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(FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1912.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to Section 69 of the Old-age Pensions Act, 1908.

The COMMISSIONER OF OLD-AGE PENSIONS to the Hon. the MINISTER OF FINANCE.

SIR,— Old-age Pensions Office, General Post Office, Wellington, 14th June, 1912.

I have the honour to submit, for the information of Parliament, the results of the operation of the Old-age Pensions Acts for the year ended the 31st March, 1912.

Points of interest at the close of the year are as follows, a comparison being shown with the figures of the previous year:—

	At 31st March, 1912.	At 31st March, 1911.
European population of New Zealand ...	1,031,500	1,008,468
Maori population of New Zealand ...	49,844	49,844
European population, sixty-five years and over... ..	48,294	47,700
European population, sixty-five years of age and twenty-five years in New Zealand ...	42,772	41,990
Number of pension-claims lodged since Act came into operation on 1st January, 1899 ...	45,243	42,271
Number of pensions granted since Act came into operation on 1st January, 1899 ...	34,751	32,433
Number of European pensioners on the roll ...	15,984	15,336
Number of Maori pensioners on the roll ...	665	684
Percentage of European pensioners to total European population ...	1.54	1.52
Percentage of European pensioners to European population sixty-five years and over ...	33.0	32.0
Percentage of European pensioners to European population eligible by age and residence ...	37.0	36.0
Percentage of Maori pensioners to total Maori population ...	1.33	1.38
Number of pensioners in receipt of pension of £26 ...	14,209	13,936
Percentage of these to total number of pensioners ...	85.3	87.0
Amount paid in pensions during year... ..	£406,256	£383,393
Cost per head of European population ...	7s. 10d.	7s. 7d.
Total amount paid in pensions since Act came into operation ...	£3,556,660	£3,150,404
Cost of administration during year ...	£4,382	£3,803
Percentage of cost of administration to annual payments ...	1.07	0.99
Cost of administration since Act came into operation ...	£55,563	£51,181
Percentage of total cost of administration to total payments ...	1.56	1.62

AMENDMENT OF ACT.

During the year a short amending Act was added to the statute-book, the main features being—

- (1.) A variation in the age-limit, whereby males at age 60, and females at age 55, who are the parents of two or more children under the age of 14 dependent upon them for their support, and who can comply with the residential and other qualifications of former Acts, are eligible for admission to the roll with a maximum pension of £39 per annum. The applications lodged under this provision to the end of March numbered 33, of which 24 were granted and 9 rejected. The annual increase to the appropriations for these new pensions is represented by the sum of £871.
- (2.) The exemption from inclusion in the computation of a pensioner's income of sums expended from capital in maintenance and other necessary expenses. The number of pensioners who had benefited by this provision to the close of the year was 56, the annual amount due to these, in addition to that previously payable, being £779.
- (3.) A widening of the scope of the Act by providing for the treatment of certain classes of life-interests as income instead of property. A limited number of pensioners has received increased pensions as a result of this provision.
- (4.) A provision making for uniformity of interpretation in regard to the treatment of money received from the sale or other conversion of real property.

A further amendment in the form of a separate Act entitled the Military Pensions Act, which received the Governor's assent on the 28th October, 1911, provides for the payment of a military pension in lieu of an old-age pension to any person who has served as a soldier in any war under the Crown, and who can comply with the various qualifications imposed by the Old-age Pensions Acts. Under this Act 23 pensions have been granted, 12 being to original applicants and 11 representing conversions from old-age pensions.

PENSIONS IN FORCE.

The number of pensions in force on the 31st March, including 665 Maoris, totalled 16,649, being an increase of 629 on the figures of the previous year, thus:—

	European.	Maori.	Total.
New pensions granted	2,237	81	2,318
Deduct deaths	1,391	78	
Deduct cancellations	198	22	1,689
Increase			629

The liability in regard to these is represented by the sum of £416,530 per annum, being an average of £25 per pension. The liability for the number of pensions on the books at the end of each year since the Act was passed is shown by Table XI of the appendix.

As pointed out in previous reports, with the population of the Dominion gradually increasing there must of necessity be a proportionate increase each year in the number of persons of the required age and residence from whose ranks the army of pensioners is drawn, and it should therefore be looked upon as a certainty that the number of participants will go on increasing at a fairly high rate without any aid in the way of extended benefits. The number now being admitted each year would almost seem to have settled down to a fixed average of something like 200 a month, the figures for the past three years being—1910, 2,304; 1911, 2,399; 1912, 2,318. The net average increase, after allowing for deaths and cancellations, works out at 697 for the past seven years. The fluctuations since the Act came into operation in 1899 are shown in Table XII of the appendix.

The percentage of pensioners to the population eligible by age and residence, which has remained stationary for two years, now shows a slight upward tendency, the rate at the end of the year just closed being 37 per cent., as against 36 per cent. in the previous year. The liberalizing provisions of the amendments of more recent years can be held to be in part responsible for this. Where previously these were effecting only an increase in the amount of the average pension payable, and thereby in the gross payments under the Act, now the number of participants is beginning to be affected; and another factor operating to this end, due no doubt to the added benefits referred to, is the evident desire of our old colonists to take advantage of the State's benefaction at the earliest possible opportunity. The number of people who have applied for and obtained pensions immediately they were qualified by age or residence has been quite a feature of the year's operations, considerably over one-third of the number admitted coming under this head.

