

The following figures relate to the war and other pensions paid by the Department during the year on behalf of other Governments :—

Government.	Class of Pension.	Number at 31st March, 1923.	Annual Value.	Average Pension.	Payments, 1922-23.
			£	£	£
Great Britain	War	2,036	111,770	54	129,768
"	Army and civil ..	379	15,990	42	
Australia	War	580	26,906	46	26,857
India	Army and civil ..	85	17,638	207	19,137
South Africa	War	4	225	56	235
"	Civil	25	2,428	97	2,170
Canada	War	Nil	Nil	Nil	77
Crown colonies	Civil	34	6,823	200	7,790
	Totals	3,143	£181,780		£186,034

MEDICAL TREATMENT.

Following the decision of the Government that there should be closer co-ordination between the pensioning and medical treatment of discharged soldiers, the Medical Branch of the Defence Department dealing with the medical treatment of discharged members of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force was amalgamated with this Department as from the 1st July, 1922.

The following return shows the number of applications for treatment received from war pensioners since the date of the amalgamation, and the number receiving treatment at 31st March, 1923 :—

Medical District.	Number of Applications.	Receiving Treatment at 31st March, 1923.		
		In Patients.	Out Patients.	Total.
Auckland	703	117	363	480
Wellington	693	160	253	413
Christchurch	350	206	159	365
Dunedin	395	87	139	226
	2,141	570	914	1,484

The gross expenditure for the nine months following the date of amalgamation is as set out below. The amount is a charge against the vote " War Expenses " :—

	£
Salaries	3,969
Maintenance in hospitals and out-patient treatment	61,856
Artificial limbs, surgical appliances, and shelters for tubercular patients	3,511
Travelling expenses of patients	2,255
Expenses of Artificial Limbs Factory, Wellington	839
Funeral expenses	334
Medical fees	145
Freight and cartage	47
Telephones	33
Sundry	2
	£72,991

WAR PENSIONS.

TOTAL CLAIMS LODGED TO DATE.

	From Soldiers.	From Dependants.
From 1st September, 1915, 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
Year 1921-22	367	891
Year 1922-23	198	635
Totals	40,792	19,138