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SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
**PENSIONS DEPARTMENT,**  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1915.

*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to Section 70 of the Pensions Act, 1913.*

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

SIR,—

Pensions Department, Wellington, 30th June, 1915.

I have the honour to furnish herewith, for the information of Parliament, the seventeenth annual report of the Department, embracing the figures relating to old-age, widows', and military pensions for the year ended 31st March, 1915. The following tables show at a glance the increases which have taken place during the past two years :—

Pensions in force—	At 31st March, 1915.	At 31st March, 1914.	At 31st March, 1913.
Old-age .. .. .	19,352	18,050	16,509
Widows' .. .. .	1,788	1,540	1,313
Military .. .. .	1,388	1,240	568
Totals .. .. .	22,528	20,830	18,390

Last year's increase, 1,698 ; two years' increase, 4,138.

Annual value of pensions—	At 31st March, 1915. £	At 31st March, 1914. £	At 31st March, 1913. £
Old-age .. .. .	475,970	447,765	412,408
Widows' .. .. .	34,975	29,320	24,768
Military .. .. .	49,968	44,640	19,026
	£560,913	£521,725	£456,202

Last year's increase, £39,188 ; two years' increase, £104,711.

Gross payments—	Year 1914-15. £	Year 1913-14. £	Year 1912-13. £
Old-age .. .. .	460,814	416,776	415,761
Widows' .. .. .	31,619	27,077	22,114
Military .. .. .	47,616	29,447	3,681
Totals .. .. .	£540,049	£473,300	£441,556

Last year's increase, £66,749 ; two year's increase, £98,493.

Cost per head of European population, 9s. 9d.

During the year a short amending Act was passed by the Legislature, the main feature of which is the provision for an allowance of £6 per annum for each child of a widow under 14 years of age, where previously the maximum pension was £30 per annum for four or more children. Under this enactment a widow with ten children under 14 years of age—and there is such a one on the roll—is entitled to claim a pension of £66 per annum. The immediate result of this amendment was to increase the annual value of widows' pensions then in force by £1,100, the increase at the close of the year amounting to £1,500.

The approximate increases under the various heads which go to make up the gross total increase of £104,000 in the annual values of all pensions over the past two years are as follows:—

	£
Old-age pensions to females, 60 to 64 .. .. .	50,000
Military pensions .. .. .	30,000
Increase of income benefits .. .. .	8,000
Sundry benefits under 1913 Act (old-age) .. .. .	1,500
Sundry benefits under 1913 Act (widows') .. .. .	1,000
Additional pensions under 1914 Act (widows') .. .. .	1,500
Normal increase (old-age) .. .. .	4,000
Normal increase (widows') .. .. .	8,000
Total .. .. .	£104,000

#### OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

*Pensions in Force.*—The number of pensions under this head on the 31st March, including 697 Natives, was 19,352, being an increase of 1,302 on the figures of the previous year, as follows:—

	Europeans.	Maoris.	Totals.
New grants .. .. .	3,047	111	3,158
Deduct—			
Deaths .. .. .	1,520	62	1,582
Cancellations .. .. .	252	22	274
			1,302

The annual liability in regard to these was £475,970, being an average of £24 11s. 10d. per pension.

Of the European pensioners 2,150 were females of the ages of 60 to 64 inclusive. The remaining 16,505 being 65 and over.

The percentages of European pensioners of the full age of 65 and upwards to the total population of those ages, and to those eligible by age and residence, for the past five years are shown in the following table:—

At 31st March.	(a.) European Population 65 and over.	Percentage to Total Population.	(b.) European Population 65 and over eligible by Residence.	European Pensioners 65 and over.	Percentages.	
					To (a).	To (b).
1911 (actual) .. .. .	47,700	4.72	41,990	15,336	32	36
1912 (estimated) .. .. .	48,294	4.68	42,772	15,984	33	37
1913 .. .. .	48,915	4.60	43,557	15,830	32	36
1914 .. .. .	49,473	4.53	44,209	16,204	32	36
1915 .. .. .	49,104	4.46	44,000	16,505	33	37

It will be observed that for the past year the estimated portion of the population from which pensioners are drawn is less than in the preceding year. This is explained by the fact of the deaths supplied by the Government Statistician exceeding by several hundreds the number of people reaching the age of 65, as shown by the census papers of 1911. The percentages, however, do not vary if the figures of the previous year form the basis of computation.

The percentage of female pensioners aged 60 to 64 (2,150) to the estimated female population of that age (13,349) has increased somewhat, the percentage at the close of the year being 16 per cent. as against 10 per cent. in the previous year.