The following table shows the percentages from 1906 onwards of the European pensioners to (a) the population eligible by age, and (b) the population eligible by age and residence:—

At 31st March.	(a.) European Population eligible by Age.	(b.) European Population eligible by Age and Residence.	European Pensioners.	Percentage to (a).	Percentage to (b).
1906 (actual) ..	40,788	37,367	11,915	29	31
1907 (estimated) ..	42,337	38,611	12,597	29	32
1908 ..	43,371	39,336	12,912	29	32
1909 ..	44,562	40,176	13,705	30	34
1910 ..	44,838	40,238	14,626	32	36
1911 (actual) ..	47,700	41,990	15,336	32	36
1912 (estimated) ..	48,294	42,772	15,984	33	37

In regard to these figures, it may be noted that the estimate of the population eligible by age and residence at 31st March, 1911, quoted in my last year's report at 41,556, and based on the 1906 census figures in conjunction with the mortality rate for the intervening years, shows a variation of only 434 from the actual figures disclosed by the census taken on the 2nd April, 1911.

The distribution of the pensioners, European and Maori, in the various districts throughout the Dominion, together with the annual amount payable in these districts, is embodied in Table I of the appendix.

Of the total number of pensioners, 14,209, or 85 per cent., were in receipt of the £26 pension, as against 87 per cent. in the previous year. The number payable at each rate is set out in Table II of the appendix.

Those pensioners who were admitted to the roll during the first three months of the Act, thirteen years ago, are rapidly passing away, only 1,351, or 18 per cent., of the total of 7,487 remaining. The death-rate amongst these during the past year reached the high rate of 17 per cent., the previous year's percentage being only 14 per cent. The numbers remaining on the roll of the various groups admitted year by year, together with the percentages, are shown in Table III of the appendix.

The total deaths of pensioners during the past year numbered 1,469, the percentage of these to the total pensioners who were on the roll during the same period being 8 per cent.—a rate which has obtained now for two years. For five years previously the rate was 7 per cent.

The pensioners of an advanced age continue to bear a high proportion to the whole, those who had reached 90 and upwards numbering 114. Seventeen were 95 and over, and one had topped the century. Table IV of the appendix contains details of the ages of all the pensioners.

There were 1,737 married couples drawing pensions at the end of the year.

The conjugal conditions of the pensioners admitted since the Act came into force are as follows: Married, 16,139; single, 6,186; and widowed, 12,426.

Particulars of the occupations, original nationalities, sexes, and conjugal conditions of all pensioners now on the roll are embodied in Tables V, VI, and VII of the appendix.

NEW CLAIMS.

The total claims lodged during the year numbered 2,975, being an increase of 14 on the number made during the previous year. These, with the 671 awaiting investigation at the seventy-three agencies of the office on the 31st March, 1911, made a total of 3,646 dealt with, which were accounted for as follows:—

Granted	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,318
Rejected (including deaths, withdrawals, &c.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	638
Being investigated on 31st March, 1912	...	...	...	...	...	...	690
							<hr/> 3,646

Of those granted, 191 represent applicants who were previously on the roll.

The total claims lodged since the Act came into operation now number 45,243, of which number 34,751 have been established, 47 per cent. of these still being on the books.

The new pensioners include 81 members of the Native race. Of the remainder, all but 100—i.e., 2,137—are of British extraction, including 88 whites born in New Zealand. There has now been a total of 343 New Zealand whites admitted to the roll, of whom 299 are still alive.

Of the 2,975 who applied during the year, 928 Europeans were unable to produce any documentary evidence of their ages, and the usual assistance was rendered to these, inquiries being made by Head Office in all quarters of the globe, with the following results:—

Proved to be eligible	...	...	...	...	...	...	574
Proved to be under age	...	...	...	...	...	...	140
No proof obtainable	...	...	...	...	...	...	146
Replies outstanding	...	...	...	...	...	...	68
							<hr/> 928
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	928

In 114 of those cases where no proof was obtainable the Magistrate exercised the discretion allowed by section 23 of the original Act and granted pensions. In only 18 of the 81 Maori claims established during the year was documentary evidence of age available.

The total number of applicants who have been proved to be short of the pension-age during the past six years is 932.

Searches were made for verification of date of arrival in 597 cases, in 9 of which the applicant was found to be disqualified by insufficient residence.

The number of claims lodged in each district during the year, and how dealt with, are shown in Table VIII of the appendix.

Tables IX and X contain particulars of the nationality, sex, and conjugal condition of the new pensioners.

The number of pensions granted in each year since 1898, and the deaths and cancellations over the same period, are set out in detail in Table XI of the appendix.

ANNUAL PAYMENTS.

The gross payments made on account of pensions during the year totalled £406,255 16s. 4d., an increase of £22,863 5s. 8d. on the figures of the previous year. The previous year's increase was £20,896 19s. 8d., the average annual increase over the past five years being £18,414. The fluctuations since the Act came into operation are embodied in Table XII of the appendix.

After deducting the sum of £581 0s. 4d., representing refund of pensions overpaid, and making allowance for a limited number of payments held up on account of some informality, the net charge against the Consolidated Fund for the year stands at £405,672, to which has been applied a credit of £18,709 11s. 6d., being revenue from the national-endowment lands.

