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(EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE), FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1906.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to Section 62 of "The Old-age Pensions Act, 1898."

The REGISTRAR OF OLD-AGE PENSIONS to the Hon. the COLONIAL TREASURER.

SIR,—

Old-age Pensions Department, Wellington, 31st July, 1906.

I have the honour to submit herewith my report on the working of the Department for the financial year ended the 31st March, 1906.

The principal event of the year was the passing of the Amendment Act increasing the amount of pension to £26 per annum, the immediate result of which has been not only an enlarged expenditure, but also a marked addition to the number of participants. The various provisions of this Act, which have helped to bring about these increases, are as follows:—

1. An increase in the amount of pension from £18 to £26.
2. An increase from £52 to £60 in the amount of income required to disqualify an applicant.
3. An increase from £78 to £90 in the amount of joint income (with pension added) required to disqualify a married couple.
4. An equal division of all property owned between husband and wife.
5. An increase from £50 to £150 in the deduction allowed from property where such property, or part thereof, constitutes a home from which no income is derived.
6. Provision for the private investigation of claims by Magistrates.

The Act referred to received the Governor's assent on the 29th July, and, as it decreed that the change in the amount of pension was to take effect immediately—*i.e.*, with the instalment which commenced to accrue on the 1st August and became payable on the 1st September—no time had to be lost in making arrangements for the increased payment on the date named. Despite the fact that the increases of pension in every case had to be sanctioned by the various Magistrates throughout the colony (for no pension or increase of pension can be paid without the authority of a Magistrate), I have to report that on the 1st September there were only four pensions which were not available at the increased rate, and these four were available before the days of grace allowed for collection had expired.

I here desire to place on record my appreciation of the readiness with which Magistrates assisted the Department in enabling the increased payment to be made as provided by law. Without their generous assistance the task attempted would not have been consummated.

PENSIONS IN FORCE.

On the 31st March last the number of pensioners on the roll stood at 12,582, being 812 more than at the close of the previous year, or 194 less than on the 31st March, 1902, when the number was at its highest since the passing of the original Act—namely, 12,776. Of this number 667 were Maoris.

Although the number of pensioners has increased, it is satisfactory to note that the percentage of pensioners to the population eligible by age and residence has not gone up. The percentages for the past six years are as follows:—

On 31st March,			Estimated European Population eligible by Age and Residence.	European Pensioners.	Percentage.
1901	...	...	26,563	11,307	42
1902	...	...	27,993	11,721	41
1903	...	...	29,384	11,589	39
1904	...	...	30,890	11,197	36
1905	...	...	32,013	11,138	35
1906	...	...	35,157	11,915	34

[NOTE.—The estimated eligible population has been arrived at from figures taken from the last available census returns (1901), after making allowance for the actual number of deaths during the past five years, supplied by the Registrar-General.]

Full details regarding the sex, age, and distribution throughout the colony of pensioners on the roll will be found in the appendix of this report, the following items of interest being taken therefrom :—

10,398 out of the 12,582 on the roll, or 82 per cent. of the whole, are in receipt of the full pension of £26.

Forty-four per cent. of the pensioners who were admitted in the first year of the Act are still on the books.

Of the four chief centres of population, Christchurch has the highest number of pensioners—namely, 1,440, as against 1,210 in Auckland, 1,111 in Dunedin, and 596 in Wellington. The smallness of the pension-roll in Wellington is accounted for by the fact that the population at the pension age in this centre is a comparatively small one, the last available census figures showing the people sixty-five years of age and over in each of the chief centres to be as follows :—

1. Christchurch	...	...	...	...	...	3,408
2. Auckland	...	...	...	...	...	3,002
3. Dunedin	...	...	...	...	...	2,901
4. Wellington	...	...	...	...	...	1,771

The male pensioners exceed the female by 1,930, although in Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin the females are in the ascendant.

The age which claims the highest number of pensioners is 72, 1,168 Europeans being at that age. Age 73 follows next with 1,112. There are seventy-six European pensioners of the age of 90 and over, of which number seven are 96 and over, while three are centenarians.

The following particulars relate to those who are 96 and over, and were still alive on the 1st July :—

No.	District.	Age.	Sex.	Address.	Born.	Conjugal Conditions.
740	Wellington*	96	Male	Te Aro	10th February, 1810	Widower.
797	Dunedin	97	Female	Outram	14th August, 1808	Widow.
1866	Auckland*	97	Male	Onehunga	1809	Widower.
18	Havelock	102	"	Kenepuru	15th February, 1804	Unmarried.
343	Ashburton*	103	"	Ashburton	24th June, 1803	Widower.
149	Masterton	105	"	Waikanae	1801	"

The following statement shows the number of pensions on the roll at the end of each month of the year just ended :—

Number of pensions at 31st March, 1905	..	..	..	11,770
Add new grants during April, 1905	..	..	91	
Deduct deaths during April	..	..	34	
			—	57 increase.
Number of pensions at 30th April, 1905	..	..	..	11,827
Add new grants during May	..	..	135	
Deduct deaths during May	..	..	79	
„ cancellations during May	..	..	34	
			—	113
			—	22 increase.
Number of pensions at 31st May, 1905	..	..	..	11,849
Add new grants during June	..	..	120	
Deduct deaths during June	..	..	101	
„ cancellations during June	..	..	38	
			—	139
			—	19 decrease.
Number of pensions at 30th June, 1905	..	..	..	11,830
Add new grants during July	..	..	116	
Deduct deaths during July	..	..	108	
„ cancellations during July	..	..	22	
			—	130
			—	14 decrease.
Number of pensions at 31st July, 1905	..	..	..	11,816
Add new grants during August	..	..	155	
Deduct deaths during August	..	..	121	
„ cancellations during August	..	..	20	
			—	141
			—	14 increase.

* These pensioners draw their own pensions in person.

Number of pensions at 31st August, 1905	..	..	11,830
Add new grants during September	..	201	
Deduct deaths during September	..	97	
„ cancellations during September	..	19	
		— 116	
			85 increase.
Number of pensions at 30th September, 1905	..	..	11,915
Add new grants during October	..	210	
Deduct deaths during October	..	84	
„ cancellations during October	..	18	
		— 102	
			108 increase.
Number of pensions at 31st October, 1905	..	..	12,023
Add new grants during November	..	178	
Deduct deaths during November	..	75	
„ cancellations during November	..	13	
		— 88	
			90 increase.
Number of pensions at 30th November, 1905	..	..	12,113
Add new grants during December	..	196	
Deduct deaths during December	..	84	
„ cancellations during December	..	11	
		— 95	
			101 increase.
Number of pensions at 31st December, 1905	..	..	12,214
Add new grants during January, 1906	..	224	
Deduct deaths during January	..	96	
„ cancellations during January	..	11	
		— 107	
			117 increase.
Number of pensions at 31st January, 1906	..	..	12,331
Add new grants during February	..	218	
Deduct deaths during February	..	51	
„ cancellation during February	..	18	
		— 69	
			149 increase.
Number of pensions at 28th February, 1906	..	..	12,480
Add new grants during March	..	231	
Deduct deaths during March	..	108	
„ cancellations during March	..	21	
		— 129	
			102 increase.
Number of pensions at 31st March, 1906	..	..	12,582
Total increase for year, 812.			

NEW CLAIMS.