62 pensioners were in receipt of the increased allowance available to males aged 60 and to females aged 55 with two or more children under 14 years of age.

2,990 married couples were on the roll at the close of the year.

Particulars relating to the distribution of pensioners throughout the Dominion; to the number payable at each rate; and to the ages, sex, conjugal condition, and nationality of all pensioners are set out in the appendix; as also is a summary of the pensions granted, and the deaths and cancellations, in each year since 1898.

*New Claims.*—The number of claims lodged during the year was 3,625, being 741 less than in the previous year. These, with 876 cases awaiting investigation at the close of the previous year, made a total of 4,501, dealt with as follows:—

Granted .. .. .	3,158
Rejected (including deaths and withdrawals) .. .. .	653
Awaiting investigation on the 31st March .. .. .	690
Total .. .. .	4,501

The new pensions granted to Maoris numbered 111, being 3 more than in the previous year. In 126 cases the pensioner had previously been on the roll.

Of the European applicants, 1,141 were unable to produce any evidence of age, and the Department was able to obtain the necessary proofs in 926 cases, 800 of which were favourable to the applicant. In 74 cases the pension was refused on account of the pension-age not having been reached.

The total claims lodged since the Act came into operation in 1898 now number 55,721, including 6,587 at Auckland, 5,833 at Christchurch, 4,942 at Dunedin, and 3,421 at Wellington; 43,301 of these have been established.

*Payments.*—The gross expenditure on account of old-age pensions during the year totalled £460,814, an increase of £44,038 on the figures of the previous year. After deducting a credit of £23,631 from the national-endowment revenue, and refunds of pension overpaid totalling £458, and making allowance for the adjustment of outstanding payments at the beginning and close of the year, the net charge against the Consolidated Fund for the year stands at £436,765.

The grand total paid in old-age pensions to date now stands at £4,850,011, details of which, and the variation year by year, will be found in Table VIII of the appendix.

The total credit from the national-endowment revenue, being six years' contributions, is £118,786.

The cost of old-age pensions per head of the European population for the year was 8s. 4d., as against 7s. 7d. in the preceding year.

The instalments due last year and remaining unpaid on the 31st March, and now absolutely forfeited, totalled £1,640 18s. 11d.

The instalments not collected within the time allowed by law, but subsequently specially authorized and paid during the year, numbered 1,037, the amount involved being £1,982.

The number of pensioners who were inmates of mental hospitals of the Dominion during the year was 96, the amount paid to the Mental Hospitals Department on account of these totalling £1,670. The number still being maintained at the close of the year was 70. The number of pensioners residing in the various homes and hospitals of the Dominion at the close of the year was as follows: In homes, 816; in hospitals, 68. The gross amount paid to the controlling authorities of these institutions totalled £22,011, of which amount £1,817 represents the charge made for the maintenance of the hospital patients.

#### WIDOWS' PENSIONS.

*Pensions in Force.*—The number of pensioners under this head on the 31st March, including 20 Maoris, was 1,788, being an increase of 248 on the figures of the previous year, thus:—

	Europeans.	Maoris.	Total.
New grants .. .. .	450	8	458
Deduct cancellations (including deaths) .. .. .	207	3	210
Increase .. .. .			248

The annual liability in regard to these at the close of the year was £34,975, the average pension payable being £19 11s. 2d.

The cancellations include 2 deaths. There were, however, 10 deaths during the year, the pension being continued to the guardian of the children in 8 cases. The total deaths since the Act came into operation in 1911 now number 30, and the number of guardians appointed 24.

Seventy pensioners remarried during the year, and in 65 cases the youngest child reached the age of 14.

*New Claims.*—The claims lodged during the year numbered 539, being an increase of 39 on the figures of the previous year. These, with the 81 awaiting investigation at the close of the preceding year, made a total of 620 dealt with, which were accounted for as follows:—

Granted .. .. .	458
Rejected (including withdrawals) .. .. .	73
Awaiting investigation on the 31st March .. .. .	89
Total .. .. .	620

Of the new pensioners, 446 were British-born; including 283 New-Zealanders; 8 were Maoris; and the remaining 4 of foreign extraction. Thirty-four had been previously on the roll.

The ages of the new pensioners varied from 19 to 59, the ages claiming the greatest number being 35 and 39, although for all pensioners age 44 heads the list.

The total claims lodged now number 2,904, including 421 at Auckland, 354 at Christchurch, 320 at Dunedin, and 286 at Wellington. 2,327 of these have been established, 76 per cent. being still on the roll.

Of the 73 rejected claims, 27 were not established on account of excess of income and property. In 7 cases the children were born out of New Zealand.