The total amount credited to old-age pensions from the endowment-lands revenue to date is as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
1910	20,142	12	7
1911	16,758	9	8
1912	18,709	11	6
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	£55,610	13	9

This amount just exceeds by a few pounds the total cost of administering the Act since its inception.

The grand total paid in pensions since the Act came into operation now stands at £3,556,660.

The distribution of last year's payments in the various parts of the Dominion is indicated in the table following, to which has been added a column showing the distribution over the whole period of the Act :—

Postal District.	Number of Payments during Year.	Amount paid during Year.			Amount paid since Act passed.
		£	s.	d.	£
Auckland	41,091	85,157	11	3	742,500
Thames	6,684	14,111	3	11	137,300
Gisborne	1,490	2,973	4	11	28,800
Napier	7,448	15,534	8	3	128,400
New Plymouth	3,572	7,309	15	1	66,400
Wanganui	6,485	13,688	12	0	107,400
Wellington	20,928	43,435	18	6	336,300
Nelson	3,827	8,100	7	1	82,600
Blenheim	2,368	4,971	15	2	43,100
Christchurch	32,591	68,159	10	1	560,600
Timaru	7,730	16,285	9	8	121,800
Greymouth	6,304	13,392	9	8	143,600
Hokitika	6,292	13,384	4	5	143,500
Westport	3,261	6,929	17	7	79,100
Oamaru	3,822	7,990	3	1	71,500
Dunedin	28,864	59,996	10	0	540,300
Invercargill	11,866	24,834	15	8	223,400
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Totals	194,623	£406,255	16	4	£3,556,600

The total payments and the cost per head of the population in each year are as follows :—

	Gross Payments on Account of Pensions.	Population at End of Year.	Cost per Head of Population.	
	£		s.	d.
Three months ended 31st March, 1899 (at £18)	3,124	746,676	0	1
Year ended 31st March, 1900 (at £18)	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 (at £18 and £26)...	254,367	889,968	5	8
" " 1907 (at £26)	314,184	913,873	6	10
" " 1908 "	325,199	937,587	6	11
" " 1909 "	336,760	968,313	6	11
" " 1910 "	332,496	987,480	7	4
" " 1911 "	383,393	1,008,468	7	7
" " 1912 "	406,256	1,031,500	7	10
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Total	£3,556,660			

RECOVERIES.

The amount recovered and paid to the Public Account during the year totalled £581 0s. 4d., included in which are two sums of £69 and another of £61 recovered from the estates of deceased pensioners.

The total refunded since the scheme was brought into operation now stands at £7,840.

COST OF ADMINISTRATION.

The cost under this head during the year amounted to £4,381 15s. 11d., the details being as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Salaries	3,819	6	1
Lodging-allowances	50	6	8
Non-permanent Postmasters, for paying pensions	256	4	0
Fees for certificates of age	31	4	3
Interpreters' fees	3	4	6
Travelling-expenses	71	10	5
Miscellaneous	150	0	0
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	£4,381	15	11

The increase on the figures of the previous year is £579, of which amount a sum approximating £50, being a proportionate part for three months, is chargeable to the administration of the Widows' Pensions Act, which came into operation on the 1st January, 1912. The proportion of this cost to the payments on account of pensions during the year is 1·07 per cent.

The total cost of administering the Act since it was passed is £55,563, the percentage to the gross payments of £3,556,660 being 1·56 per cent., as compared with 1·62 in 1911, and 1·71 in 1910.

FORFEITED INSTALMENTS.

The instalments due last year and remaining unpaid on the 31st March totalled £1,629 15s. 8d., of which amount £1,482 17s. 4d. represents absolutely forfeited instalments on which there is no further claim, the balance of £146 18s. 4d. being instalments the payment of which is in abeyance.

1911.	£	s.	d.
April	102	4	5
May	91	6	4
June	120	19	5
July	162	16	10
August	154	9	0
September	136	0	5
October	132	10	4
November	123	1	8
December	151	12	7
1912.			
January	144	2	2
February	101	15	9
March	61	18	5
	£1,482	17	4

The instalments not collected within the time allowed by law, but subsequently specially authorized and paid during the year, numbered 874, representing a total of £1,728 2s. 11d.

The absolutely forfeited instalments for the past seven years are as follows:—

	£
1906	1,330
1907	1,363
1908	1,199
1909	1,330
1910	938
1911	1,305
1912	1,483

HOMES AND HOSPITALS.

The amount paid to the controlling bodies of the various homes and hospitals during the year totalled £21,412 4s. 2d., an increase of £199 on the amount paid in the previous year. £1,494 2s. 3d. of the total represents the charge made for the medical treatment of pensioners in hospitals. The number of pensioners paying for maintenance at the end of the year was 818, being an increase of 7 on the number at the end of the previous year. Full particulars regarding these payments, including the amount allowed to pensioners out of each month's instalment, appear in Table XIII of the appendix.

