

WIDOWS' PENSIONS—*continued.*

					Total.
Instalments forfeited and subsequently paid .. .. .	..	..	..	..	£1,833
Average of total family of pensioners .. .. .	..	..	..	..	4.06
Average of family under fourteen years .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2.48
Total claims lodged to date .. .. .	..	..	..	..	9,147
Total claims established .. .. .	..	..	..	..	7,583
Total number of children benefited .. .. .	..	..	..	..	18,822
Total deaths .. .. .	..	..	..	..	161
Total guardians appointed .. .. .	..	..	..	..	91
Total cancellations .. .. .	..	..	..	..	4,102
Grand total paid to date .. .. .	..	..	..	..	£994,594

MAORI WAR PENSIONS.

			European.	Maori.	Total.
Pensions in force at the 31st March, 1922 .. .. .	..	..	564	176	740
Deaths during 1922-23 .. .. .	..	..	56	15	
Cancellations, 1922-23 .. .. .	..	..	1	..	72
New pensions granted, 1922-23 .. .. .	..	..	1	..	1
Net decrease .. .. .	..	..	..	..	—
Pensions in force at the 31st March, 1923 .. .. .	..	..	508	161	669
					Year 1922-23.
New claims lodged .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1
Number of pensioners previously in receipt of old-age pensions .. .. .	..	..	..	..	218
Annual liability at close of year .. .. .	..	..	..	..	£32,781
Average pension .. .. .	..	..	..	..	£49
Gross expenditure for year .. .. .	..	..	..	..	£34,004
Cost per head of European population .. .. .	..	..	..	..	6d.
Decrease on figures of previous year .. .. .	..	..	..	..	£3,733
Pensioners in homes and hospitals .. .. .	..	..	..	..	35
Amount paid to controlling authorities of these .. .. .	..	..	..	..	£1,816
Unpaid instalments as at 31st March, 1923 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	£239
Instalments forfeited and subsequently paid .. .. .	..	..	..	..	£155
Total claims lodged to date .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,881
Total claims established .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,695
Total deaths .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,023
Total cancellations .. .. .	..	..	..	..	3
Grand total paid to date .. .. .	..	..	..	..	£432,952

MINERS' PENSIONS.

					Total.
Pensions in force at the 31st March, 1922 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	506
New pensions granted, 1922-23 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	96
Deaths during 1922-23 .. .. .	..	..	..	52	58
Cancellations, 1922-23 .. .. .	..	..	..	6	
Net increase .. .. .	..	..	..	..	—
Pensions in force at the 31st March, 1923 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	544
					Year 1922-23.
New claims lodged .. .. .	..	..	..	..	114
New claims rejected .. .. .	..	..	..	..	18
Annual liability at close of year .. .. .	..	..	..	..	£33,826
Average pension .. .. .	..	..	..	..	£62 4s.
Gross expenditure for year .. .. .	..	..	..	..	£33,447
Increase on figures of previous year .. .. .	..	..	..	..	£2,235
Cost per head of European population .. .. .	..	..	..	..	6d.
Credit to vote from gold duty .. .. .	..	..	..	..	£2,611
Unpaid instalments as at 31st March, 1923 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	£159
Instalments forfeited and subsequently paid .. .. .	..	..	..	..	£241
Total claims lodged to date .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,101
Total claims established .. .. .	..	..	..	..	964
Total claims rejected .. .. .	..	..	..	..	121
Total deaths .. .. .	..	..	..	..	266
Total cancellations .. .. .	..	..	..	..	154
Total amount paid to date .. .. .	..	..	..	..	£144,409
Total credit from gold duty .. .. .	..	..	..	..	£27,206
Total amount paid on account of funeral expenses .. .. .	..	..	..	..	£2,629

NUMBER OF PENSIONS AT EACH RATE AT THE 31ST MARCH, 1923.

					Annual Valuc.
					£
157 at £91 per annum .. .. .	..	..	..	..	14,287
99 at £65 per annum .. .. .	..	..	..	..	6,435
288 at £45 10s. per annum .. .. .	..	..	..	..	13,104
544					£33,826