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TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

PENSIONS DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1921.

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.

Pensions Department, Wellington, 30th July, 1921.

I have the honour to furnish herewith, for the information of Parliament, the report of the Department relating to war, old-age, widows', Maori War, miners', epidemic, and police pensions

for the year ended 31st March, 1921.

The following comparative statements relate to the annual value and gross payments of all pensions administered by this Department for the past two years:—

PENSIONS IN FORCE, AND ANNUAL VALUE.

		01 6	D		At 31st	March, 1920.	At 31st March, 1921.		
		Class of	Pension.		Number.	Annual Value.	Number.	Annual Value.	
						£		£	
War				 	34,571	1,869,366	31,764	1,748,865	
Old-age				 	19,993	731,735	19,837	737,378	
Widows'				 	3,444	185,968	3,421	198,767	
Maori W	ar			 	939	43,294	811	39,739	
Miners'				 	415	23,543	474	29,686	
Epidemi	С			 			849	71,486	
Police	• •		• •	 	3	215	5	390	
	Totals			 	59,365	2,854,121	57,161	2,826,311	

GROSS PAYMENTS.

		Class	of Pension			1919–20.	1920–21.
						£	£
War					 	1,812,419	1,886,952
Old-age					 	732,968	731,343
Widows'					 	136,815	187,430
Maori War					 	45,085	40,213
Iners'					 	16,652	26,972
pidemic					 	••	72,456
Police		• •			 	93	436
	Totals		••	.,	 	2,744,032	2,945,802
lost per he	ad of Euro	pean p	opulation		 	£2 6s. 9d.	£2 8s. 11d

PENSION LEGISLATION.

During the year legislation was embodied in the Finance Act, 1920, amending certain of the

provisions relating to war, old-age, Maori War, and miners' pensions.

The War Pensions Amendment provided for the setting-up of an Appeal Board, on purely medical grounds, to deal with appeals by soldiers who are not satisfied with the amount of pension allowed them, and others refused a pension by the Pensions Board on the grounds that death or disablement was not held to be due to or aggravated by war service. The Appeal Board has already been constituted, and has dealt with a number of appeals lodged throughout the Dominion.

An increased expenditure of £50,000 per annum was authorized to be expended on totally disabled soldiers; and the War Pensions Board has disbursed this amount between soldiers in hospital, totally blinded soldiers, soldiers with double amputations, and those totally disabled and in receipt

of full pensions.

The old-age-pension bonus of £13 per annum, provided purely as a war measure, was incorporated in the statutory pension, and the rights of pensioners to various exemptions under the Act were

Miners' pensions payable under the Miner's Phthisis Act, 1915, were increased, in the case of married men and widowers with children under the age of fourteen years to £1 15s. a week, and in the case of unmarried men to £1 5s. a week. A further special concession made in respect of miners' pensions is that no instalment shall be forfeited in respect of any period of absence from New Zealand which does not exceed two years.

Military pensions payable to veterans of the Maori War have been increased from £36 to £49 per annum. This means that those pensioners who were unable to qualify for the bonus granted as a war measure, on account of excessive income, now receive the full amount without restriction. As in the case of miners' pensions, those in receipt of the Maori War pension are also permitted to be absent from New Zealand for a period not exceeding two years without forfeiting instalments.

Special provision was made in the Appropriation Act, 1920, exempting the cost-of-living bonus payable to superannuated Civil servants from being taken into account in calculating the amount of pension payable to old-age and widow pensioners.

	WARI	ENSION	S.	
TOTAL	CLAIMS	LODGED	то	DATE.

				•			From Soldiers.	From Dependants
From 1st Septem	ber, 1915	5, to 31st	March,	1916			798	681
Year 1916-17			••		• •		3,958	2,017
Year 1917-18							8,148	3,754
Year 1918-19							14,749	5,292
Year 1919-20	•						11,493	3,990
Year 1920-21	• •	• •	••	• •			1,081	1,878
Tot	als		e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e				40,227	17,612

GROSS ANNUAL VALUE OF ALL PENSIONS GRANTED TO DATE.