The total families of the new pensioners ranged from 1 to 15, and the number of children under 14 in one family from 1 to 10, the average being: Total family, 4.3 (last year 4.4); family under 14, 2.5 (last year 2.5). Details will be found in the appendix. The total number of children on whose account the pension has now been granted to date is 5,775, the total children of all pensioners to date being 11,150, thus:—

Year	Pensions granted.	Children under Fourteen.	Total Children.
Year 1911-12 .. .. .	791	1,923	3,992
„ 1912-13 .. .. .	657	1,604	3,295
„ 1913-14 .. .. .	421	1,090	1,868
„ 1914-15 .. .. .	458	1,158	1,995
Totals .. .. .	2,327	5,775	11,150

Particulars relating to the distribution of pensioners throughout the Dominion; to the number payable at each rate; and to their ages and original nationality will be found in the appendix.

*Payments.*—The gross payments on account of widows' pensions for the year amounted to £31,619 being an increase of £4,542 on the figures of the previous year. After deducting refunds amounting to £7 and allowing for the adjustment of outstanding payments, the net charge against the Consolidated Fund for the year stands at £31,610.

The cost per head of the European population was 7d.

The gross payments in each year to date have been as follows:—

	£
1911-12 (two months) .. .. .	1,963
1912-13 .. .. .	22,114
1913-14 .. .. .	27,077
1914-15 .. .. .	31,619
Total .. .. .	<u>£82,773</u>

The instalments absolutely forfeited during the year amounted to £147 18s.

The instalments not collected within the time allowed by law, but subsequently specially authorized and paid during the year, numbered 219, the amount represented being £343.

#### MILITARY PENSIONS.

*Pensions in Force.*—The number of pensioners under this head on the 31st March, including 283 Maoris, was 1,388, being an increase of 148 on the figures of the previous year, thus:—

	Europeans.	Maoris.	Total.
New grants .. .. .	81	175	256
Deduct deaths .. .. .	88	20	108
Increase .. .. .			<u>148</u>

The annual liability in regard to this class of pension at the close of the year was £49,968.

The total deaths to date number 191, including 23 Maoris. There has been 1 cancellation.

It will be observed that the number of deaths among Europeans during the year outnumbered the new pensioners, and taking this fact into consideration with the experience of that portion of the current year already passed, wherein the figures relating to both Europeans and Maoris show a falling tendency, it seems to be almost established that finality has been reached, and that the usual vote under this head will be a decreasing one. This would, of course, be in keeping with the decision arrived at by Cabinet, fixing the last date for the lodging of applications for the New Zealand War Medal as the 30th June last; but I have no information to guide me as to what extent the roll is likely to be affected by the decisions arrived at in regard to the outstanding claims for medal, the investigation of which was some time ago placed in the hands of a Commission consisting of veteran officers of the Maori wars. Up to date, I have been advised by the Defence authorities of the issue by them, since the passing of the Military Pensions Act in 1912, of 542 New Zealand War Medals, including 272 to Maoris. Of these, 233, including 173 to Maoris, were issued during the year ended the 31st March, last.

The total pensioners include 394 who were previously in receipt of the old-age pension. Altogether, 544 old-age pensioners have applied to have their pensions converted to military pensions, but of these 63 were found to be without proof of the award of the medal. The remaining 481, of whom 87 have since died, were granted the larger pension, the annual saving to the old-age pension vote on account of these being £11,903, as follows:—

	Number of Pensioners.	Annual Amount. £
At 31st March, 1913 .. .. .	380	9,422
1913-14 .. .. .	72	1,773
1914-15 .. .. .	29	708
Totals .. .. .	<u>481</u>	<u>£11,903</u>

The age table in the appendix shows 48 military pensioners under the age of 65, while 149 are 80 and upwards, of whom 6 are 90 and over.

*New Claims.*—The claims lodged during the year numbered 241, as against 788 and 736 in the two preceding years.

The total claims lodged to date have been 1,765, of which number 1,580 have been established and 185 refused. Included amongst these were 359 claims from Maoris, of which 306 have been granted. Among the rejected applicants were 150 to whom no medal had been awarded, 6 deserters, 4 not qualified by residence, and 18 who had died. In all, there have been 1,906 inquiries regarding this class of pension.

*Payments.*—The gross payments under this head during the year totalled £47,616, being an increase of £18,169 on the total of the previous year. Making allowance for refunds amounting to £3 1s. 1d., and for several outstanding payments, the net charge against the Consolidated Fund was £47,607.

The cost per head of the European population was 10d.

The total amount now paid to date on account of military pensions stands at £80,744.

