

Already, with five months of the first year still to go, the added annual cost has been at the rate of—

Old-age pensions	£ 55,000 per annua.
Widows' pensions	70,000 „
Blind pensions.. .. .	6,000 „
Total	£131,000

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
Year 1923-24	160	550
Year 1924-25	197	505
Totals	41,149	20,193

GROSS ANNUAL VALUE OF ALL PENSIONS GRANTED TO DATE.

	Number.	Annual Value.	Average Pension.
From 1st September, 1915, to 31st March, 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	2,207	163,713	66
Year 1921-22	945	63,685	67
Year 1922-23	625	43,867	70
Year 1923-24	551	40,836	74
Year 1924-25	432	31,241	72
Totals	54,014	3,505,302	65

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-value totals.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL LIABILITY AT 31ST MARCH, 1925.

Class of Pension.	Number of Pensioners.	Number of Children.	Annual Value.	Average Pension.
Soldiers (permanent)	7,583	..	£ 367,871	£ 58
Soldiers (temporary)	5,251	..	309,441	59
Dependants of disabled soldiers	716	1,214	57,984	81
Widows (without children)	585	..	51,327	88
Widows (with children).. .. .	817	1,307	127,774	156
Other dependants of deceased soldiers—				
Parents	5,644	24	198,798	35
Other adult dependants	161	4	5,746	36
Guardians of children	561	766	21,227	37
Totals, &c.	21,318	3,315	1,140,168	53