

The required information was furnished respecting 5,593 persons to whom it was thought the provisions of the Bill would apply, distributed amongst the various Departments as follows:—

No.	Department.	Males.	Females.	Total Number.	Total Salaries.
					£
1	Post and Telegraph	2,275	297	2,572	333,420
2	Lands and Survey	324	19	343	76,440
3	Justice	190	1	191	46,937
4	Agriculture	182	..	182	41,757
5	Mental Hospitals	268	165	433	39,635
6	Customs	188	4	192	35,705
7	Public Works	170	5	175	34,893
8	Printing and Stationery	173	40	213	31,179
9	Government Life Insurance	123	12	135	24,944
10	Prisons	120	13	133	20,015
11	Roads	96	2	98	19,780
12	Marine	107	1	108	16,429
13	Valuation	77	4	81	15,660
14	Defence	73	1	74	14,854
15	Colonial Secretary	60	4	64	12,229
16	Public Trust	65	13	78	11,749
17	Land Transfer and Deeds Registry	50	1	51	11,742
18	Tourist and Health Resorts	43	5	48	10,022
19	Native	32	..	32	9,830
20	Mines	39	..	39	9,619
21	Labour	43	4	47	9,314
22	Audit	40	2	42	9,245
23	Land and Income Tax	42	2	44	9,119
24	House of Representatives	30	6	36	8,549
25	Treasury	37	7	44	8,175
26	Public Health	22	..	22	6,557
27	Inspection of Machinery	24	1	25	6,182
28	Education (excluding those coming under "The Teachers' Superannuation Act, 1905")	25	13	38	5,486
29	Stamps	22	4	26	4,750
30	Crown Law	7	..	7	3,760
31	State Fire Insurance	25	2	27	3,555
32	Registrar-General	16	..	16	3,478
33	Advances to Settlers	19	..	19	3,115
34	Old-age Pensions	18	..	18	3,081
35	Legislative Council	5	..	5	1,710
36	Hospitals	2	1	3	1,460
37	Electoral	5	..	5	1,192
38	Friendly Societies	4	1	5	1,190
39	Land for Settlements	2	..	2	1,010
40	Industries and Commerce	2	..	2	875
41	Colonial Museum	3	..	3	826
42	Native Land Purchase	1	..	1	525
		5,049	630	5,679	909,993
	Deduct 86 Civil servants entitled to pensions under Civil Service Acts, and not eligible under the present Bill	86	..	86	33,868
	Totals	4,963	630	5,593	876,125

Classification of Data.

3. A classification of these 5,593 persons according to present age and class of employment will be found in Appendix No. 2 of which the following is a summary, arranged to show the numbers of permanent and temporary (over five years' service) employees respectively:—

Class.	Males.			Females.			Total.		Grand Total.
	Per- manent.	Tem- porary.	Total.	Per- manent.	Tem- porary.	Total.	Per- manent.	Tem- porary.	
Professional, &c.	740	34	774	9	0	9	749	34	783
Clerical	1,856	122	1,978	364	6	370	2,220	128	2,348
Non-clerical (indoor)	1,356	86	1,442	227	23	250	1,583	109	1,692
„ (outdoor)	716	53	769	1	0	1	717	53	770
Totals	4,668	295	4,963	601	29	630	5,269	324	5,593

Professional, &c., includes heads of Departments, principal officers, and experts.

Clerical includes clerks, accountants, auditors, registrars (non-legal), collectors of Customs, readers, and reporters.

Non-clerical (indoor) includes telegraphists, postmasters, distributors and sorters, mail-supervisors, messengers, attendants, custodians, warders, gaolers, bailiffs, criers, nurses, matrons, charwomen, laundresses, compositors, bookbinders, folders, mechanicians, storemen, cooks, indoor artisans.

Non-clerical (outdoor) includes letter-carriers, linemen, lighthouse-keepers, landing-waiters, overseers of public works, gardeners, labourers, mechanical engineers, rangers, rabbit agents, boatmen, farm hands, and outdoor artisans.

Summaries of Statistics.

4. I have not found it necessary to go into the question of the different classes of occupation further than to make these statistical summaries for general information. Although it is evident from the salary-scales that the "non-clerical" would not require quite such high rates of contribution as the "clerical" and "professional" in order to purchase retiring pensions on the same scale, the Bill provides for the same rate of contribution from all employees of the same age, irrespective of the nature of their employment. Nor do I think any other course would be desirable, for the lower-paid employees will receive relatively more favourable treatment in respect