The number of new claims made throughout the colony during the year was 3,027, being 1,344 in excess of the 1,683 received in the previous year. These, with the 528 outstanding at the beginning of the year, made a total of 3,555 to be dealt with. Of this number, 2,073 were established, 590 were rejected, while there were on hand awaiting investigation at the end of the year 892. The incoming pensioners for the past year, therefore, exceed the 1,210 admitted in the previous year by 863. Although this increase is numerically a large one, the percentage of these new participants to the people who became eligible remains practically the same as last year, the percentage for the two years being 34 in 1905, and 35 in 1906. Reference to the last available census figures shows that there were in 1901 approximately 5,900 people who were then 60 years of age and over, and twenty years and over in the colony; and it was from the ranks of these that the 2,073 new pensioners for the past year have been drawn, as against the 3,500 (approximately) who supplied the new pensioners in the previous year. A factor which is to be considered as having some bearing on the increase which now must be looked for each year is the gradual wearing-away of the disinclination on the part of a number of people to apply for the old-age pension. There is abundant evidence that the pension is regarded almost universally in the light that the framer of the Act intended it should be—namely, as a right; and, further, people who did not consider the £18 was worth applying for are now finding that £26 is a very useful sum to be possessed of in their declining years.

Of the 2,073 new pensions, 125 were Maoris.

1,779 were born in the British Islands, the rest of the Empire accounting for an additional 54.

Of the 1,948 Europeans admitted, 532 only were of the minimum age of 65, there being 73 of the age of 80 and over.

Further details regarding the nationality, age, sex, employment, and conjugal condition of these new pensioners will be found in the Appendix, together with a comprehensive return setting out the total number of claims received in each district since the Act came into force, the number made during the past year, and the manner in which these latter have been dealt with.

Of the total number of claimants—namely, 28,662—21,846 have been admitted as pensioners.

ANNUAL PAYMENTS.

As was to be expected, the amount paid by way of pension during the year shows a considerable increase, the actual payments being represented by a total of £254,366 16s. 6d. Deduct from this amount the sum of £404 11s., being overpayments in the early years of the Act recovered by Court proceedings and otherwise, and the net expenditure from the Consolidated Fund on account of pensions is shown to be £253,962 5s. 6d. It is estimated that the sum of £350,000 will meet all requirements for the year now current.

The following table shows the payments made in each month during the year :—

	1905.				£	s.	d.
April (at £18 rate)	16,139	5	3
May	"	16,521	16	11
June	"	16,431	18	0
July	"	16,364	8	3
August	"	16,322	1	5
September (at £26 rate)	23,906	8	10
October	"	24,455	14	3
November	"	24,482	12	1
December	"	24,724	7	10
1906.							
January	"	24,660	17	6
February	"	25,022	13	3
March	"	25,334	12	11
					£254,366	16	6

A further table is submitted showing the total amount paid since the Act came into force, together with the cost per head of the population (exclusive of Maoris) in each year :—

		Gross Payments on Account of Pensions. £	Population at End of Year.	Cost per Head of Population. s. d.
Three months ended 31st March, 1899	...	3,124	746,676	0 1
Year ended 31st March, 1900	...	157,342	758,617	4 1
" " 1901	...	197,292	772,719	5 1
" " 1902	...	207,468	789,994	5 3
" " 1903	...	210,140	814,842	5 2
" " 1904	...	203,164	838,954	4 10
" " 1905	...	195,475	864,971	4 6
" " 1906	...	254,367	889,968	5 8
Total	...	£1,428,372		

RECOVERIES.

The amount recovered and paid to the credit of the Public Account during the year—namely, £404 11s.—shows a considerable falling-off when compared with the figures of the previous three years. This sum can be taken to represent the balance of the overpayments in the early years of the Act disclosed by the clearing-up under the new system of investigation introduced in 1903. It is only an isolated case that now necessitates the penal clause of the Act being brought into operation.

The accompanying table shows the overpayments recovered in each year since the Act came into operation :—

				£	s.	d.
Three months ended 31st March, 1899	...	...	...	Nil.		
Year ended 31st March, 1900	...	...	...	25	15	0
" " 1901	...	...	...	63	18	4
" " 1902	...	...	...	127	1	11
" " 1903	...	...	...	1,039	11	1*
" " 1904	...	...	...	2,349	14	7†
" " 1905	...	...	...	1,526	10	9‡
" " 1906	...	...	...	405	11	0§
Total	...	...	...	£5,538	2	8

* Including £55 fines.

† Including £30 fines.

‡ Including £25 fines.

§ Including £1 fine.

COST OF ADMINISTRATION.

The cost of administration for the past year stands at £4,758. The following table shows the cost in each year since the Act was passed :—

						Cost of Administration.
						£
Three months ended 31st March, 1899	...	...	...	...	...	510
Year ended 31st March, 1900	...	...	...	...	...	2,360
" " 1901	...	...	...	...	...	2,415
" " 1902	...	...	...	...	...	2,535
" " 1903	...	...	...	...	...	3,805
" " 1904	...	...	...	...	...	3,655
" " 1905	...	...	...	...	...	3,936
" " 1906	...	...	...	...	...	4,758
Total	...	...	...	...	...	£23,974

The percentage of the total cost of administering the Act to the gross payments of £1,428,372 above set out is, therefore, only 1.67 per cent.

The increase in last year's figures is, for the most part, due to the increase by £500 in the annual amount paid to the Post Office, and partly to the reorganization of the work of the Department in the chief centres of population, in each of which the Department now has its own officer investigating all claims for the pension.

ANNUAL LIABILITY.

The liability at the end of each year since the Act came into force is as follows :—

		£	s.		
At 31st March, 1899,	127,319, or an average of	17	2	for	7,443 pensioners.
" 1900,	193,718,	17	3	"	11,285
" 1901,	211,965,	17	2	"	12,405
" 1902,	217,192,	17	0	"	12,776
" 1903,	211,594,	16	19	"	12,481
" 1904,	200,915,	16	17	"	11,926
" 1905,	199,081,	16	18	"	11,770
" 1906,	313,018,	24	17	"	12,582

The accompanying table shows the number of pensions at each rate at the end of the year just closed :—

Pensions.	£					Liability.
						£
10,398 at 26	...	...	...	...	...	270,348
301 " 25	...	...	...	...	...	7,525
287 " 24	...	...	...	...	...	6,888
199 " 23	...	...	...	...	...	4,577
167 " 22	...	...	...	...	...	3,674
200 " 21	...	...	...	...	...	4,200
156 " 20	...	...	...	...	...	3,120
130 " 19	...	...	...	...	...	2,470
166 " 18	...	...	...	...	...	2,988
70 " 17	...	...	...	...	...	1,190
69 " 16	...	...	...	...	...	1,104
73 " 15	...	...	...	...	...	1,095
62 " 14	...	...	...	...	...	868
49 " 13	...	...	...	...	...	637
41 " 12	...	...	...	...	...	492
55 " 11	...	...	...	...	...	605
47 " 10	...	...	...	...	...	470
25 " 9	...	...	...	...	...	225
22 " 8	...	...	...	...	...	176
26 " 7	...	...	...	...	...	182
15 " 6	...	...	...	...	...	90
11 " 5	...	...	...	...	...	55
4 " 4	...	...	...	...	...	16
5 " 3	...	...	...	...	...	15
4 " 2	...	...	...	...	...	8
0 " 1	...	...	...	...	...	0
Totals	12,582					£313,018

CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

The total amount paid to Charitable Aid and Hospital Boards throughout the colony during the past year amounted to £14,350 8s. 2d., the number of pensioners resident in the institutions controlled by these Boards on the 31st March being 616.