The instalments forfeited during the year amounted to £306.

The instalments not collected within the time allowed by law, but subsequently specially authorized and paid during the year, numbered 93, the amount involved being £279.

The amount paid for the maintenance of military pensioners to the controlling authorities of the various homes and hospitals during the year was £1,708, including £135 for hospital patients. The number of pensioners in these institutions at the close of the year was 49, including 4 in hospitals.

#### COST OF ADMINISTRATION.

The total cost under this head for the year was £9,880, being less by £1,711 than the amount paid in the preceding year, which, however, included a special payment of £1,849. The details are as follows:—

	£
Salaries .. .. .	5,112
Contribution to Post Office for paying pensions .. .. .	3,000
Postage and telegrams .. .. .	664
Printing and stationery .. .. .	687
Travelling-expenses .. .. .	209
Telephones .. .. .	79
Office requisites .. .. .	47
Office cleaning .. .. .	13
Light and firing .. .. .	12
Fees for certificates of age .. .. .	6
Contingencies .. .. .	51
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>£9,880</b>

The percentage of this cost to the gross amount paid in pensions during the year is 1.82 per cent.

The gross cost of administering the Department since its creation in 1898 now amounts to £82,295. This is 1.64 per cent. of the gross amount paid to date under the three heads, totalling £5,013,528, as follows:—

	£
Old-age pensions .. .. .	4,850,011
Widows' pensions .. .. .	82,773
Military .. .. .	80,744
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>£5,013,528</b>

#### PENSIONS IN AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The latest figures available relating to the working of the Commonwealth Act are for the year ended 30th June, 1914, from which the following have been extracted:—

	Old-age Pensions.	Invalid Pensions.
Number of pensions in force .. .. .	87,780	16,865
Increase for year .. .. .	4,837	3,126
Claims dealt with .. .. .	15,144	6,540
Claims rejected .. .. .	1,464	1,222
Claims established .. .. .	12,967	4,935
Total pensions granted .. .. .	123,141	21,631
Total claims rejected .. .. .	10,910	4,934
Total deaths of pensioners .. .. .	30,882	3,796
Liability .. .. .	£2,212,392	£430,456
	£	£
Payments for year (old-age and invalid) .. .. .	2,593,501	
Cost of administration (old-age and invalid) .. .. .	46,946	

The latest figures received from the Old Country indicate that on the 28th March, 1913, the number of pensions in force there was as follows:—

	Men.	Women.	Total.
England .. .. .	229,644	397,109	626,753
Wales .. .. .	15,774	26,119	41,893
Scotland and Ireland .. .. .	118,393	180,882	299,275
<b>Total for United Kingdom .. .. .</b>	<b>363,811</b>	<b>604,110</b>	<b>967,921</b>

The estimates presented to the House of Commons in March, 1914, provided a vote of £13,141,000 for old-age pensions.

#### GENERAL.

I do not deem this report complete without reference to the great war in which the Empire is involved. I am proud to think that the staff of the Department, limited as it is to twenty-nine members, has provided its quota to the Expeditionary Forces, in the persons of—

B. E. Murphy (Samoan Force) .. .. .	From Wellington office.
G. O. Morgan (Main Expeditionary Force) .. .. .	Christchurch office.
A. H. Parfitt (Third Reinforcements) .. .. .	Invercargill office.
A. W. Robertson (Sixth Reinforcements) .. .. .	Head Office.
E. W. Fulton (No. 2 Base Hospital) .. .. .	Wellington office.

Several others have duly registered, and await their country's call. Already, to our extreme regret, the great sacrifice has been made by one of these officers, Sapper G. O. Morgan having been killed in action at the Dardanelles, and thereby having his name engraved on the Dominion's roll of honour. The departure of these officers has of necessity placed a strain on the remaining members of the staff, particularly at the Head Office, whom I desire to heartily thank for their co-operation in competing with the work, ever an increasing quantity, without any increase of personnel.

To the various Registrars throughout the Dominion and those associated with them in pensions work, who are officers of the Justice and Police Departments, I have again to express the Department's appreciation of the careful work performed. The Department is likewise indebted to the Postal Department for the absence of friction in connection with the payment of pensions, in connection with which there were something like 260,000 transactions during the year.

G. C. FACHE,  
Commissioner of Pensions.

## APPENDIX.

- Table I. Payments in districts—old-age, widows', and military.  
 „ II. Pensions at each rate—old-age, widows', and military.  
 „ III. Sizes of families of pensioners—widows'.  
 „ IV. Ages of European pensioners—old-age, widows', and military.  
 „ V. Nationalities of pensioners—old-age and widows'.  
 „ VI. Sex and conjugal condition of pensioners—old-age.  
 „ VII. Pensions granted, deaths, and cancellations; also number in force and annual variation—old-age, widows', and military.  
 „ VIII. Payments and annual liability in each year—old-age.  
 „ IX. Ages at death during 1914-15—old-age.  
 „ X. Number and annual value of pensions in districts—old-age and widows'.