The decrease in the annual expenditure on outdoor relief since the Old-age Pensions Act came into force in 1898 is indicated by the following table:—

Year ended	European Population.	Annual Cost of Outdoor Relief.	Cost per Head of Population.
		£	s. d.
31st March, 1899	746,676	50,850	1 4 $\frac{1}{4}$
" 1900	758,617	41,790	1 1 $\frac{1}{4}$
" 1901	772,719	42,181	1 1
" 1902	789,994	38,934	0 11 $\frac{3}{4}$
" 1903	814,842	43,421	1 0 $\frac{3}{4}$
" 1904	838,954	42,618	1 0 $\frac{1}{4}$
" 1905	864,971	40,799	0 11 $\frac{1}{4}$
" 1906	889,968	39,547	0 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
" 1907	913,873	38,305	0 10
" 1908	937,587	33,998	0 8 $\frac{3}{4}$
" 1909	968,313	37,537	0 9 $\frac{1}{4}$
" 1910	987,480	38,988	0 9 $\frac{1}{4}$
" 1911	1,008,468	33,051	0 7 $\frac{3}{4}$
" 1912	1,031,500	(figures not available).	

MENTAL HOSPITALS.

The number of old-age pensioners maintained in the mental hospitals of the Dominion during the year was 105, the percentage to the total number of pensioners whose names appeared on the

roll during the same period—*i.e.*, 18,338—being 0·57 per cent. The instalments paid to the Mental Hospital Department on account of these totalled £1,577 6s. 8d., and the number still being maintained at the end of the year was 64.

WEALTH OF PENSIONERS.

The following particulars relate to the amount of accumulated property owned by the 16,649 pensioners who were on the roll at the end of the year, and by the husbands and wives of these who were themselves not pensioners:—

Owned by pensioners—				£
Homes (including furniture and personal effects)	706,227
Land (not used as a home), stock, &c.	139,264
Cash	100,440
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				945,931
Less mortgages on this property	138,063
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Total net property owned by pensioners	807,868.
Owned by husbands or wives of pensioners—				
Homes	134,599
Land and other property	34,128
Cash	17,271
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				185,998
Less mortgages on this property	44,783
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Total net property owned by husbands or wives of pensioners	141,215
(not themselves pensioners)	<hr/>
				141,215
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Grand total	£949,083

The total income earned by these pensioners, exclusive of the amount exempted in terms of the 1908 Amendment Act by reason of the loss of employment, was £130,253, and by their husbands or wives (not themselves pensioners), £28,118. The average amount of income earned by each pensioner was £7 16s., and the average amount of property held, after the deduction of mortgages, £48 10s. The averages in 1906, when the exemption from property on account of the home was £150 instead of £340 as now, were—Income, £8 4s.; property, £28 12s.

WIDOWS' PENSIONS.

During the year the responsibilities of the staff were considerably increased by the passing of the Widows' Pensions Act, which received the Governor's assent on the 28th October, 1911, and came into operation on the 1st January following. This Act provided for its administration being conducted by the officers controlling old-age pensions, and, as the system in operation under the Old-age Pension Acts was readily adaptable to the new measure, the inauguration of the scheme was carried out without any hitch. Copies of the Act were distributed to the various Registrars on the 16th November, and regulations under the Act, which were gazetted on the 23rd November, were issued in the first week of December. In the second week of December forms of application were available from one end of the Dominion to the other, with the result that pensions were being granted within a few days of the Act coming into force. No difficulties presented themselves, and the seventy-three Registrars, with whom rests so much in pension matters, are to be complimented on the manner in which they seconded the efforts of the Head Office in giving effect to the mandate of Parliament. The main features of the Act are, briefly, as follows:—

The pension is available to a widow of any age with one or more children under the age of fourteen born in New Zealand, and dependent upon her for their support, who is a British subject either by birth or naturalization, who has been resident in New Zealand for a period of six months prior to the birth of any child to whom the Act applies, and who can comply with the qualifications as to income and property, as well as to character. Magistrates alone are authorized by the Act to grant or refuse pensions, and each grant is for a period of twelve months, at the end of which the circumstances of the pensioner are reviewed. The maximum pensions payable are £12 per annum where there is one child, £18 for two, £24 for three, and £30 for more than three children. These amounts are subject to reduction according as the annual income of the applicant and her children under fourteen exceeds £30. Income is deemed to include an amount equal to 5 per cent. of the capital value of all property owned where the actual income from such property does not reach that sum; but personal earnings which with any pension payable do not exceed £100 in any year are exempted. The pension ceases on the remarriage of the pensioner; but the fact of any child reaching the age-limit during the currency of any pension-certificate does not in itself preclude the collection of the remaining instalments due on that certificate. Payment is made monthly through the Post Office, and facilities are provided for collection by an agent where occasion requires it.

It is as yet early to express any definite opinion as to how far the originally estimated cost of the scheme—*viz.*, £55,000 per annum—will be realized, but it may be said that at the present rate of progress the actuality will not exceed the expectations. The 1911 census figures show that there are approximately 25,700 widows of all ages in the Dominion, of which number 8,500 are between the ages of 20 and 55, 6,300 between the ages of 55 and 65, and 10,900 65 and over. These last, who are qualified by age for the old-age pension, may safely be left out of consideration

in endeavouring to arrive at the possibilities in the way of a pension roll, by reason of the qualification relating to the parentage of children under fourteen; so also may the group between the ages of 55 and 65, which in the light of the experience already gained is not likely to provide many participants, particularly as the Old-age Pensions Act now provides for a pension in excess of the maximum available as a widow's pension to women at 55 and over who have young children. Those, therefore, who will be likely to receive the benefits of the Act are limited to the 8,500 below the age of 55, in regard to whom no statistics whatever are available to indicate what percentage is able to fulfil the necessary qualifications. [NOTE.—The number of widows aged 65 and over on the Old-age Pension Roll is 4,896.]