In the various homes visited by me during the year I found the pensioners to be well cared for and happy. Particularly was this the case in the Jubilee Home at Woolston, and the Tuarangi Home at

Ashburton, both managed by the North Canterbury Charitable Aid Board, where the general arrangements reflect credit on every one concerned.

A return showing the distribution of the pensioners in the various Homes and the amounts paid on their account is embodied in the Appendix.

FORFEITED INSTALMENTS.

The instalments due last year and unpaid on the 31st March, amounted to £1,350 5s. 3d. £1,330 5s. 3d. of this amount represents absolutely forfeited instalments on which there is no further claim, while the balance of £20 represents instalments the payment of which is in abeyance.

The absolutely forfeited instalments in each month are :—

						Absolutely Forfeited Instalments.		
						£	s.	d.
1905.								
April	...	...	...	...	...	115	8	4
May	...	...	...	...	...	100	5	0
June	...	...	...	...	...	110	6	11
July	...	...	...	...	...	123	16	8
August	...	...	...	...	...	97	18	4
September	...	...	...	...	...	121	16	8
October	...	...	...	...	...	119	10	0
November	...	...	...	...	...	96	11	8
December	...	...	...	...	...	103	3	4
1906.								
January	...	...	...	...	...	124	6	8
February	...	...	...	...	...	118	13	4
March	...	...	...	...	...	98	8	4
						£1,330	5	3

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

Prior to the recent conference of friendly societies' representatives, held in Wellington, paragraph appeared in the Press throughout the colony indicating that members of friendly societies were being penalised by the Department, inasmuch as the benefits derived by them from their societies were being applied to reduce their pensions. The Act is perfectly clear on this matter, and I took an early opportunity of refuting the statements by pointing out that friendly society benefits were specially exempted as income.

The definition of "income" in section 2 of the original Act of 1898, which holds good to-day, contains the following: " 'Income' . . . shall be deemed to include personal earnings, but not any pension payable under this Act, nor any payment by way of sick-allowance or funeral benefit from any registered friendly society."

In order, however, to satisfy myself that this section of the Act had not been overlooked by Magistrates, I addressed a circular to every Magistrate in the colony holding Old-age Pension Courts (copy herewith), and the replies received by me, which follow, leave no room for doubt as to the actual position—namely, that old-age pensioners who are members of friendly societies are not penalised on account of any benefits they may derive from their societies.

The correspondence is as follows :—

SIR,—

Old-age Pensions Department, Wellington, 17th May, 1906.

A conference of friendly societies is shortly to be held in Wellington, and several newspapers in various parts of the colony have published a statement to the effect that one question to be discussed is "the recent amendment of the Old-age Pensions Act by which recipients of benefits from friendly societies are penalised." This is, I understand, embodied in the circular convening the conference.

I have, through the Press in the chief centres, denied the existence of any such amendment, and stated that no pension, to my knowledge, had been affected by receipts from friendly societies.

As section 2 of the original Act distinctly states that "any payment by way of sick-allowance or funeral benefit from any registered friendly society" shall not be treated as income, I cannot imagine any circumstances under which such an allowance or benefit could be used to reduce a pension, but I shall deem it a favour if you will advise me that members of friendly societies have not been penalised in your Court in respect of such sums.

I have, &c.,

J. EMAN SMITH, Registrar.

Copies of Replies.

From Colonel ROBERTS, Stipendiary Magistrate, Tauranga.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your circular letter No. F 23, and in reply thereto have to inform you that I have communicated with the Deputy Registrars of Old-age Pensions here at Whakatane and Opotiki, and they inform me that there are no cases in which old-age pensioners in any of these old-age pension districts have been penalised on account of payments made to them by a registered friendly society by way of sick-allowance or funeral benefit having been treated as income.

From R. ACHESON, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Hokitika.

In reply to your memo of the 17th instant, I beg to state that no applicant for an old-age pension in this district has had the same refused or reduced in consequence of receiving sick-allowance or funeral benefit from any friendly society.

From W. A. BARTON, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Gisborne.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant in reference to pensions being affected by receipts from friendly societies, and in reply to inform you that members of friendly societies have not been penalised in any Court over which I have presided.

From H. W. NORTHCROFT, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Auckland.

Payments by way of sick-allowance or funeral benefit from any registered friendly society would not be treated as income by me. I do not remember any person that has come before me being the recipient of any sick-allowance, &c. If there had been, their pensions would not be affected by such receipt.

From W. G. RIDDELL, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Auckland.

I am in receipt of your circular letter of the 17th instant, asking if in my Court applicants for pension have been affected by the fact that they were in receipt of aid from friendly societies. Section 2 of the original Act is clear on the point, and, so far as I can remember, no applicant for pension in my Court, being in receipt of aid from such a society, has had any deduction made on that account.

From R. W. DYER, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Auckland.

In reply to your circular letter of the 17th instant, I beg to assure you that members of friendly societies have never been penalised by me in respect of any payment by way of sick-allowance or funeral benefit from any registered friendly society.

From W. G. K. KENRICK, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Greymouth.

In reply to your memo of the 17th May, F 23, I am not aware of any case in which members of friendly societies have been penalised when granting pension. There has been no complaint to me on the subject by any one.

From R. S. BUSH, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Thames.

Re recipients of benefits from friendly societies: In reply to your circular of 17th instant, I have to state that the Old-age Pensions Act with respect to above is strictly adhered to.

From J. McENNIS, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Naseby.

I beg to inform you that members of friendly societies in my Courts have not been penalised in consequence of payments from such on account of sick-allowance or funeral expenses.

From the DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT, Christchurch.

Replying to your circular letter of the 17th May instant, I am directed by the Stipendiary Magistrate (Mr. Bishop) to inform you that he knows of no instance in which members of friendly societies have been penalised in his Courts under the circumstances stated in your letter.

From Captain WRAY, Stipendiary Magistrate, Timaru.

In reply to your circular letter of the 17th instant, I have the honour to inform you that no pension, to my knowledge, has been affected by receipts from friendly societies.

From G. CRUICKSHANK, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Lawrence.

In reply to your circular letter asking whether any applicant has been penalised by me owing to his receiving aid from a friendly society, I beg to state that I do not know of any such case.

I have never, to the best of my present recollection, had any applicant before me either for a new claim or for renewal where this matter has ever been discussed or mentioned in any way.

If such a thing has been done in my district, it has been done unwittingly and acquiesced in by the applicant, and so passed through unnoticed, but I do not think it has ever been done.

From S. E. MCCARTHY, Stipendiary Magistrate, Invercargill.

Re friendly societies and Old-age Pensions Act: I am in receipt of your circular herein. In reply thereto I beg to state that no old-age pensioners have ever been penalised in this district owing to their connection with friendly societies. In fact, Mr. Poynton, the Magistrate in charge when the pensions first came into vogue, publicly mentioned that receipts from friendly societies could not affect the pension.

From JACKSON KEDDELL, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Oamaru.

No members of friendly societies have been penalised, to my knowledge, in the districts under my charge.

From W. P. JAMES, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Masterton.

In reply to your memo of the 17th instant, I beg to inform you that in no instance in my district, extending from Featherston to Dannevirke, has any applicant for old-age pension been penalised owing to being a recipient of benefit from a friendly society.

From the CLERK OF COURT, Hawera.