						Number.	Annual Value.	Average Pension.
							£	£
From 1st Sep	tember,	1915, to	31st Mar	rch, 1916		1,214	56,488	46
Year 1916-17						5,316	285,707	53
Year 1917-18						10,587	780,057	73
Year 1918-19						16,954	1,167,081	68
Year 1919-20			• •			15,183	872,627	57
Year 1920-21		• •		• •	••	2,457	163,713	66
	Totals					51,711	3,325,673	64

Note.—The number of pensions granted as shown herein does not include children's pensions, the values of which, however, form part of the pensions payable to parents (or guardians), and are included in the annual-values total.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL LIABILITY AT THE 31ST MARCH, 1921.

Class of Pension.	Class of Pension.						
				£	£		
Soldiers (permanent)			3,215	183,032	57		
Soldiers (temporary)			19,133	1,044,821	55		
Dependants (temporary)			1,371	91,149	66		
Widows of soldiers			2,034	226,932	112		
Other dependants of deceased soldiers			6,011	202,931	34		
Totals		-	31,764	1,748,865	55		

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS.

The payments for war	pensions show	a slight increase	during the year,	the figures compared	wit h
those of the previous year	being as follows	s :	1010_20	1020_91	

				£	£
Payments made in New Zealan	d i		• •	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				25 8	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	ı 1st Septe	ember,	1915, to	31st Mar	ch, 1916	٠.	 	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.

	Sole	diers.	Wives of Soldiers.	Depe	endants.	Amma 1 Tinkilita
	Permanent.	Temporary.	Temporary.	Widows.	Other Dependents.	Annual Liability
Great Britain Australia Other countries	 77 37 5	210 227 23	18 12 3	196 73 5	718 168 18	£ 60,793 27,565 2,967
Totals	 119	460	33	274	904	91,325

	ÖLD-AGE	PENSI		ropean.	Maori.		Total.
Pensions in force at the 31st March, 192	0			9,198	795		19,993
New pensions granted, 1920–21				2,006	146	2,152	
Deaths during 1920-21				1,782	98)	-	
Cancellations 1920-21				423	5 }	2,3 08	
Net decrease			• •	• •	••		156
Pensions in force at the 31st March, 192	1		1	8,999	838		19,837
						Y_{e}	ar 1920–21.
Total European population at the 31st M	larch, 19	21	• •			•• .	1,204,722
Total European pensioners, sixty-five and	d over, a	${ m t}$ the $31{ m s}$	st March,	1921			16,121
Female European pensioners, sixty to six	ty-four,	at the 3	1 s t March	1, 1921	• •		2,878
Percentage of European pensioners to tot	al Europ	ean pop	ulation				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							$\mathfrak{L}1$, 625
Cost per head of European population							12s. 2d.
Credit from national endowment					• • •		£30,134
Refunds paid to Public Account	• •	• •		• •	• •	• •	£1,313

Number of pensioner Amount paid to Number of pensioner Amount paid to Absolutely forfeited i Instalments forfeited	controlling a s in mental h Mental Hosp nstalments and subsequ	uthorities ospitals pitals Dep ently pai	s of these partment d	on acco	• •	••	•••	940 £36,824 90 £3,124 £3,806 £4,919
	s lodged to da s established		• •	• •	• •	• • • • • •	50 0	
Total deaths				• •	• •	••	ൈവ	
Total cancel			• •	• •		••	7,4	
	paid since 18						£8,660,1	
	from nation						£299,11	
Pensions in force at t	the 31st Marc		VIDOWS'	PENSI	ONS.	European. 3,301	Maori. 143	Total. 3,444
New pensions grante					• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	587		27
Cancellations, 1920-2		• •				621		50
Net dec								_ 23