TABLE I.—DISTRIBUTION OF PAYMENTS UNDER EACH HEAD THROUGHOUT THE DOMINION FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1915.

Postal District.	Old-age.			Widows'.			Military.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland .. .. .	96,513	11	7	6,410	0	8	16,494	6	2
Thames .. .. .	15,066	3	11	1,073	11	8	4,144	6	3
Gisborne .. .. .	3,080	0	1	432	16	11	2,343	0	0
Napier .. .. .	16,699	17	0	1,159	13	4	5,873	2	10
New Plymouth .. .. .	7,604	3	10	672	5	0	4,937	4	0
Wanganui .. .. .	16,866	13	9	1,463	15	0	6,187	1	3
Wellington .. .. .	55,935	19	4	4,310	17	0	4,202	6	4
Nelson .. .. .	9,090	19	3	631	1	8	354	0	0
Blenheim .. .. .	5,709	1	1	288	10	0	162	0	0
Christchurch .. .. .	82,679	18	7	5,381	8	4	1,113	0	0
Timaru .. .. .	19,559	1	3	1,092	16	8	111	0	0
Oamaru .. .. .	8,828	5	7	501	10	0	210	0	0
Westport .. .. .	6,721	16	11	434	5	0	246	0	0
Greymouth .. .. .	13,595	17	0	746	10	0	252	0	0
Hokitika .. .. .	11,974	12	7	135	0	0	180	0	0
Dunedin .. .. .	65,139	17	8	4,814	6	4	666	0	0
Invercargill .. .. .	25,748	1	6	2,070	13	4	141	0	0
Totals .. .. .	460,814	0	11	31,619	0	11	47,616	6	10

TABLE II.—NUMBER OF PENSIONS AT EACH RATE ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1915.

Rate.	Old-age.		Widows' . .		Military.	
	Number.	Liability.	Number.	Liability.	Number.	Liability.
£		£		£		£
66	..	..	1	66	..	..
60	..	..	2	120	..	..
54	..	..	3	162	..	..
48	..	..	7	336	..	..
42	..	..	32	1,344	..	..
39	48	1,872	..	..	..	..
38	3	114	..	..	..	..
36	3	108	100	3,600	1,388	49,968
35	3	105	..	..	..	..
34	2	68	..	..	..	..
33	1	33	..	..	..	..
32	2	64	1	32	..	..
30	..	..	183	5,490	..	..
26	14,449	375,674	..	..	..	..
25	692	17,300	..	..	..	..
24	696	16,704	288	6,912	..	..
23	625	14,375	2	46	..	..
22	612	13,464	2	44	..	..
21	601	12,621	2	42	..	..
20	185	3,700	..	..	..	..
19	189	3,591	..	..	..	..
18	175	3,150	483	8,694	..	..
17	121	2,057	5	85	..	..
16	165	2,640	1	16	..	..
15	106	1,590	1	15	..	..
14	127	1,778	4	56	..	..
13	85	1,105	4	52	..	..
12	75	900	633	7,596	..	..
11	65	715	10	110	..	..
10	57	570	5	50	..	..
9	42	378	2	18	..	..
8	65	520	1	8	..	..
7	40	280	6	42	..	..
6	33	198	2	12	..	..
5	23	115	2	10	..	..
4	16	64	2	8	..	..
3	29	87	1	3	..	..
2	13	26	3	6	..	..
1	4	4	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	19,352	475,970	1,788	34,975	1,388	49,968
Average pension	£24 11s. 10d.		£19 11s. 2d.		£36.	

TABLE III.—WIDOWS' PENSIONERS ADMITTED DURING THE YEAR 1914-15, WITH SIZES OF FAMILIES.

Size of Total Family.	Number of Pensioners.	Size of Family under Fourteen.	Number of Pensioners.
1	69	1	147
2	85	2	122
3	65	3	83
4	48	4	46
5	55	5	35
6	44	6	19
7	32	7	5
8	18	8	..
9	13	9	..
10	10	10	1
11	6		..
12	4		..
13	1		..
14	2		..
15	6		..
	458		458

TABLE IV.—AGES OF EUROPEAN PENSIONERS ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1915.