The Stipendiary Magistrate (Mr. Turnbull) has handed me your circular letter of the 17th instant, with a request that I should answer it. So far as I am aware, only one pensioner in the Hawera district receives money from a friendly society, and he has also the full pension of £26. Certainly no pension in this district has been reduced in amount owing to the pensioner being a member of a friendly society and receiving benefits therefrom.

From the CLERK OF COURT, Napier.

I am instructed by the Stipendiary Magistrate (Mr. Brabant) to reply to your circular letter, F 23 of 17th May, 1906, and have to inform you that I am not aware of any payment by way of sick-allowance or funeral benefit from any registered friendly society having been treated as income.

From R. L. STANFORD, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Wanganui.

In reply to your circular F 23, I beg to say that no pensions have been reduced or in any way affected by the pensioner's receipt of benefits from friendly societies.

From H. Y. WIDDOWSON, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Dunedin.

In reply to your circular letter of the 17th instant, inquiring if members of friendly societies have been penalised in this Court in respect of sick-allowance or funeral benefits, I have the honour to inform you that I certainly have no knowledge of any sick-allowance ever having been taken into account, and I cannot remember any case of a funeral benefit having been treated as income. The Act is explicit that such cannot be done, and I cannot understand the reference to the recent amending Act penalising recipients of friendly society benefits.

From H. EYRE-KENNY, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Nelson.

(Telegram.) Pensions never been charged with sick-pay or funeral benefits in Nelson and Motueka Districts since I have been here, nor in Wanganui and Hawera in my time.

From A. D. THOMSON, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Palmerston North.

I am in receipt of your circular of the 17th instant, and in reply have to state that I am not aware of any instance in which pensions have been reduced in consequence of the receipt of sick-allowance or funeral benefit from a friendly society.

From T. SCOTT SMITH, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Blenheim.

In reply to your circular letter of the 17th instant, I beg to state that no pension in this district has been affected by receipts from friendly societies. In the few cases that have come under our notice in which pensioners have been receiving sick-allowance from such societies, we have carefully excluded the amount so received in computing the pensioner's income.

From VICTOR GRACE DAY, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Christchurch.

Replying to your circular letter, F 23 of the 17th instant, I have to state that in no instance in any application before me has any deduction been made in the amount of the pension by reason of the pensioner being entitled to benefits from any friendly society.

From Dr. McARTHUR, Stipendiary Magistrate, Wellington.

In reply to your circular letter of the 17th instant, I beg most emphatically to state that members of friendly societies have never been penalised in any way in this Court.

From T. HUTCHISON, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, New Plymouth.

(Telegram.) Regret having overlooked your circular of the 17th May last. My reply is that so far as I know I have had no applicant for an old-age pension who is a member of a friendly society.

From F. J. BURGESS, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Queenstown.

(Telegram.) No old-age pensioner in this district has ever been penalised on account of friendly societies' benefits.

WEALTH OF PENSIONERS.

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

Freehold	..	..	..	..	..	..	£	265,768
Leasehold	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27,055
Life interest	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17,375
Cash	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40,364
Stock, furniture, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70,987
								<hr/> 421,549
Less mortgages on property	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	61,568
								<hr/> 359,981
Total property owned by pensioners	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	359,981
Total property owned by husbands and wives of pensioners (not themselves pensioners)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	141,435
								<hr/> £501,416
Grand total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£501,416

The average amount of property held by each of the 12,582 pensioners on the roll, after the deduction of mortgages, is therefore £28 12s., as against an average of £25 2s. held last year.

The total annual income earned by pensioners is £103,237, being an average of £8 4s. per annum per pensioner, as against £7 13s. per pensioner in the previous year.

The particulars which go to make up these figures are set out in detail in the Appendix.

J. EMAN SMITH, Registrar.

APPENDIX.

TABLES EMBODIED IN APPENDIX.

- Table 1. Number and annual value of pensions (in districts).
 " 2. Pensions in North and South Islands.
 " 3. Sex of pensioners (in districts).
 " 4. Ages of European pensioners.
 " 5. Claims received in each district and how disposed of.
 " 6. Nationalities of pensioners admitted during year 1905-6.
 " 7. Sex and conjugal condition of pensioners admitted during year 1905-6.
 " 8. Occupations of pensioners admitted during year 1905-6.
 " 9. Ages of European pensioners admitted during year 1905-6.
 " 10. Ages of European pensioners who died during year 1905-6.
 " 11. Percentage of pensions granted in each year now in force.
 " 12. Pensions in force and payments in each year.
 " 13. New grants, deaths, and cancellations in each year.
 " 14. Cost of administration for year 1905-6.
 " 15. Wealth of pensioners.
 " 16. Amounts paid to charitable institutions.

TABLE 1.—NUMBER and ANNUAL VALUE of PENSIONS granted to Europeans and Maoris in Force on the 31st March, 1906.

District.	Number.		Annual Value.	District.	Number.		Annual Value.
	Europeans.	Maoris.			Europeans.	Maoris.	
Auckland	201	9	£ 30,123	Masterton	92	2	2,356
Coromandel	79	35	2,877	Otaki	56	7	1,517
Dargaville	70	15	2,164	Pahiatua	33	..	764
Hamilton	165	21	4,714	Palmerston North ..	166	3	4,177
Helensville	49	..	1,268	Nelson	219	..	5,302
Kaitaia	13	43	1,257	Motueka	67	..	1,631
Mangonui	14	13	651	Blenheim	139	1	3,415
Maungaturoto ..	35	..	873	Havelock	6	2	179
Otahuhu	182	9	4,616	Christchurch	1,438	2	35,744
Raglan	11	26	904	Akaroa	40	3	1,100
Rawene	18	65	1,995	Amberley	8	..	200
Rotorua	15	46	1,559	Ashburton	234	..	5,822
Russell	61	75	3,176	Culverden	6	..	152
Taupo	4	18	536	Kaiapoi	293	4	7,332
Warkworth	69	4	1,714	Kaikoura	19	3	564
Whangarei	134	5	3,438	Timaru	167	..	4,148
Whangaroa	10	20	698	Fairlie	7	..	170
Thames	251	6	6,564	Temuka	133	..	3,230
Opotiki	16	22	987	Waimate	112	2	2,790
Paeroa	70	8	1,966	Greymouth	448	..	11,517
Tauranga	30	27	1,419	Reefton	136	..	3,463
Te Aroha	37	1	969	Hokitika	482	2	12,379
Whakatane	7	36	1,118	Westport	250	3	6,456
Gisborne	72	23	2,271	Oamaru	233	3	5,866
Port Awanui	5	13	435	Dunedin	1,110	1	27,265
Napier	240	..	5,912	Balclutha	132	1	3,377
Dannevirke	123	1	3,087	Clyde	103	..	2,619
Waipawa	54	..	1,311	Lawrence	203	..	5,123
Wairoa	8	34	990	Milton	118	..	2,902
New Plymouth ..	211	15	5,373	Naseby	105	..	2,660
Stratford	28	..	708	Palmerston South ..	60	..	1,478
Wanganui	189	1	4,813	Waikouaiti	36	5	1,044
Hawera	64	3	1,694	Invercargill	620	2	15,526
Marton	84	7	2,264	Queenstown	96	..	2,463
Patea	25	2	690	Riverton	123	7	3,306
Wellington	591	5	15,040	Chatham Islands ..	3	3	132
Feilding	97	2	2,435				
Carterton	90	1	2,181	Totals	11,915	667	£313,018

TABLE 2.—PENSIONS IN FORCE on the 31st March, 1906, in North and South Islands.

