

PENSIONS PAYABLE OUTSIDE NEW ZEALAND AS AT THE 31ST MARCH, 1923.

	Soldiers.		Wives of Soldiers.	Dependants.		Annual Liability.
	Permanent.	Temporary.	Temporary.	Widows.	Other Dependants.	
Great Britain ..	99	267	17	184	719	£ 61,637
Australia ..	56	302	9	73	185	32,609
Other countries ..	9	21	1	2	10	2,311
Totals ..	164	590	27	259	914	96,557

OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

Pensions in force at the 31st March, 1922 ..	..	..	..	European.	Maori.	Total.
New pensions granted, 1922-23 ..	..	..	..	19,587	904	20,491
Deaths during 1922-23 ..	..	..	..	2,533	248	2,781
Cancellations 1922-23 ..	..	..	..	1,673	90	2,091
Net increase ..	..	..	..	312	16	690
Pensions in force at the 31st March, 1923 ..	..	..	..	20,135	1,046	21,181
Year 1922-23.						
Total European population at the 31st March, 1923 ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,271,750
Total European pensioners, sixty-five and over, at the 31st March, 1923 ..	..	..	..	..	..	15,641
Female European pensioners, sixty to sixty-four, at the 31st March, 1923 ..	..	..	..	..	..	4,494
Percentage of European pensioners to total European population ..	..	..	..	..	..	1.6
New claims lodged ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,435
New claims rejected ..	..	..	..	..	..	714
Annual liability at the 31st March, 1923 ..	..	..	..	..	..	£770,295
Average pension ..	..	..	..	..	..	£36 7s.
Gross expenditure for year ..	..	..	..	..	..	£755,324
Increase on figures of previous year ..	..	..	..	..	..	£11,704
Cost per head of European population ..	..	..	..	..	..	11s. 11d.
Credit from national endowment ..	..	..	..	..	..	£28,547
Refunds paid to Public Account ..	..	..	..	..	..	£1,627
Number of pensioners in homes and hospitals ..	..	..	..	..	..	974
Amount paid to controlling authorities of these ..	..	..	..	..	..	£39,210
Number of pensioners in mental hospitals ..	..	..	..	..	..	90
Amount paid to Mental Hospitals Department on account of these ..	..	..	..	..	..	£3,259
Unpaid instalments as at 31st March, 1923 ..	..	..	..	..	..	£2,593
Instalments forfeited and subsequently paid ..	..	..	..	..	..	£3,906
Total claims lodged to date ..	..	..	..	..	..	78,748
Total claims established ..	..	..	..	..	..	61,548
Total deaths ..	..	..	..	..	..	32,299
Total cancellations ..	..	..	..	..	..	8,068
Grand total paid since 1898 ..	..	..	..	..	..	£10,159,075
Total credit from national endowment ..	..	..	..	..	..	£358,445

WIDOWS' PENSIONS.

Pensions in force at the 31st March, 1922 ..	..	..	..	European.	Maori.	Total.
New pensions granted, 1922-23 ..	..	..	..	3,189	154	3,343
Cancellations, 1922-23 ..	..	..	..	570	46	616
Net increase ..	..	..	..	522	26	548
Pensions in force at the 31st March, 1923 ..	..	..	..	3,237	174	3,411
Total children in receipt of pensions at the 31st March, 1923 ..	..	..	..	..	..	9,693
Year 1922-23.						
New claims lodged ..	..	..	..	..	..	794
New claims rejected ..	..	..	..	..	..	116
Number of children on whose account pensions granted ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,532
Annual liability at close of year ..	..	..	..	..	..	£195,747
Average pension ..	..	..	..	..	..	£57 7s.
Gross expenditure for year ..	..	..	..	..	..	£188,021
Increase on figures of previous year ..	..	..	..	..	..	£1,564
Cost per head of European population ..	..	..	..	..	..	2s. 11d.
Refunds paid to Public Account ..	..	..	..	..	..	£133
Unpaid instalments as at 31st March, 1923 ..	..	..	..	..	..	£810