Taking the figures of the past five months, showing applications to have been lodged at the rate of about 250 per month, the number of applicants for twelve months would work out at close on 3,000; but, with the knowledge that there has been a marked decline in the number applying during the latter portion of the period mentioned, I do not anticipate that the first year's working will provide more than 2,000 claims, which, if all established at the amount of the average pension now payable, would represent an annual liability approximating £36,000. This estimate, however, is subject to considerable reduction if the present percentage of rejections, about 16 per cent., is maintained.

The number of claims recorded at Head Office to date is 1,334, of which number 990 have been granted and 200 rejected for various causes.

The number granted to the 31st March was 791, on whose behalf the sum of £1,963 6s. 5d. was paid during the financial year ending on that date. In the same period there was one refund of £1 6s. 8d., making a net charge against the Consolidated Fund of £1,961 19s. 9d. There were three pensions cancelled, leaving 788 pensions in force at the close of the year.

The annual liability in regard to these was £14,863, being an average of £18 17s. per pensioner.

The total families of pensioners range in number from 1 to 17, and the number of children in one family under fourteen years of age from 1 to 8, the averages being—Total family, 5 children; family under fourteen years, 2·43 children.

Full details regarding the distribution of the pensioners throughout the Dominion at the close of the year, together with the number payable at each rate of pension, are embodied in Tables XIV and XV of the appendix.

The ages, nationalities, and occupations of those who were admitted to that date appear in Tables XVII, XVIII, and XIX.

The income and property of the beneficiaries at the end of the year are as follows:—

Income—						£
From property	...	...	...	...	...	5,051
From other sources (including personal earnings)	...	...	...	...	...	28,374
Total	...	...	...	...	...	33,425
Average income per pensioner						£42
Property—						
Homes	...	...	...	...	...	57,588
Furniture	...	...	...	...	...	31,732
Cash	...	...	...	...	...	17,242
Other property	...	...	...	...	...	14,709
						121,271
Less mortgages	...	...	...	...	...	25,183
						96,088
Average amount of property per pensioner						£121

D. ROBERTSON, Commissioner.

APPENDIX.

OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

Table	I. Number and annual value of pensions (in districts).
"	II. Pensions at each rate.
"	III. Percentage of pensions granted in each year now in force.
"	IV. Ages of European pensioners.
"	V. Occupations of pensioners.
"	VI. Nationalities of pensioners.
"	VII. Sex and conjugal condition of pensioners.
"	VIII. Claims received, and how disposed of (in districts).
"	IX. Nationalities of pensioners admitted during 1911-12.
"	X. Sex and conjugal condition of pensioners admitted during 1911-12.
"	XI. Pensions granted, deaths, and cancellations; also annual liability and average pension.
"	XII. Pensions in force and payments in each year.
"	XIII. Amounts paid to homes and hospitals.

WIDOWS' PENSIONS.

Table	XIV. Claims lodged, and number and annual value of pensions (in districts).
"	XV. Pensions at each rate.
"	XVI. Number of children in families of pensioners.
"	XVII. Ages of pensioners.
"	XVIII. Nationalities of pensioners.
"	XIX. Occupations of pensioners.

TABLE I.—NUMBER AND ANNUAL VALUE OF PENSIONS GRANTED TO EUROPEANS AND MAORIS IN FORCE ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1912.

District.	Number.		Annual Value.	District.	Number.		Annual Value.
	Europeans.	Maoris.			Europeans.	Maoris.	
Auckland ...	2,030	20	£ 50,955	Brought forward	6,358	592	£ 173,310
Coromandel ...	98	23	3,105	Masterton ...	183	...	4,540
Dargaville ...	93	14	2,710	Otaki ...	73	4	1,925
Hamilton ...	333	50	9,575	Pahiatua ...	65	...	1,564
Kaitaia ...	25	57	2,015	Palmerston N. ...	251	4	6,324
Mangonui ...	18	18	877	Nelson ...	234	...	5,950
Raglan ...	18	6	600	Motueka ...	86	...	2,144
Rawene ...	31	38	1,688	Blenheim ...	187	4	4,827
Rotorua ...	30	60	2,181	Havelock ...	8	...	208
Russell ...	61	68	3,199	Christchurch ...	2,083	1	52,106
Taupo ...	13	8	526	Akaroa ...	31	4	881
Waipu ...	41	5	1,175	Amberley ...	19	...	452
Warkworth ...	65	4	1,715	Ashburton ...	313	...	8,045
Whangarei ...	190	4	4,850	Culverden ...	11	...	286
Whangaroa ...	18	34	1,232	Kaiapoi ...	356	8	9,237
Thames ...	259	13	6,949	Kaikoura ...	17	3	490
Opotiki ...	21	19	1,025	Timaru ...	288	...	7,228
Paeroa ...	151	30	4,550	Fairlie ...	21	...	536
Tauranga ...	30	44	1,859	Geraldine ...	199	8	5,252
Whakatane ...	6	22	658	Waimate ...	146	1	3,670
Gisborne ...	113	9	2,962	Westport ...	244	2	6,286
Port Awanui ...	6	6	264	Greymouth ...	421	...	10,768
Napier ...	398	5	10,173	Reefton ...	131	...	3,353
Dannevirke ...	147	...	3,676	Hokitika ...	520	1	13,342
Waipawa ...	80	2	2,073	Oamaru ...	318	2	8,064
Wairoa ...	21	11	703	Dunedin ...	1,587	3	39,166
New Plymouth	231	9	5,897	Balclutha ...	158	2	4,064
Stratford ...	64	1	1,632	Clyde ...	120	...	3,089
Wanganui ...	257	2	6,535	Lawrence ...	188	...	4,730
Eltham ...	29	...	717	Milton ...	164	...	3,978
Hawera ...	81	2	2,121	Naseby ...	104	...	2,630
Marton ...	89	1	2,266	Palmerston S. ...	54	...	1,322
Patea ...	42	...	1,041	Waikouaiti ...	48	2	1,252
Taihape ...	51	...	1,276	Invercargill ...	568	5	14,135
Wellington ...	1,078	5	26,999	Gore ...	162	...	4,121
Chatham Islands	3	1	96	Queenstown ...	121	...	3,103
Feilding ...	137	1	3,435	Riverton ...	147	19	4,152
Carried forward	6,358	592	173,310	Totals ...	15,984	665	416,530

