

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS.

The payments for war pensions show a slight increase during the year, the figures compared with those of the previous year being as follows:—

	1919-20.	1920-21.
	£	£
Payments made in New Zealand	1,752,900	1,754,382
Payments made in London	58,447	72,994
Payments made in Australia .. ..	..	30,849
Payments made in Canada	474	..
Other foreign payments	258	252
Allotments paid after casualty .. ..	..	28,475
Lump-sum payments	340	..
Totals	£1,812,419	£1,886,952

The absence of figures relating to payments of New Zealand pensions in Canada is due to the non-receipt within the financial year of returns from the Canadian Government. These, however, have since been received.

Summary of Total Actual Payments to the 31st March, 1921.

	£
From 1st September, 1915, to 31st March, 1916	13,910
Year 1916-17	180,389
Year 1917-18	515,445
Year 1918-19	1,199,755
Year 1919-20	1,812,419
Year 1920-21	1,886,952
	£5,608,870

PENSIONS PAYABLE OUTSIDE NEW ZEALAND AS AT THE 31ST MARCH, 1921.

	Soldiers.		Wives of Soldiers.	Dependants.		Annual Liability.
	Permanent.	Temporary.	Temporary.	Widows.	Other Dependants.	
Great Britain	77	210	18	196	718	£ 60,793
Australia	37	227	12	73	168	27,565
Other countries	5	23	3	5	18	2,967
Totals	119	460	33	274	904	91,325

OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

	European.	Maori.	Total.
Pensions in force at the 31st March, 1920	19,198	795	19,993
New pensions granted, 1920-21	2,006	146	2,152
Deaths during 1920-21	1,782	98	2,308
Cancellations 1920-21	423	5	
Net decrease .. ..	..	..	156
Pensions in force at the 31st March, 1921	18,999	838	19,837
			Year 1920-21.
Total European population at the 31st March, 1921 .. ..	..	..	1,204,722
Total European pensioners, sixty-five and over, at the 31st March, 1921 .. ..	..	..	16,121
Female European pensioners, sixty to sixty-four, at the 31st March, 1921 .. ..	..	..	2,878
Percentage of European pensioners to total European population .. ..	..	..	1.6
New claims lodged .. ..	..	..	2,760
New claims rejected .. ..	..	..	617
Annual liability at the 31st March, 1921 .. ..	..	..	£737,378
Average pension .. ..	..	..	£37 3s.
Gross expenditure for year .. ..	..	..	£731,343
Decrease on figures of previous year .. ..	..	..	£1,625
Cost per head of European population .. ..	..	..	12s. 2d.
Credit from national endowment .. ..	..	..	£30,134
Refunds paid to Public Account .. ..	..	..	£1,313