Age.	Old-age.	Military.	Widows'.	
	Number.	Number.	Age.	Number.
57	..	1	..	..
58	..	1	..	..
59	..	2	..	..
60	401	4	19	2
61	425	7	20	2
62	421	6	22	8
63	464	10	23	5
64	439	17	24	8
65	582	34	25	10
66	719	45	26	21
67	822	48	27	27
68	912	67	28	31
69	986	68	29	38
70	1,360	72	30	31
71	976	79	31	44
72	1,067	81	32	51
73	1,054	66	33	45
74	1,039	97	34	71
75	925	60	35	64
76	869	56	36	73
77	783	50	37	73
78	682	44	38	80
79	655	41	39	85
80	642	45	40	70
81	559	26	41	73
82	510	24	42	89
83	351	8	43	54
84	290	16	44	97
85	181	4	45	75
86	147	5	46	79
87	108	5	47	63
88	85	5	48	75
89	62	5	49	57
90	52	1	50	42
91	30	..	51	55
92	10	2	52	44
93	13	..	53	29
94	10	1	54	30
95	14	..	55	24
96	2	..	56	14
97	1	2	57	7
98	1	..	58	7
99	4	..	59	9
100	1	..	60	3
101	1	..	64	1
			65	1
			69	1
	18,655	1,105	..	1,768
Maoris ..	697	283	..	20
Totals ..	19,352	1,388	..	1,788



TABLE V.—ORIGINAL NATIONALITIES OF OLD-AGE AND WIDOWS' PENSIONERS.

Nationality.	Old-age.		Widows'.	
	Granted, 1914-15.	In Force on 31st March, 1915.	Granted, 1914-15.	In Force on 31st March, 1915.
British (England) .. .. .	1,381	8,708	87	289
„ (Ireland) .. .. .	528	3,878	23	100
„ (Scotland) .. .. .	532	3,413	20	73
„ (New Zealand) .. .. .	253	798	283	1,173
„ (Australia) .. .. .	139	469	29	100
„ (Wales) .. .. .	22	146	3	8
„ (Canada) .. .. .	18	117	..	..
„ (Channel Islands) .. .. .	14	71	..	1
„ (South Africa) .. .. .	5	18	..	..
„ (West Indies) .. .. .	..	14	..	..
„ (Isle of Man) .. .. .	2	14	..	1
„ (India) .. .. .	..	12	..	..
„ (New Foundland) .. .. .	..	9	..	..
„ (Fiji) .. .. .	..	2	..	..
„ (Malta) .. .. .	..	2	..	..
„ (Mauritius) .. .. .	..	..	1	1
„ (Pitcairn Island) .. .. .	..	1	..	1
German .. .. .	53	345	1	10
Dane .. .. .	29	170	..	4
Norwegian .. .. .	22	110	2	2
Swede .. .. .	20	106	..	..
Austrian .. .. .	11	53	..	..
French .. .. .	2	39	..	..
Italian .. .. .	4	38	..	3
American .. .. .	7	37	1	2
Russian .. .. .	4	28	..	..
Swiss .. .. .	1	18	..	..
Dutch .. .. .	..	14	..	..
Portuguese .. .. .	..	12	..	..
Belgian .. .. .	..	5	..	..
Greek .. .. .	..	5	..	..
Spanish .. .. .	..	2	..	..
Chilian .. .. .	..	1	..	..
Maori .. .. .	111	697	8	20
Totals .. .. .	3,158	19,352	458	1,788

TABLE VI.—SEX AND CONJUGAL CONDITION OF OLD-AGE PENSIONERS.

<i>Granted during Year 1914-15.</i>								
Sex.					Single.	Married.	Widowed.	Total.
Male .. .. .					218	672	265	1,155
Female .. .. .					73	1,002	928	2,003
Totals .. .. .					291	1,674	1,193	3,158
<i>In Force on the 31st March, 1915.</i>								
Sex.					Single.	Married.	Widowed.	Total.
Male .. .. .					2,159	4,004	2,598	8,761
Female .. .. .					373	3,889	6,329	10,591
Totals .. .. .					2,532	7,893	8,927	19,352
<i>Granted since Act passed in 1898.</i>								
Single .. .. .					..	..	7,110	
Married .. .. .					..	..	20,433	
Widowed .. .. .					..	..	15,758	
Total .. .. .					..	..	43,301	

TABLE VII.—PENSIONS GRANTED, DEATHS, AND CANCELLATIONS IN EACH YEAR, WITH NUMBER IN FORCE AND ANNUAL VARIATION.