Pensions in force at						3,267	154	3,421
Total children in rece	eipt of pension	ns at the	31st Ma	rch, 192	21	• •	• •	7,802
							•	ear 1920-21.
New claims lodged	• •	• •	• .				· ·	ear 1920-21. 719
New claims rejected	••	••	• •	• • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			123
Annual liability at cl		• •		• •	• •			£198,767
	• •					• •		£58 2s.
Gross expenditure for						• •		£187,430
Increase on figures of			• •	• •	• •	••		£50,615
Cost per head of Eur	opean popula	ition	• •	• •	• •		• • •	3s. 1d.
Refunds paid to Pub Absolutely forfeited i		• •	• •	• •	• •		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	£301 10s. £1,197
Instalments forfeited			d				••	£2,206
Average of total fam								3.6
Average of family un					• •			$2\cdot 4$
	s lodged to da						. 7,7	
	s established						. 6,4	14
	er of children	benefite	\mathbf{d}				15,9'	
Total death				• •	• •	• •	. 1	
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Total cancel	paid to date	••	• •	• •	• •		0.000 1	
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10TA	L NUMBER O	F CHILDI	KEN ON	WHUSE	ACCOUNT	Pension gr	ANTED.	
						Num ber of	r Childa unde	
					•	Pensione		
1911–12	• •	• •			• •	791	1,9	
1912-13	• •	• •	• •		• •	657	1,60	
1913–14	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	421	1,09	
1914-15	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	458	1,14	
1915–16 1916–17	• •	••	• •	• •	• •	$\begin{array}{ccc} \dots & 444 \\ \dots & 421 \end{array}$	$\frac{1,18}{1,0}$	
1917-18	• •	••		• •	• •	509	1,19	
1918–19	• •	••	••	• •	••	1,349	3,2	
1919–20						767	1,8'	
1920-21	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	627	1,65	24
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	Totals	• •	• •	• •	• •	6,444	$\frac{15,9}{}$	74
								
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		MAC	ORI WAI	R PENS	IONS.	European.	Maori.	Total.
Pensions in force at t	the 31st Marc	ch, 1920	• •	• •		711	22 8	939
Deaths during 1920-	21				• •	89		130
New pensions grante	d, 1920 –2 1	• •	• •	• •	• •	1	1	2
Net dec	crease	• •	• •	• •	••	• •	••	128
Pensions in force at	the Stat Man	դե 1091				623	188	011
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	•							Yea	r 1920–21.
New claims lodged			••	• •	• •				5
Number of pensioner		receipt of	l old-age	pensions	• •	• •	• •		216
Annual liability at cl			• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	£39,739
Average pension		• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	* * *	£49
Gross expenditure for		• •	• •	• •	• • •	• •	• •	• •	£40,213
Cost per head of Eur			• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	8d.
Refunds paid to Pub			• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	£1 16s.
Decrease on figures o			• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	£4,872
Pensioners in homes			t those	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	61 050
Amount paid to Absolutely forfeited i			i onese	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	£1,959 £471
Instalments forfeited			• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	£300
	s lodged to date			• •	• •	• •	• •	1,879	2000
	s established	••	• •	• •	• •		• •	1,693	
Total death								880	
Total cancel								2	
Grand total	paid to date							361,211	
	•							•	
			ERS' PE	ENSIONS.					Total.
Pensions in force at t		1920		• •					415
New pensions granted	d, 1920–21	• •	• •	• •	• •		• •	107	
Deaths during 1920-2			• •	• •	• •	• •	43)	48	
Cancellations, 1920–2		• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	5∫	T O	
Net inc	rease	• •	• •	• •		• •	• •		59
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Pensions in force at t	the 31st March,	1921	• •	••	• •	• •	• •	• •	474
								Yea.	· 192 0–21.
New claims lodged								• •	111
New claims rejected									10
Annual liability at cl									£29,686
Average pension	••								£62 12s.
Gross expenditure for	r year		• •						£26,972
Increase on figures of	f previous year								£10,320
Cost per head of Euro	opean populatio	n		• •					5 ∤d.
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Credit to vote from g	gold duty	• •	• •	• •		• •		• •	
Credit to vote from g Absolutely forfeited i	gold duty instalments	• •	• •	• •		• •		• •	£333
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EPIDEMIC PENSIONS.

The allowances provided by vote of Parliament to relieve distress arising out of the influenza epidemic of November, 1918, formerly controlled by the Public Health Department through the various Hospital Boards, were taken over by this Department as from the 1st April, 1920. As in the case of pensions, these allowances are being paid monthly per medium of the various post-offices throughout the Dominion.