	Europeans.		Maoris.		Liability.	
In North Island	4,769	..	133,604
In South Island	7,146	..	179,414
				11,915	..	£313,018

TABLE 3.—SEXES of PENSIONERS on the Rolls at the 31st March, 1906.

District.	Europeans.		Maoris.		District.	Europeans.		Maoris.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.		Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
Auckland ..	600	601	7	2	Masterton ..	54	38	..	2
Coromandel ..	64	15	21	14	Otaki ..	38	18	2	5
Dargaville ..	51	19	9	6	Pahiatua ..	21	12	..	..
Hamilton ..	90	75	15	6	Palmerston North ..	96	70	3	..
Helensville ..	41	8	..	..	Nelson ..	122	97	..	..
Kaitaia ..	11	2	24	19	Motueka ..	36	31	..	..
Mangonui ..	9	5	6	7	Blenheim ..	87	52	1	..
Maungaturoto ..	19	16	..	..	Havelock ..	6	..	1	1
Otauhu ..	100	82	6	3	Christchurch ..	693	745	..	2
Raglan ..	8	3	14	12	Akaroa ..	24	16	2	1
Rawene ..	14	4	38	27	Amberley ..	7	1	..	..
Rotorua ..	10	5	22	24	Ashburton ..	161	73	..	..
Russell ..	43	18	37	38	Culverden ..	4	2	..	..
Taupo ..	2	2	3	15	Kaipoi ..	154	139	1	3
Warkworth ..	43	26	2	2	Kaikoura ..	15	4	3	..
Whangarei ..	94	40	5	..	Timaru ..	82	85	..	..
Whangaroa ..	8	2	10	10	Fairlie ..	6	1	..	..
Thames ..	146	105	4	2	Temuka ..	70	63	..	..
Opotiki ..	7	9	6	16	Waimate ..	68	44	1	1
Paeroa ..	43	27	5	3	Greymouth ..	364	84	..	..
Tauranga ..	15	15	9	18	Reefton ..	112	24	..	..
Te Aroha ..	26	11	1	..	Hokitika ..	362	120	2	..
Whakatane ..	5	2	14	22	Westport ..	198	52	2	1
Gisborne ..	45	27	12	11	Oamaru ..	130	103	1	2
Port Awanui ..	5	..	3	10	Dunedin ..	547	563	..	1
Napier ..	131	109	..	..	Balclutha ..	82	50	1	..
Dannevirke ..	68	55	1	..	Clyde ..	81	22	..	..
Waipawa ..	32	22	..	..	Lawrence ..	135	68	..	..
Wairoa ..	7	1	24	10	Milton ..	62	56	..	..
New Plymouth ..	108	103	7	8	Naseby ..	77	28	..	..
Stratford ..	9	19	..	..	Palmerston South ..	37	23	..	..
Wanganui ..	103	86	..	1	Waikouaiti ..	15	21	1	4
Hawera ..	37	27	3	..	Invercargill ..	386	234	2	..
Marton ..	49	35	4	3	Queenstown ..	65	31	..	..
Patea ..	16	9	1	1	Riverton ..	81	42	3	4
Wellington ..	266	325	2	3	Chatham Islands ..	2	1	2	1
Carterton ..	51	39	..	1					
Feilding ..	57	40	..	2	Totals ..	6,913	5,002	343	324

TABLE 4.—AGES of EUROPEAN PENSIONERS on the Roll at the 31st March, 1906.

	Number.		Number.		Number.
At age 65 ...	358	At age 78 ...	350	At age 90 ...	30
" 66 ...	597	" 79 ...	342	" 91 ...	11
" 67 ...	667	" 80 ...	268	" 92 ...	11
" 68 ...	742	" 81 ...	228	" 93 ...	6
" 69 ...	770	" 82 ...	193	" 94 ...	5
" 70 ...	837	" 83 ...	157	" 95 ...	6
" 71 ...	997	" 84 ...	116	" 96 ...	2
" 72 ...	1,168	" 85 ...	121	" 97 ...	2
" 73 ...	1,112	" 86 ...	102	" 102 ...	2
" 74 ...	808	" 87 ...	59	" 105 ...	1
" 75 ...	722	" 88 ...	35		
" 76 ...	594	" 89 ...	34	Total	11,915
" 77 ...	462				

TABLE 5.—NUMBER of CLAIMS received in each District since the Act came into Force, the Number made during the Past Year, and the Manner in which the Latter have been dealt with.

District.	Deputy Registrar.	Total Number of Claims received since Act came into Force.	Claims awaiting Investiga- tion on 31st Mar., 1905.	For Financial Year ending 31st March, 1906.			Claims awaiting Investiga- tion on 31st Mar., 1906.
				Claims received.	Claims esta- blishe ^d .	Claims rejected.	
Auckland ...	S. Ruddock ...	2,817	58	315	196	120	57
Coromandel ...	J. McIndoe ...	281	10	34	25	5	14
Dargaville ...	S. Thompson ...	238	6	40	23	13	10
Hamilton ...	W. Shanaghan ...	415	4	57	38	4	19
Helensville ...	G. A. Tapp ...	428	...	8	6	2	...
Kaitaia ...	W. Sefton ...	52	12	17	14	5	10
Mangonui ...	W. Drummond ...	169	...	4	2	...	2
Maungaturoto ...	J. Hemphill ...	85	...	14	7	4	3
Otahuhu ...	G. Foreman ...	748	24	51	30	11	34
Raglan ...	J. O'Sullivan ...	205	...	27	26	1	...
Rawene ...	G. H. Fry ...	284	4	11	6	4	5
Rotorua ...	A. F. Bent ...	204	4	35	14	7	18
Russell ...	B. J. Parsons ...	323	...	40	29	1	10
Taupo ...	W. Bern ...	102	...	1	1	...	...
Warkworth ...	E. M. Johnson ...	198	5	16	16	5	...
Whangarei ...	W. J. Reeve ...	413	12	51	28	9	26
Whangaroa ...	P. Carmody ...	95	...	12	7	2	3
Thames ...	J. Jordan ...	547	5	48	32	10	11
Opotiki ...	C. O'Reilly ...	82	...	6	1	...	5
Paeroa ...	H. R. Bush ...	180	7	33	22	4	14
Tauranga ...	W. A. Thom ...	264	21	20	5	...	36
Te Aroha ...	H. R. Bush ...	70	4	9	6	1	6
Whakatane ...	H. S. Willcocks ...	101	7	4	8	...	3
Gisborne ...	G. J. A. Johnstone ...	304	10	22	14	8	10
Port Awanui ...	C. H. Mellsop ...	276	4	5	3	3	3
Napier ...	R. B. Mathias ...	605	16	68	32	16	36
Dannevirke ...	S. Tansley ...	342	8	29	17	3	17
Waipawa ...	J. Eccleton ...	62	6	12	6	7	5
Wairoa ...	H. H. Carr ...	246	2	15	7	8	2
New Plymouth ...	W. A. D. Banks ...	534	5	46	34	9	8
Stratford ...	M. Foley ...	88	2	13	7	3	5
Wanganui ...	C. A. Barton ...	468	7	50	34	10	13
Hawera ...	A. Trimble ...	177	3	26	12	6	11
Marton ...	H. C. N. Ladley ...	238	1	30	15	8	8
Patea ...	M. O'Brien ...	70	...	4	4	...	...
Wellington ...	R. S. Stokes ...	1,216	12	175	124	41	22
Feilding ...	W. Matravers ...	183	7	18	15	6	4
Carterton ...	H. Salmon ...	206	3	34	21	9	7
Masterton ...	E. Rawson ...	247	6	30	16	13	7
Otaki ...	T. O'Rourke ...	137	2	15	11	4	2
Pahiatua ...	J. Fitzgerald ...	84	2	8	9	1	...
Palmerston North ...	C. J. Hewlett ...	369	8	41	35	7	7
Nelson ...	E. C. Kelling ...	548	7	30	22	6	9
Motueka ...	L. Read ...	157	...	14	7	3	4
Blenheim ...	J. Terry ...	357	14	28	22	2	18
Havelock ...	A. J. Ching ...	22	...	3	2	...	1
Christchurch ...	P. A. Keddell ...	2,675	60	368	293	39	96
Akaroa ...	D. Jackson ...	110	...	8	6	1	1
Amberley ...	M. Roche ...	15	...	1	1	...	...
Ashburton ...	T. W. Tayler ...	439	5	49	33	4	17
Culverden ...	A. S. Bird ...	18	...	2	2	...	...
Kaiapoi ...	A. G. Ashby ...	576	5	63	57	3	8
Kaikoura ...	J. P. Clarkson ...	50	...	3	2	...	1
Timaru ...	T. Howley ...	310	3	41	34	5	5
Fairlie ...	D. Hyland ...	22	...	...	...	...	...
Temuka ...	J. Gillespie ...	271	1	34	29	3	3
Waimate ...	W. Y. Purchase ...	197	...	22	14	2	6
Greymouth ...	B. Harper ...	849	7	78	50	14	21
Reefton ...	H. Smith ...	303	5	33	28	5	5
Hokitika ...	J. C. Malfroy ...	1,011	23	77	52	16	32
Westport ...	E. D. Mosley ...	531	9	57	42	8	16
Carried forward ...	...	22,614	426	2,405	1,654	481	696