	Europeans.	Maoris.	Annual Value.
North Island	...	...	£ 187,663
South Island	...	...	228,867
	15,984	665	£416,530

TABLE II.—NUMBER OF PENSIONS AT EACH RATE AT END OF THE YEAR 1911-12.

Number.	Rate.	Liability.	Number.	Rate.	Liability.
	£	£		£	£
11	39	429	93	16	1,488
1	37	37	74	15	1,110
2	34	68	71	14	994
1	33	33	53	13	689
1	32	32	59	12	708
2	30	60	46	11	506
14,209	26	369,434	63	10	630
328	25	8,200	47	9	423
298	24	7,152	50	8	400
204	23	4,692	20	7	140
212	22	4,664	30	6	180
206	21	4,326	11	5	55
177	20	3,540	10	4	40
141	19	2,679	6	3	18
132	18	2,376	8	2	16
83	17	1,411			
			16,649	...	£416,530

Average pension, £25 Os. 4d.

TABLE III.—NUMBER OF PENSIONS GRANTED IN EACH FINANCIAL YEAR, TOGETHER WITH THE NUMBER OF SUCH PENSIONS IN FORCE ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1912.

			Pensions granted in each Year.	Number of such Pensions still in Force on 31st March, 1912.	Percentage of Pensions in Force to Pensions granted.
Year ended 31st March, 1899	...	...	7,487	1,351	18
" " 1900	...	...	4,699	1,013	22
" " 1901	...	...	2,227	641	29
" " 1902	...	...	1,694	546	32
" " 1903	...	...	1,391	546	39
" " 1904	...	...	1,063	499	47
" " 1905	...	...	1,210	639	53
" " 1906	...	...	2,075	1,168	56
" " 1907	...	...	2,031	1,262	62
" " 1908	...	...	1,740	1,192	69
" " 1909	...	...	2,113	1,589	75
" " 1910	...	...	2,304	1,837	80
" " 1911	...	...	2,399	2,121	88
" " 1912	...	...	2,318	2,245	97
Totals ...	...	...	34,751	16,649	

TABLE IV.—AGES OF EUROPEAN PENSIONERS ON THE ROLL ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1912.

At age	Number.	At age	Number.	At age	Number.
55 ...	2	76 ...	824	90 ...	28
" 60 ...	1	" 77 ...	884	" 91 ...	31
" 61 ...	3	" 78 ...	877	" 92 ...	31
" 65 ...	412	" 79 ...	759	" 94 ...	7
" 66 ...	742	" 80 ...	552	" 95 ...	5
" 67 ...	1,181	" 81 ...	457	" 96 ...	5
" 68 ...	894	" 82 ...	339	" 97 ...	2
" 69 ...	1,034	" 83 ...	262	" 98 ...	2
" 70 ...	1,074	" 84 ...	179	" 99 ...	2
" 71 ...	1,114	" 85 ...	166	" 100 ...	1
" 72 ...	1,062	" 86 ...	126		
" 73 ...	965	" 87 ...	95	Total ...	15,984
" 74 ...	912	" 88 ...	65		
" 75 ...	850	" 89 ...	39		

TABLE V.—OCCUPATIONS OF EUROPEAN PENSIONERS ON THE ROLL ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1912.

