Institu- tion on 31st March, 1913.	Amount handed to Pensioners after Deduction of Maintenance.
		£ s. d.		
Whangarei	Old Men's Cottage Home	388 10 8	18	4s. per month.
Auckland	Costley Home	2,822 6 2	103	6s. 6d. "
"	Veterans' Home	773 17 9	11	2s. per week.
"	Ponsonby Home (Little Sisters)	857 5 11	29	8s. per month.
Thames	Old Men's Home	327 2 2	13	5s. "
Hamilton	"	229 13 4	13	4s. "
Gisborne	"	184 3 4	7	1s. per week.
Napier	Refuge, Park Island	978 14 1	42	7s. 4d. per month.
New Plymouth	Old People's Home	430 14 2	20	10s. "
Wanganui	Jubilee Home	369 6 5	17	5s. "
Wellington	Ohio Home	594 9 5	22	2s. to 6s. "
"	Home for Aged Needy	763 7 4	28	7s. 7d. "
"	Home for Incurables	241 12 0	11	6s. "
Masterton	Renall-Solway Home	182 0 0	6	Nil.
Greytown	Buchanan Home	16 0 1	1	..
Palmerston North	No institution	15 3 4	..	..
Nelson	Alexandra Home	703 13 6	26	2s. per week.
Blenheim	Old Men's Home	255 16 7	12	8s. 8d. per month.
Christchurch	Jubilee Home	959 12 5	41	1s. per week.
"	Nazareth House	901 6 6	32	5s. per month.
"	Mount Magdala Home	49 16 8	3	Nil.
"	Armagh Street Depot	6 10 0	1	..
"	Female Refuge, Linwood	4 6 8	..	..
Ashburton	Tuarangi Home	890 19 8	35	1s. per week.
Timaru	Old Men's Home	546 15 1	19	6s. 6d. per month.
Westport	Old People's Home	619 0 9	22	8s. "
Reefton	Hospital	167 10 8	8	10s. "
Greymouth	"	906 0 2	37	10s. "
Hokitika	"	599 14 0	24	10s. "
Ros	"	197 0 6	9	13s. 4d. "
Kumara	"	484 2 0	19	13s. 4d. "
Oamaru	Victoria Home	659 3 2	30	6s. "
Dunedin	Otago Benevolent Institution	1,784 3 5	69	2s. per week.
"	Home for Aged Poor	1,031 8 7	32	13s. 4d. per m'th.
Invercargill	Lorne Farm	597 17 4	21	4s. 6d. "
				8s. 6d. "
	Hospital patients only	20,539 3 10	781	
		1,725 17 6	40	
	Totals	22,265 1 4	821	

Number of Military Pensioners maintained in Homes and Hospitals as above.

Auckland	Veterans' Home	206 11 8	27	..
"	Costley Home	39 0 0	6	..
Napier	Refuge, Park Island	18 0 0	3	..
	In hospital	263 11 8	36	..
		6 0 0	1	..
	Totals	269 11 8	37	..

NOTE.—The hospitals included in the above list serve the purpose of old people's homes in the districts named.

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