TABLE 5.—NUMBER of CLAIMS received in each District since the Act came into Force, the Number made during the Past Year, and the Manner in which the Latter have been dealt with—*continued*.

District.	Deputy Registrar.	Total Number of Claims received since Act came into Force.	Claims awaiting Investigation on 31st Mar., 1905.	For Financial Year ending 31st March, 1906.			Claims awaiting Investigation on 31st Mar., 1906.
				Claims received.	Claims established.	Claims rejected.	
Brought forward ...	...	22,614	426	2,405	1,654	481	696
Oamaru ...	R. P. Ward ...	486	...	56	49	6	1
Dunedin ...	L. Crow ...	2,167	39	265	155	62	87
Balclutha ...	W. A. Matthews ...	262	4	29	15	5	13
Clyde ...	F. T. D. Jeffrey ...	208	5	19	19	1	4
Lawrence ...	A. M. Eyes ...	369	4	38	32	5	5
Milton ...	D. McRae ...	231	1	29	15	2	13
Naseby ...	F. W. Hart ...	193	2	19	15	3	3
Palmerston South ...	W. Hilliard ...	106	1	12	10	3	...
Port Chalmers ...	(Agency closed) ...	338	...	...	...	...	...
Waikouaiti ...	S. Kidd ...	6	...	6	6	...	...
Invercargill ...	J. R. Colyer ...	1,155	31	105	79	14	43
Queenstown ...	A. J. Thompson ...	224	10	18	9	3	16
Riverton ...	J. M. Adam ...	291	4	25	14	5	10
Chatham Islands ...	R. W. Rayner ...	12	1	1	1	...	1
		28,662	528	3,027	2,073	590	892

TABLE 6.—ORIGINAL NATIONALITIES of PENSIONERS to whom new Pensions were granted during the Financial Year ended the 31st March, 1906.

	Number.		Number.		Number.
English ...	919	British Gambian ...	1	French ...	2
Irish ...	456	Manxman ...	1	Bavarian ...	1
Scotch ...	387	Norfolk Islander ...	1	Prussian ...	1
Welsh ...	17	Nova Scotian ...	1	Belgian ...	1
Tasmanian ...	13	American ...	4	Russian ...	1
Canadian ...	12	German ...	43	Cape de Verde ...	1
New-Zealander ...	10	Danish ...	24	Finn ...	1
New South Welsh ...	8	Norwegian ...	15	Dutch ...	1
East Indian ...	2	Swedish ...	8	Maori ...	124
West Indian ...	2	Austrian ...	5	Moriiori ...	1
Island of Jersey ...	2	Italian ...	4		
South Australian ...	1	Swiss ...	3	Total ...	2,073

These pensioners are now all British subjects as required by the Act.

TABLE 7.—SEX and CONJUGAL CONDITION of PENSIONERS who were admitted during the Year ended the 31st March, 1906.

Sex.	Single.	Married.	Widowed.	Totals.
Males ...	271	623	285	1,179
Females ...	39	448	407	894
Totals ...	310	1,071	692	2,073

TABLE 9.—AGES of EUROPEAN PENSIONERS admitted during the Year ended the 31st March, 1906.

			Number.				Number.				Number.
At age 65	...	...	532	At age 74	...	...	64	At age 83	...	...	9
" 66	...	...	283	" 75	...	...	48	" 84	...	...	6
" 67	...	...	208	" 76	...	...	28	" 85	...	...	7
" 68	...	...	165	" 77	...	...	28	" 86	...	...	2
" 69	...	...	127	" 78	...	...	20	" 87	...	...	2
" 70	...	...	98	" 79	...	...	16	" 88	...	...	3
" 71	...	...	96	" 80	...	...	13	" 89	...	...	3
" 72	...	...	97	" 81	...	...	14	" 93	...	...	1
" 73	...	...	65	" 82	...	...	13	Total	...	...	1,948

TABLE 11.—NUMBER of PENSIONS GRANTED in each Financial Year, together with the NUMBERS of such PENSIONS IN FORCE on the 31st March, 1906.

		Pensions granted in each Year.		Number of such Pensions still in Force on 31st March, 1906.		Percentage of Pensions in Force to Pensions granted.
Year ended 31st March, 1899	7,487	...	3,316	44
" " 1900	4,699	...	2,069	44
" " 1901	2,227	...	1,220	55
" " 1902	1,694	...	1,035	61
" " 1903	1,391	...	972	70
" " 1904	1,063	...	872	82
" " 1905	1,210	...	1,074	89
" " 1906	2,075	...	2,024	98
Totals...	21,846	...	12,582	

TABLE 10.—AGES of EUROPEAN PENSIONERS who died during the Year ended the 31st March, 1906.

			Number.				Number.				Number.
At age 65	...	...	13	At age 76	...	...	52	At age 87	...	...	10
" 66	...	...	22	" 77	...	...	48	" 88	...	...	7
" 67	...	...	24	" 78	...	...	49	" 89	...	...	11
" 68	...	...	37	" 79	...	...	43	" 90	...	...	4
" 69	...	...	39	" 80	...	...	34	" 91	...	...	2
" 70	...	...	44	" 81	...	...	35	" 92	...	...	6
" 71	...	...	77	" 82	...	...	27	" 93	...	...	3
" 72	...	...	75	" 83	...	...	24	" 94	...	...	1
" 73	...	...	75	" 84	...	...	17	" 95	...	...	1
" 74	...	...	64	" 85	...	...	23	" 98	...	...	1
" 75	...	...	81	" 86	...	...	25	Total	...	...	974

TABLE 12.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of PENSIONS IN FORCE, and PAYMENTS MADE in each Financial Year since the Act came into Operation.