<i>Males.</i>					
Occupation.	Number.	Occupation.	Number.	Occupation.	Number.
Labourer ...	3,101	Railway employee ...	17	Artist ...	4
Miner ...	1,144	Saddler ...	17	Barman ...	4
Farmer ...	685	Sawyer ...	17	Clergyman ...	4
Carpenter ...	463	Soldier ...	17	Confectioner... ..	4
Gardener ...	403	Draper ...	15	Hatter ...	4
Gum-digger ...	261	Plasterer ...	15	Horse-trainer ...	4
Bootmaker ...	160	Fireman ...	14	Laundryman ...	4
Carter ...	125	Waterman ...	13	Solicitor ...	4
Cook ...	122	Inspector ...	12	Upholsterer ...	4
Blacksmith ...	105	Porter ...	12	Asphalter ...	3
Clerk ...	96	Wharf labourer ...	12	Auctioneer ...	3
Farm labourer ...	86	Hotelkeeper ...	11	Bookbinder ...	3
Shepherd ...	80	Waiter ...	11	Caneworker ...	3
Seaman ...	76	Grocer ...	10	Customhouse officer ...	3
Agent ...	73	Ropemaker ...	10	Flaxmiller ...	3
Bushman ...	71	Boardinghouse-keeper ...	9	Lamplighter ...	3
Baker ...	67	Brewer ...	9	Librarian ...	3
Fisherman ...	64	Cooper ...	9	Millwright ...	3
Painter ...	62	Fellmonger ...	9	Prospector ...	3
Butcher ...	61	Moulder ...	9	Slater ...	3
Storekeeper ...	58	Sexton ...	9	Steward ...	3
Bricklayer ...	56	Tinsmith ...	9	Assayer ...	2
Tailor ...	52	Watchmaker ...	9	Dentist ...	2
Custodian ...	48	Miller ...	8	Dyer ...	2
Engineer ...	46	Music-teacher ...	8	Herbalist ...	2
Engine-driver ...	40	Ranger ...	8	Linguist ...	2
Driver ...	35	Sailmaker ...	8	Paper-bag maker ...	2
Hawker ...	35	Weaver ...	8	Shoebblack ...	2
Coachbuilder ...	33	Chemist ...	7	Taxidermist ...	2
Contractor ...	33	Dairyman ...	7	Warder ...	2
Fruitgrower ...	33	Hairdresser ...	7	Well-sinker ...	2
Stonemason ...	33	Nightwatchman ...	7	Blindmaker ...	1
Storeman ...	33	Post Office employee ...	7	Brushmaker ...	1
Shipwright ...	32	Surveyor ...	7	Civil engineer ...	1
Stonebreaker ...	28	Boilermaker ...	6	Cordialmaker ...	1
Rabbitter ...	27	Chimney-sweep ...	6	Corkmaker ...	1
Teacher ...	27	Police officer... ..	6	Fancy fish-scale worker ...	1
Drover ...	26	Ironmonger ...	6	Glass-blower ...	1
Groom ...	26	Machinist ...	6	Lighthouse-keeper ...	1
Platelayer ...	25	Messenger ...	6	Matchmaker ...	1
Dealer ...	22	Photographer ...	6	Naturalist ...	1
Poultry-farmer ...	22	Tanner ...	6	Soapmaker ...	1
Sawmiller ...	22	Veterinary surgeon ...	6	Sugarworker... ..	1
Plumber ...	21	Architect ...	5	Umbrella-maker ...	1
Wool-classer... ..	21	Gunsmith ...	5	No occupation ...	1
Printer ...	19	Journalist ...	5		
News agent ...	18	Mail-carrier ...	5		
Brickmaker ...	17				
					8,730

<i>Females.</i>					
Occupation.	Number.	Occupation.	Number.	Occupation.	Number.
Domestic duties ...	6,703	Caretaker ...	6	Corsetmaker ...	1
Nurse ...	205	Servant ...	6	Hatmaker ...	1
Seamstress ...	80	Housekeeper... ..	5	Herbalist ...	1
Charwoman ...	80	Postmistress ...	6	Lacemaker ...	1
Laundress ...	54	Fruiterer ...	5	Leatherworker ...	1
Cook ...	25	Machinist ...	3	Registry-office keeper ...	1
Boardinghouse-keeper ...	17	Hotelkeeper ...	2	Saleswoman ...	1
Shopkeeper ...	15	Presser ...	2	Taxidermist ...	1
Music-teacher ...	11	Stewardess ...	2		
Teacher ...	10	Artist ...	1		
Sisters of Mercy ...	7	Boxmaker ...	1		
					7,254

TABLE VI.—ORIGINAL NATIONALITIES OF ALL PENSIONERS ON THE ROLL ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1912.

	Number.		Number.		Number.
British (England) ...	7,479	British (New Foundland) ...	7	Russian ...	8
" (Ireland) ...	3,671	German ...	291	Finn ...	7
" (Scotland) ...	3,057	Dane ...	149	Greek ...	7
" (New Zealand) ...	299	Swede ...	98	Belgian ...	5
" (Australia) ...	262	Norwegian ...	89	Pole ...	5
" (Wales) ...	147	French ...	43	Hungarian ...	3
" (Canada) ...	94	Austrian ...	42	Spanish ...	2
" (Channel Islands) ...	42	American ...	36	Chilian ...	1
" (India) ...	24	Italian ...	34	Maori ...	665
" (West Indies) ...	17	Swiss ...	21		
" (Isle of Man) ...	11	Dutch ...	12		16,649
" (South Africa) ...	10	Portuguese ...	11		

These pensioners are now all British subjects, as required by law.

TABLE VII.—SEX AND CONJUGAL CONDITION OF PENSIONERS ON THE ROLL ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1912.

Sex.	Single.	Married.	Widowed.	Totals.
Male ...	2,405	3,824	2,807	9,036
Female ...	269	2,448	4,896	7,613
Totals ...	2,674	6,272	7,703	16,649

TABLE VIII.—CLAIMS RECEIVED AND HOW DISPOSED OF DURING YEAR 1911-12.