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Pensions in force at the 31st March	. 1920							Total 939
New pensions granted, 1920–21				••	• •		$\dot{27}$	00.
Cancellations, 1920–21	••			••	• •		$1\overline{17}$	
Net decrease	1 (• •	• •	• •	• •	. •	111	. 90
Net decrease	• •	• •		• •	• •	• •		
Pensions in force at the 31st March	, 1921		••	••	••		• •	849
						Voq	1920-21	i
New claims lodged							40	••
New claims rejected							13	
Annual liability at close of				• •			71,486	
Amuai nability at close o.	ı year		• •	• •	• •		£83	
Average pension	• •		• •		• •			
Gross expenditure for year			••		• •	£	72,456	
Absolutely forfeited instal	ments	• •		• •			£107	
Instalments forfeited and	subsequer	itly paid					£341	
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	COST O	F ADMII	NISTRAT	ION.				£
Salaries			••				• •	35,173
Cost-of-living bonus					:.			27
Contribution to Post Office (nine m	onths onl	v)						7,950
Grant to Mrs. O. K. Philips on acc	ount of d	eath of	husband					,
"Tahiti"		Outin OI	nassana	-			nopor.	199
		* *	• •	• •	• •		• •	18
Grant to Mrs. Mary Young in lieu o				• •	• •	• •	• •	-
Honoraria of members of War Pens	nons Boar	cd	• •		•.•	• •	• • •	2,45
Light, firing, and water	• •							98
Medical fees (war pensions)								12,292
Office fittings and requisites, includ	ing printi	ng and s	tationer	ý				2,540
Postage, telegrams, and rent of box				• •				3,319
Proportion of salaries, High Commi	egioner'e	etoff			• •		• •	14
	ssioners	Suam	• •	• •	• •			13
Telephones	• •	• •	• •	• • •	• •		• • .	
Travelling-expenses		• •	• •	• •		• •	• •	1,73'
Overtime							• •	31'
Advertising								1'
Fees for certificates of age								,
Interpreter's fee								
Cartage		• • •	• • •	• •	• • •	• • •	• •	9
					• •		• • •	19
Commission on money-orders and r			 Td	• •	• •	• •	• •	62
Charges on postal drafts through H	ıgn Comr	mssioner	, London	l	• •	• •	• •	
Loading on life-insurance premium	s on accou	int of in	ipaired h	ealth		• •	• •	90
Payment of instalments of war per	$_{ m nsions}$ $_{ m col}$	lected by	y unauth	orized pe	rsons			6
Sundry payments		••						66
•								£67,15
Number of officers on staff at the 3	1st March	1, 1921						173
Percentage of cost of administration	n to total	expendi	ture for	vear (£2.	945,802)			$2 \cdot 2'$

APPENDIX.

Table I.—Number of War Pensions in Force at each Rate on the 31st March, 1921.

,		~		Wives and	On Account of Death.			
Rate (nearest £	(Permanent). (Temporary).		Parents (on Account of Disablement).	Widows (including Child-ren's Pensions).	Parents and other Dependants			
££		•				1		
261–300	• •	• ::	• •	• •	9	••		
234-260		22	17	2	28			
201–233		3	6	15	79			
191–200		1	13	• •	26			
181–190		62	1,226	21	105			
171–180			••	• •	9			
1 61 –170			4		82			
151–160		10	3 8	6	195	1		
1 41–15 0		3	19	50	15	1		
131–140		5	3 8	3	62			
1 21–13 0		59	719	. 5	411			
111 –12 0	٠.	15	4	7	67	6		
101–110		3 8	128	126	21	5		
91–100		7 8	112	19	10	8		
81- 90		357		21	40	6		
71-80		325	1,231	291	531	169		
61- 70		152	547	26	8	63		
51-60		654	4,079	370	48	467		
41- 50		89	3	32		53		
31- 40		508	4,123	147	46	1,641		
21- 30		667	6,782	181	239	3,476		
6- 20		167	44	49	3	115		
Totals		3,215	19,133	1,371	2,034	6,011		
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TABLE II.—Pensions granted, Deaths, and Cancellations in each Year, with Number in Force and Annual Variation.

