

Wealth of Pensioners—continued.

District.	Number of pensioners.	Income of Pensioners.	Gross Accumulated Property.					Mortgages on Real Property.	Income and Property of Husbands and Wives (not Pensioners).	
			Freehold.	Leasehold.	Life Interest.	Cash.	Stock, Furniture, &c.		Income.	Property.
Brought forward	3,169	£ 24,726	£ 56,566	£ 2,869	£ 4,687	£ 7,906	£ 13,617	£ 9,034	£ 5,543	£ 32,362
Dannevirke ..	124	1,131	2,951	119	64	157	405	1,190	165	2,727
Waipawa ..	55	449	433	..	171	..	54	..	63	1,009
Wairoa ..	46	37	2,185	..	..	..	4	..	71	1,525
New Plymouth ..	219	1,874	3,965	..	568	807	725	978	351	3,639
Stratford ..	23	126	78	..	..	11	25	..	56	906
Wanganui ..	180	1,881	1,612	..	171	278	672	58	282	1,087
Hawera ..	64	607	1,510	..	..	79	70	864	156	2,507
Marton ..	86	536	2,206	..	..	..	177	122	17	535
Patea ..	24	255	179	..	..	24	28	60	83	173
Wellington ..	530	3,974	4,330	292	605	1,741	1,513	1,035	829	5,251
Feilding ..	91	519	992	148	..	162	110	16	137	1,379
Carterton ..	77	914	1,441	..	..	497	870	339	198	1,571
Masterton ..	85	970	1,391	11	43	206	348	393	103	1,768
Otaki ..	60	438	571	281	..	129	135	150	169	1,224
Pahiatua ..	32	457	358	1,336	..	..	100	420	7	63
Palmerston North	145	1,094	2,782	20	92	217	514	430	112	3,455
Nelson ..	224	1,686	8,784	..	646	547	1,054	2,397	191	3,826
Motueka ..	66	154	2,102	..	102	408	160	406	47	1,956
Blenheim ..	138	1,278	2,661	422	395	78	818	575	283	2,109
Havelock ..	6	107	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..
Christchurch ..	1,249	6,274	30,346	543	3,299	3,264	6,747	6,756	1,185	13,265
Akaroa ..	44	601	885	..	179	28	165	480	21	355
Amberley ..	9	101	..	328	..	..	98	50	6	35
Ashburton ..	215	3,032	6,531	400	264	621	1,117	3,417	145	3,369
Culverden ..	7	33	162	..	..	30	10	..	..	..
Kaipoi ..	275	1,411	8,918	..	906	584	1,013	1,842	342	4,570
Kaikoura ..	20	121	318	..	98	95	216	90	..	..
Timaru ..	152	108	4,029	..	179	102	287	2,437	52	1,179
Fairlie ..	7	43	185	..	..	..	..	30	20	212
Temuka ..	113	475	3,361	159	89	225	688	953	191	1,527
Waimate ..	104	949	3,924	217	10	191	826	776	136	1,184
Greymouth ..	449	3,747	1,901	1,288	..	1,069	1,485	924	98	2,328
Reefton ..	128	955	535	328	..	60	407	..	75	401
Hokitika ..	485	4,351	5,569	2,697	20	1,510	2,259	1,050	190	1,424
Westport ..	236	2,284	1,571	1,241	..	1,213	1,002	..	89	749
Oamaru ..	212	1,625	3,892	531	198	783	1,123	692	265	1,577
Dunedin ..	1,055	9,569	21,412	1,232	1,454	2,990	7,640	5,908	1,455	12,095
Balclutha ..	131	556	2,516	732	..	267	453	815	244	948
Clyde ..	95	774	545	510	..	326	1,088	..	129	344
Lawrence ..	186	1,302	3,452	1,337	..	1,492	1,261	634	305	1,035
Milton ..	118	653	4,520	212	..	161	1,115	703	322	1,302
Naseby ..	103	959	278	892	69	951	686	18	109	535
Palmerston South	52	343	1,512	80	..	183	427	377	125	612
Waikouaiti ..	40	136	978	10	403	51	173	222	25	545
Invercargill ..	605	4,377	15,854	1,762	114	992	3,724	3,732	819	8,730
Queenstown ..	101	831	643	764	..	567	590	50	65	281
Riverton ..	130	1,212	2,574	144	75	114	419	555	394	156
Cnatham Islands	5	87	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	11,770	90,122	223,508	20,895	14,901	31,130	56,418	50,978	15,675	127,830

A summary of the accumulated property owned by pensioners is as follows:—

	£
Freehold ..	223,508
Leasehold ..	20,895
Life interest ..	14,901
Cash ..	31,130
Stock, furniture, &c. ..	56,418
	346,852
Less mortgages on real estate ..	50,978
Total ..	295,874
Property owned by husbands and wives of pensioners (not themselves pensioners) ..	127,830
Grand total ..	£423,704

The average amount of income earned is £7 13s. per pensioner, and the average amount of accumulated property held, after the deduction of mortgages, is £25 2s.

GENERAL.

One phase of the old-age-pensions scheme to which I desire to direct attention is that which has resulted in the improved relations between the younger generation and their aged parents. Prior to the introduction of the Act, it was with extreme difficulty that numbers of sons and