Date.	Number of Pensions in Force.	Payments to End of Financial Year.	Expenditure.		Pensions.	
			Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
At 31st March, 1899 ...	7,443	£ 3,124	£ ...	£ ...	...	...
" 1900 ...	11,285	157,342	154,218	...	3,842	...
" 1901 ...	12,405	197,292	39,950	...	1,120	...
" 1902 ...	12,776	207,468	10,176	...	371	...
" 1903 ...	12,481	210,140	2,672	...	...	295
" 1904 ...	11,926	203,164	...	6,976	...	555
" 1905 ...	11,770	195,475	...	7,689	...	156
" 1906 ...	12,582	254,367	58,892	...	812	...
Total ...	...	£1,428,372	...	...	...	...

TABLE 13.—NUMBER of PENSIONS GRANTED since the Act came into Operation, with NUMBER of DEATHS and CANCELLATIONS, and NUMBER IN FORCE at End of each Year.

Year ending 31st March.	Number of Pensions granted.	Deaths.	Cancellations.	In Force at End of Year.	Liability each Year.
1899 ...	7,487	38	6	7,443	£ 127,319
1900 ...	4,699	786	71	11,285	193,718
1901 ...	2,227	815	292	12,405	211,965
1902 ...	1,694	935	388	12,776	217,192
1903 ...	1,391	1,064	622	12,481	211,594
1904 ...	1,063	928	690	11,926	200,915
1905 ...	1,210	890	476	11,770	199,081
1906 ...	*2,075	1,038	225	12,582	313,018
Totals ...	21,846	6,494	2,770	...	...

* Includes two pensions cancelled in previous year, now reinstated.

TABLE 14.—COST of ADMINISTRATION for the Financial Year ended the 31st March, 1906.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries ...	...	...	...	3,014	17	1
Other charges—						
Clerical assistance ...	373	0	0			
Contribution to Post Office to pay salaries of officers employed on old-age pensions work ...	1,010	0	0			
Travelling-expenses of Registrar, Stipendiary Magistrates, Deputy Registrars, police constables; interpreters' fees, &c. ...	156	13	4			
Contingencies ...	203	13	2			
				1,743	6	6
Total ...	...	...	..	£4,758	3	7

TABLE 15.—WEALTH OF PENSIONERS.

District.	Number of Pensioners.	Income of Pensioners.	Gross Accumulated Property.					Mortgages on property.	Income and Property of Husbands and Wives (not Pensioners).	
			Freehold.	Leasehold.	Life Interest.	Cash.	Stock, Furniture, &c.		Income.	Property.
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Auckland ..	1,210	13,754	15,859	420	3,830	3,609	7,325	3,947	3,949	10,349
Coromandel ..	114	681	2,693	246	..	23	852	130	62	474
Dargaville ..	85	962	1,197	..	..	83	230	90	181	303
Hamilton ..	186	1,537	4,288	128	..	279	944	810	201	1,737
Helensville ..	49	452	687	90	..	..	92	163	87	148
Kaitia ..	56	249	1,143	170	..	161	77	..	31	1,132
Mangonui ..	27	182	716	..	..	195	57	..	40	447
Maungaturoto ..	35	431	907	130	10	24	167	180	115	553
Otahuhu ..	191	1,820	8,739	52	205	940	1,339	2,782	238	2,177
Raglan ..	37	197	381	..	..	..	29	..	36	311
Rawene ..	83	147	3,755	79	..	..	144	..	53	735
Rotorua ..	61	184	844	..	..	..	66	..	5	18
Russell ..	136	813	5,031	81	..	..	433	..	178	1,508
Taupo ..	22	..	466	..	..	..	..	..	30	300
Warkworth ..	73	531	3,107	26	243	507	282	140	221	1,492
Whangarei ..	139	1,412	1,406	307	179	558	679	340	186	576
Whangaroa ..	30	191	1,194	..	..	..	11	179	..	377
Thames ..	257	1,251	3,235	958	..	1,589	973	427	322	2,164
Opotiki ..	38	12	545	..	..	..	47	10	3	..
Paeroa ..	78	681	1,812	134	..	178	242	423	79	656
Tauranga ..	57	199	1,527	..	101	138	100	96	9	428
Te Aroha ..	38	413	1,065	..	..	122	225	375	24	1,115
Whakatane ..	43	44	601	30	6	..	10	..	4	100
Gisborne ..	95	1,207	3,209	90	80	49	398	638	139	755
Port Awanui ..	18	170	67	..	..	60	33	..	..	..
Napier ..	240	3,556	2,885	..	551	171	1,646	682	383	1,278
Dannevirke ..	124	767	2,672	..	91	130	527	813	215	2,650
Waipawa ..	54	473	171	..	318	..	69	..	253	1,601
Wairoa ..	42	12	2,069	..	..	..	4	..	50	350
New Plymouth ..	226	2,005	4,616	127	1,013	1,350	959	761	411	3,987
Stratford ..	28	239	153	..	..	12	98	..	79	1,081
Wanganui ..	190	1,873	1,165	76	118	345	780	78	239	1,676
Hawera ..	67	647	1,798	70	..	278	324	1,259	93	946
Marton ..	91	693	2,055	105	..	143	296	118	31	572
Patea ..	27	276	551	..	..	132	32	200	5	108
Wellington ..	596	4,398	4,809	279	542	1,935	2,069	1,944	791	5,140
Feilding ..	99	607	2,537	175	..	266	408	664	97	1,398
Carterton ..	91	1,007	1,998	..	163	51	660	566	366	2,746
Masterton ..	94	1,048	1,828	..	..	366	403	594	220	1,386
Otaki ..	63	465	829	380	..	209	351	195	156	1,224
Pahiatua ..	33	388	689	1,153	..	96	320	317	14	300
Palmerston North ..	169	1,155	3,080	665	243	154	755	313	223	2,429
Nelson ..	219	1,897	7,854	..	913	999	1,236	1,679	434	4,543
Motueka ..	67	282	1,994	181	84	199	311	598	89	2,276
Blenheim ..	140	1,261	3,641	452	251	231	1,023	1,058	317	3,718
Havelock ..	8	128	..	..	..	..	15	..	3	..
Christchurch ..	1,440	7,625	39,684	1,389	3,068	4,477	9,013	11,113	1,976	15,741
Akaroa ..	43	466	1,048	..	179	29	194	480	161	380
Amberley ..	8	60	..	518	..	..	101	125	8	20
Ashburton ..	234	3,275	7,168	597	369	776	1,510	2,751	338	2,873
Culverden ..	6	60	162	..	..	28	10	..	..	..
Kaiapoi ..	297	1,670	9,828	350	982	930	1,243	1,642	567	6,677
Kaikoura ..	22	97	418	..	70	95	145	88	..	20
Timaru ..	167	388	7,639	90	179	707	793	2,246	78	1,166
Fairlie ..	7	34	55	..	..	..	..	..	20	301
Temuka ..	133	921	5,976	344	149	670	1,773	1,988	328	2,660
Waimate ..	114	890	3,706	255	136	368	889	167	244	1,242
Greymouth ..	448	3,174	2,123	1,874	..	1,762	1,438	392	299	1,319
Reefton ..	136	1,158	1,174	424	130	103	377	245	260	730
Hokitika ..	484	4,170	5,343	2,974	16	1,587	2,249	1,256	400	1,967
Westport ..	253	2,613	2,290	1,906	..	1,343	943	..	209	1,148
Oamaru ..	236	1,676	5,877	563	318	1,000	1,927	1,389	435	3,386
Dunedin ..	1,111	12,209	22,485	1,495	2,037	4,198	11,553	5,868	2,875	14,805
Balclutha ..	133	726	3,856	600	..	231	739	1,470	242	958
Clyde ..	103	1,080	945	739	..	296	807	130	132	555
Lawrence ..	203	1,384	3,462	1,631	103	1,796	1,499	517	325	2,068
Milton ..	118	760	4,137	300	..	226	841	480	298	1,331
Naseby ..	105	986	1,819	1,278	69	1,218	509	1,108	234	1,794
Palmerston South ..	60	464	1,508	104	..	435	444	425	86	774
Waikouaiti ..	41	317	1,248	10	298	48	226	270	40	617
Invercargill ..	622	4,098	18,973	1,880	266	1,718	4,035	4,543	875	10,952
Queenstown ..	96	879	686	752	20	447	525	50	40	426
Riverton ..	130	1,248	2,290	378	45	294	663	256	264	371
Chatham Islands ..	6	112	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	12,582	103,237	265,768	27,055	17,375	40,364	70,987	61,568	21,396	141,435