7	Year ended 31st March.		Number of Pensions granted.	Deaths.	Cancella- tions.	In Force at End of Year.	Increase.	Decrease.	
		-			Old-age.			•	
1899				7,487	38	6	7,443		1
1900				4,699	786	71	11,285	3,842	1
1901				2,227	815	292	12,406	1,120	
1902				1,694	935	388	12,776	371	
1903	• • •			1,391	1,064	622	12,481	• •	295
1904				1,063	92 8	690	11,926		555
1905				1,210	890	476	11,770		156
1906				2,075	1,038	225	12,582	81 2	
1907				2,031	1, 0 97	2 59	13,257	675	
1908				1,740	1,189	2 39	13,569	31 2	
1909				2,113	1,112	174	14,396	8 2 7	
1910				2,304	1,169	211	15,3 2 0	924	
1911				2,399	1,423	276	16,020	700	
191 2				2,318	1,469	220	16,649	6 2 9	
1913				2,072	1,569	643	16,509		140
1914	• •			3,320	1,479	300	18,050	1,541	
1915				3,158	1,582	2 74	19,352	1,302	
1916				2,268	1,539	277	19,804	452	
1917				1,823	1,610	320	19,697		107
1918				2,146	1,535	348	19,960	263	1
1919				2,235	2,013	310	19,872		88
1920				2,289	1,798	370	19,993	121	
1921	• •	• •		2,152	1,880	428	19,837	• •	156
	Totals			56,214	2 8,958	7,419		• •	

TABLE II.—PENSIONS GRANTED, DEATHS, AND CANCELLATIONS IN EACH YEAR, ETC.—continued.

	Year ended 3	lst March.	•	Number of Pensions granted.	Deaths.	Cancella- tions.	In Force at End of Year.	Increase.	Decrease
					Widows'.		Manage to Manage P and		
1912	• •	• •		791		3	788		1
1913				657	3	129	1,313	5 2 5	
1914	• •			421	1	193	1,540	227	
1915				458	2	208	1,788	2 48	
1916	•	••		444	$\overline{4}$	338	1,890	102	
1917				421	$ar{2}$	285	2,024	134	
1918		• •	• • •	509	- 6	335	2,192	168	
1919	• • •		• • •	1,349	11	319	3,211	1,019	
1920	• •	• •		767	18	516	3,444	233	
1921	• •	• •	• •	627	24	626	3,421		23
	Totals			6,444	71	2,952			-
	10,010	• •	••	,0,111	Maori War	•	••	••	•••
1913				577	9		56 8	• •	
1914	• • •	••	• • •	747	74	1	1,240	$\overset{\cdot \cdot \cdot}{672}$	
1915	••	••	• • •	256	108		1,388	148	••
1916	••	••		60	1 24	1	1,323		65
1917			• •	10	101	*	1,232		91
1918	• •	• •	• • •	24	101		1,153	• •	79
1919	••	• •	• •	12	125	• •	1,040	• •	113
1920	• •	• •	• •	5	106	• •	939	• •	101
$1920 \\ 1921$	• •	• •	• •	2	130		811	• •	128
	Totals	••	••	1,693	880	2			
					Miners'.				
1916		••		1 2 0			120		
1917	••	••	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	153	35	• •	238	118	
1918	• • •	••	• • •	91	34	25	270	32	
1919	••	••	• • •	82	41	71	240	.	30
1920	• •	•••	• • •	237	23	39	415	175	
1921	••	• •		107	43	5	474	59	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
	Totals			790	176	140			•••
					War.				
1916				1,214	1	22	1,191		l
1917			• •	5,316	44	1,294	5,169	3,978	
1918				10,587	86	1,173	14,497	9,328	
1919		••		16,954	531	3,493	27,427	12,930	
1920		• •		15,183	291	7,748	34,571	7,144	
1921	• •	••	••	2,207	35 8	4,656	31,764	••	2,807
	Totals			51,461	1,311	18,386		• •	

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