Year ending 31st March.	Number of Pensions granted.	Deaths.	Cancellations.	In Force at End of Year.	Increase.	Decrease.
<i>Old-age.</i>						
1899	7,487	38	6	7,443	..	..
1900	4,699	786	71	11,285	3,842	..
1901	2,227	815	292	12,405	1,120	..
1902	1,694	935	388	12,776	371	..
1903	1,391	1,064	622	12,481	..	295
1904	1,063	928	690	11,926	..	555
1905	1,210	890	476	11,770	..	156
1906	2,075	1,038	225	12,582	812	..
1907	2,031	1,097	259	13,257	675	..
1908	1,740	1,189	239	13,569	312	..
1909	2,113	1,112	174	14,396	827	..
1910	2,304	1,169	211	15,320	924	..
1911	2,399	1,423	276	16,020	700	..
1912	2,318	1,469	220	16,649	629	..
1913	2,072	1,569	643	16,509	..	140
1914	3,320	1,479	300	18,050	1,541	..
1915	3,158	1,582	274	19,352	1,302	..
Totals	43,301	18,583	5,366	..	..	..
<i>Widows'.</i>						
1912	791	..	3	788	..	..
1913	657	3	129	1,313	525	..
1914	421	1	193	1,540	227	..
1915	458	2	208	1,788	248	..
Totals	2,327	6	533	..	..	..
<i>Military.</i>						
1913	577	9	..	568	..	..
1914	747	74	1	1,240	672	..
1915	256	108	..	1,388	148	..
Totals	1,580	191	1	..	..	..

TABLE VIII.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OLD-AGE PENSION PAYMENTS IN EACH YEAR, WITH ANNUAL LIABILITY AND AVERAGE PENSION.

Date.	Payments to End of Financial Year.	Increase.	Decrease.	Annual Liability.	Average Pension.
At 31st March, 1899	£ 3,124	£ ..	£ ..	£ 127,319	£ s. d. 17 2 0
1900	157,342	154,218	..	193,718	17 3 0
1901	197,292	39,950	..	211,965	17 2 0
1902	207,468	10,176	..	217,192	17 0 0
1903	210,140	2,672	..	211,594	16 19 0
1904	203,164	..	6,976	200,915	16 17 0
1905	195,475	..	7,689	199,081	16 18 0
1906	254,367	58,892	..	313,018	24 17 0
1907	314,184	59,817	..	326,084	24 12 0
1908	325,199	11,015	..	333,340	24 11 0
1909	336,760	11,561	..	353,343	24 10 0
1910	362,496	25,736	..	374,699	24 9 0
1911	383,393	20,897	..	403,020	25 3 0
1912	406,256	22,863	..	416,530	25 0 4
1913	415,761	9,504	..	412,408	24 19 7
1914	416,776	1,015	..	447,765	24 16 0
1915	460,814	44,038	..	475,970	24 11 10
Total	4,850,011	..	..	..	..

TABLE IX.—AGES AT DEATH OF EUROPEAN OLD-AGE PENSIONERS DURING THE YEAR 1914-15.

Age.	(a.) Pensions in Force on the 1st April, 1914.	(b.) New Pensions granted, 1914-15.	Deaths.	
			Of (a).	Of (b).
60	190	401	1	5
61	199	244	1	3
62	260	233	3	2
63	259	213	7	1
64	267	192	8	2
65	488	332	16	12
66	710	264	30	4
67	816	164	37	3
68	925	158	39	3
69	1,311	111	55	3
70	953	125	60	1
71	1,083	100	66	4
72	1,058	74	71	1
73	1,058	83	67	3
74	967	61	83	1
75	900	53	75	3
76	832	59	72	1
77	756	38	95	1
78	709	31	69	1
79	721	21	89	1
80	659	21	110	..
81	595	19	89	1
82	409	13	59	1
83	340	6	53	..
84	230	7	49	1
85	178	3	37	..
86	127	7	25	2
87	108	9	23	..
88	73	1	13	1
89	70	3	15	1
90	43	..	13	..
91	18	..	7	..
92	21	..	8	..
93	16	..	6	..
94	19	..	6	..
95	2	1	..	..
96	2	..	1	..
97	1	..	..	..
98	4	..	..	..
99	1	..	..	..
100	1	..	..	..
Totals ..	17,379	3,047	1,458	62

TABLE X.—NUMBER AND ANNUAL VALUE OF OLD-AGE AND WIDOWS' PENSIONS IN FORCE ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1915.

