

The amount paid for administering the Act in each year since the Act was passed is as follows :—

					£
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
" " 1907	...	...	...	...	5,250
" " 1908	...	...	...	...	5,766
" " 1909	...	...	...	...	9,098
Total	...	...	...	...	£44,088

The percentage of the total cost of administration to the total payments of £2,404,515 for pensions is 1·8 per cent.

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 "
" 1907, 326,084,	24	12	"	13,257 "
" 1908, 333,340,	24	11	"	13,569 "
" 1909, 353,343,	24	10	"	14,396 "

The accompanying table shows the number of pensions at each rate at the end of the year 1908-9.

Number of Pensions.	Rate. £	Liability. £	Number of Pensions.	Rate. £	Liability. £
11,340	26	294,840	77	12	924
403	25	10,075	68	11	748
420	24	10,080	58	10	580
290	23	6,670	51	9	459
225	22	4,950	58	8	464
260	21	5,460	16	7	112
187	20	3,740	37	6	222
163	19	3,097	29	5	145
204	18	3,672	20	4	80
108	17	1,836	18	3	54
102	16	1,632	10	2	20
90	15	1,350	4	1	4
75	14	1,050			
83	13	1,079			
			Total	14,396	£353,343

FORFEITED INSTALMENTS.

The instalments due last year and remaining unpaid on the 31st March amounted to £1,408 9s. 11d. £1,330 11s. 7d. of this amount represents absolutely forfeited instalments on which there is no further claim, the balance being instalments the payment of which is in abeyance.

The absolutely forfeited instalments in each month are,—

								Absolutely Forfeited Instalments.			
								£	s.	d.	
1908.											
April	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	103	16	8	
May..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	102	13	4	
June	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	129	16	8	
July	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	123	5	0	
August	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	148	8	4	
September	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	111	1	8	
October	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	124	13	3	
November	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	93	3	4	
December	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	102	3	0	
1909.											
January	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	105	7	0	
February	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	94	6	8	
March	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	91	16	8	
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£1,330	11	7	