TABLE 16.—NUMBER of OLD-AGE PENSIONERS maintained by CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS throughout the Colony on the 31st March, 1906, together with the Amounts paid to such Institutions during the Year.

Controlling Body.		Institution.	Payments Year 1905-6.	Number of Pensioners in institu- tion on 31st March, 1906.	Amount handed to Pensioners after Deduction of Maintenance.
Location.	Name.				
Whangarei ..	North of Auckland Charitable Aid Board ..	Old Men's Home ..	£ 214 17 9	6	4s. per month.
Dargaville ..	Northern Wairoa Hospital Trustees ..	Hospital ..	1 13 0	..	..
Auckland ..	Auckland Charitable Aid Board ..	Costley Home ..	1,439 15 4	58	6s. 6d. per month.
" ..	Little Sisters of the Poor ..	Home ..	593 4 8	20	8s. "
" ..	Veterans' Home ..	" ..	759 19 7	35	..
Coromandel ..	Coromandel Hospital Board ..	Hospital ..	3 3 10	..	..
Thames ..	Thames and Coromandel Charitable Aid Board ..	Old Men's Home ..	293 11 3	10	5s. per month.
" ..	Thames Hospital Trustees ..	Hospital ..	24 16 8	..	..
Hamilton ..	Waikato Charitable Aid Board ..	Old Men's Home ..	211 16 4	10	4s. per month.
Gisborne ..	Cook District Charitable Aid Board ..	" ..	136 3 4	7	1s. per week.
Napier ..	Hawke's Bay United Charitable Aid Board ..	Old People's Home ..	477 3 1	19	10s. 4d. per month.
" ..	Napier Hospital Trustees ..	Hospital ..	21 13 4	..	..
Waipawa ..	Waipawa Hospital Trustees ..	Hospital (Waipukurau) ..	1 10 0	..	..
New Plymouth ..	Taranaki District Charitable Aid Board ..	Old Men's Home ..	519 14 5	25	10s. per month.
Hawera ..	Hawera Charitable Aid Board ..	Hospital ..	6 10 0	1	..
Wanganui ..	Patea and Wanganui Charitable Aid Board ..	Jubilee Home ..	315 16 6	16	5s. per month.
" ..	Wanganui Hospital Board ..	Hospital ..	5 16 8	..	..
Palmerston N. ..	Palmerston North Charitable Aid Board ..	No institution ..	81 18 3	2	..
Carterton ..	Carter's Home Trustees ..	Old Men's Home ..	69 10 0	3	..
Greytown ..	Wairarapa Hospital Trustees ..	Hospital ..	1 3 4	..	..
Wellington ..	Wellington Hospital Trustees ..	" ..	115 18 4	6	..
" ..	Benevolent Institution Contributors ..	Ohiro Home ..	420 13 3	18	Nil.
" ..	Society for Relief of Aged Needy ..	Home ..	567 16 8	25	7s. 7d. per month
" ..	Sisters of Compassion ..	Home for Incurables ..	240 6 1	10	5s. per month.
Blenheim ..	Wairau Charitable Aid Board ..	Old Men's Home ..	55 16 8	2	1s. per week.
Picton ..	Picton Charitable Aid Board ..	Hospital ..	99 5 4	3	6s. per month.
Nelson ..	Nelson Charitable Aid Board ..	Old People's Home ..	724 2 10	30	2s. per week.
Westport ..	Buller Charitable Aid Board ..	Hospital ..	400 5 1	16	2s. "
Charleston ..	Charleston Hospital Trustees ..	" ..	3 13 4	8*	..
Reefton ..	Reefton Hospital Trustees ..	" ..	275 15 4	11	5s. per month.
Greymouth ..	Greymouth Hospital Trustees ..	" ..	695 3 4	25	10s. per month.
Hokitika ..	Westland Hospital Trustees ..	" ..	462 19 6	21	7s. 6d. "
" ..	Westland Charitable Aid Board ..	Hospital (Ross) ..	..	7*	..
Kumara ..	Kumara Hospital Trustees ..	Hospital ..	2 3 4	10*	..
Christchurch ..	North Canterbury Hospital Board ..	" ..	6 13 4	1	..
" ..	North Canterbury and Ashburton Charitable Aid Board ..	Jubilee Home ..	591 15 0	28	1s. per week.
" ..	Ditto ..	Old Men's Home, Ashburton ..	735 6 11	26	..
" ..	Samaritan Home Trustees ..	Samaritan Home ..	80 0 0	2	4s. per month.
" ..	Nazareth House ..	Home ..	195 15 11	14	5s. "
Timaru ..	South Canterbury Charitable Aid Board ..	Old Men's Home ..	233 16 8	8	1s. 6d. per week.
Oamaru ..	North Otago Benevolent Society ..	" ..	190 14 3	7	8s. 8d. per month.
" ..	Oamaru Hospital Trustees ..	Hospital ..	33 15 0	1	..
Dunedin ..	Otago Benevolent Institution ..	Benevolent Institution ..	2,156 18 2	84	13s. 4d. "
" ..	Home for Aged and Poor ..	Home ..	2 3 4	4	13s. 4d. "
" ..	Dunedin Hospital Trustees ..	Hospital ..	45 11 8	4	..
Clyde ..	Dunstan Hospital Trustees ..	" ..	4 6 8	1	..
Invercargill ..	Southland Charitable Aid Board ..	Bowmont Street Home ..	752 0 0	30	4s. 6d. per month.
" ..	Southland Hospital Trustees ..	Lorne Farm ..	..	..	8s. 6d. "
Queenstown ..	Wakatipu Hospital Trust ..	Hospital ..	52 10 0	2	..
Riverton ..	Wallace and Fiord Hospital Trust ..	" ..	14 16 8	..	..
" ..	" ..	" ..	10 8 2	..	..
Total ..			£14,350 8 2	616	

* The pensioners in these institutions drew their own pensions.

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