District.	Old-age.			Widows'.		
	Europeans.	Maoris.	Annual Value.	Europeans.	Maoris.	Annual Value.
			£			£
Auckland .. .. .	2,707	49	67,197	271	..	4,901
Coromandel .. .. .	80	20	2,552	12	..	258
Dargaville .. .. .	89	13	2,506	10	..	226
Hamilton .. .. .	238	35	6,696	36	..	641
Houhora .. .. .	23	12	848	1	2	84
Kaitia .. .. .	13	38	1,261	2	2	78
Mangonui .. .. .	15	32	1,120	..	1	24
Raglan .. .. .	18	10	655	..	..	..
Rawenc .. .. .	36	29	1,582	8	4	300
Rotorua .. .. .	36	60	2,185	1	..	18
Russell .. .. .	71	64	3,244	2	2	102
Taumarunui .. .. .	38	3	1,023	7	..	143
Taupo .. .. .	3	8	285	..	..	..
Waipu .. .. .	54	4	1,483	3	..	48
Warkworth .. .. .	55	3	1,328	2	..	54
Whangarei .. .. .	197	7	5,163	20	..	403
Whangaroa .. .. .	22	36	1,326	3	3	144
Thames .. .. .	279	10	7,214	20	..	361
Opotiki .. .. .	20	23	1,070	2	..	36
Paeoa .. .. .	182	30	5,241	38	1	789
Tauranga .. .. .	38	59	2,303	3	..	41
Whakatane .. .. .	9	25	772	..	..	..
Gisborne .. .. .	113	11	3,030	21	..	504
Port Awanui .. .. .	4	6	220	..	..	..
Napier .. .. .	700	2	17,289	66	..	1,441
Wairoa .. .. .	18	1	443	1	..	18
New Plymouth .. .. .	262	11	6,620	31	..	654
Stratford .. .. .	51	..	1,252	6	..	126
Wanganui .. .. .	308	2	7,570	37	..	760
Eltham .. .. .	38	1	945	7	..	116
Hawera .. .. .	105	5	2,702	8	..	150
Marton .. .. .	112	2	2,806	12	..	229
Patca .. .. .	39	..	969	2	..	84
Taihape .. .. .	79	3	1,999	10	..	185
Wellington .. .. .	1,463	2	35,872	162	..	2,832
Chatham Islands .. .. .	1	1	44	..	..	..
Feilding .. .. .	157	3	3,968	19	..	369
Masterton .. .. .	212	..	5,204	17	..	311
Otaki .. .. .	74	3	1,918	15	..	414
Pahiatua .. .. .	59	..	1,436	6	..	144
Palmerston North .. .. .	325	3	8,120	24	..	480
Nelson .. .. .	289	..	7,067	29	..	552
Motueka .. .. .	88	..	2,180	9	..	186
Blenheim .. .. .	236	8	6,080	15	..	336
Havelock .. .. .	4	..	104	..	..	..
Christchurch .. .. .	2,631	2	64,724	248	1	4,448
Akaroa .. .. .	42	4	1,166	6	..	138
Amberley .. .. .	17	..	398	..	..	..
Ashburton .. .. .	367	..	9,262	29	..	588
Culverden .. .. .	15	..	401	1	..	36
Kaiapoi .. .. .	378	5	9,398	19	1	414
Kaikoura .. .. .	22	3	626	1	..	24
Timaru .. .. .	369	..	9,141	37	..	798
Fairlie .. .. .	27	..	664	..	..	..
Temuka .. .. .	238	8	6,177	14	2	354
Waimate .. .. .	162	3	4,117	8	1	148
Westport .. .. .	251	3	6,384	19	..	379
Greymouth .. .. .	439	..	11,164	38	..	786
Reefton .. .. .	129	..	3,297	8	..	240
Hokitika .. .. .	455	1	11,736	8	..	168
Oamaru .. .. .	348	3	8,841	27	..	541
Dunedin .. .. .	2,036	5	49,094	210	..	4,069
Balclutha .. .. .	210	2	5,319	19	..	414
Cromwell .. .. .	117	..	2,981	4	..	108
Lawrence .. .. .	176	..	4,388	15	..	279
Naseby .. .. .	93	..	2,386	3	..	60
Palmerston South .. .. .	58	..	1,446	7	..	180
Waikouaiti .. .. .	42	3	1,059	1	..	18
Invercargill .. .. .	642	5	15,871	75	..	1,535
Gore .. .. .	155	..	3,837	14	..	264
Queenstown .. .. .	105	..	2,671	3	..	84
Riverton .. .. .	171	16	4,530	16	..	360
Totals .. .. .	18,655	697	475,970	1,768	20	34,975
North Island .. .. .	8,343	626	219,461	885	15	17,468
South Island .. .. .	10,312	71	256,509	883	5	17,507
Totals .. .. .	18,655	697	475,970	1,768	20	34,975

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