District.	Total Number of Claims received since Act came into force.	Claims awaiting Investigation on 31st Mar., 1911.	For Financial Year ending 31st March, 1912.			Claims awaiting Investigation on 31st Mar., 1912.
			Claims received.	Claims established.	Claims rejected, &c.	
Auckland ...	4,925	19	398	298	96	23
Coromandel ...	394	6	21	16	3	8
Dargaville ...	378	8	18	14	10	2
Hamilton ...	839	15	72	49	20	18
Kaitaia ...	151	12	12	9	2	13
Mangonui ...	200	1	11	8	1	3
Raglan ...	247	4	5	6	...	3
Rawene ...	357	18	12	7	20	3
Rotorua ...	319	3	23	16	2	8
Russell ...	425	6	18	8	4	12
Taupo ...	134	8	2	2	1	7
Waipu ...	130	1	12	10	2	1
Warkworth ...	272	1	13	9	5	...
Whangarei... ..	591	4	44	38	9	1
Whangaroa ...	156	2	11	6	3	4
Thames ...	815	28	36	30	7	27
Opotiki ...	130	9	13	6	2	14
Paeroa ...	384	29	45	25	13	36
Tauranga ...	376	10	13	14	1	8
Whakatane ...	138	1	16	...	1	16
Gisborne ...	427	18	25	21	3	19
Port Awanui ...	298	3	3	2	3	1
Napier ...	1,065	14	70	51	23	10
Dannevirke ...	513	7	36	24	8	11
Waipawa ...	128	9	9	15	3	...
Wairoa ...	276	...	6	4	2	...
New Plymouth ...	164	12	50	36	12	14
Stratford ...	170	1	23	16	1	7
Wanganui ...	681	22	47	45	16	8
Eltham ...	16	...	8	7	...	1
Hawera ...	285	8	17	11	...	14
Marton ...	365	5	11	11	2	3
Patea ...	112	2	5	5	2	...
Carried forward ...	16,461	286	1,105	819	277	295

TABLE VIII.—CLAIMS RECEIVED AND HOW DISPOSED OF DURING YEAR 1911-12—*continued*.

District.	Total Number of Claims received since Act came into Force.	Claims awaiting Investigation on 31st Mar., 1911.	For Financial Year ending 31st March, 1912.			Claims awaiting Investigation on 31st Mar., 1912.
			Claims received.	Claims established.	Claims rejected, &c.	
Brought forward ...	16,461	286	1,105	819	277	295
Taihape ...	8	...	8	5	1	2
Wellington... ..	2,388	12	286	181	100	17
Carterton	316	9	5	5	9	Agency closed.
Chatham Islands ...	16	...	...	...	...	...
Feilding	325	7	25	16	3	13
Masterion	448	6	32	29	7	2
Otaki	201	1	9	7	2	1
Pahiatua	169	1	12	13	...	...
Palmerston North ...	622	1	40	30	8	3
Nelson	757	7	26	24	5	4
Motueka	247	5	16	11	2	8
Blenheim	511	13	27	25	2	13
Havelock	29	...	...	...	...	...
Christchurch	4,491	101	371	325	43	104
Akaroa	139	1	7	7	...	1
Amberley	33	...	2	2	...	...
Ashburton	702	9	44	43	3	7
Culverden	31	...	3	2	1	...
Kaipoi	840	7	60	57	3	7
Kaikoura	72	1	4	4	...	1
Timaru	599	10	41	35	1	15
Fairlie	46	...	5	5	...	...
Geraldine	465	1	30	22	3	6
Waimate	330	9	23	22	2	8
Westport	762	13	50	39	13	11
Greymouth	1,191	8	66	38	18	18
Reefton	419	6	13	13	1	5
Hokitika	1,429	21	43	44	8	12
Oamaru	808	14	56	44	8	18
Dunedin	3,847	70	273	218	70	55
Balclutha	389	5	21	21	3	2
Clyde	335	3	21	18	...	6
Lawrence	521	4	20	17	2	5
Milton	375	4	22	19	4	3
Naseby	279	...	16	9	6	1
Palmerston South ...	165	4	5	5	2	2
Waikouaiti	108	2	13	7	4	4
Invercargill	1,733	13	102	82	13	20
Gore	125	3	15	11	4	3
Queenstown	322	5	15	14	3	3
Riverton	468	9	43	30	7	15
Agencies closed ...	1,721	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	45,243	671	2,975	2,318	638	690

TABLE IX.—ORIGINAL NATIONALITIES OF PENSIONERS ADMITTED DURING THE YEAR ENDED THE 31ST MARCH, 1912.

	Number.		Number.		Number.
British (England) ...	1,045	German ...	31	Dutch ...	1
" (Ireland) ...	493	Dane ...	18	Austrian ...	1
" (Scotland) ...	422	Norwegian ...	16	Greek ...	1
" (New Zealand) ...	88	Swede ...	14	Swiss ...	1
" (Australia) ...	52	French ...	5	Bohemian ...	1
" (Wales) ...	17	Italian ...	4	Finn ...	1
" (Canada) ...	12	Russian ...	2	Maori ...	81
" (Channel Islands) ...	6	American ...	2		
" (Jamaica) ...	2	Spanish ...	2		
					2,318

These pensioners are now all British subjects, as required by law.

TABLE X.—SEX AND CONJUGAL CONDITION OF PENSIONERS ADMITTED DURING THE YEAR ENDED THE 31ST MARCH, 1912.

Sex.		Single.	Married.	Widowed.	Totals.
Males	...	254	690	312	1,256
Females	...	43	492	527	1,062
Totals	...	297	1,182	839	2,318

TABLE XI.—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, TOGETHER WITH ANNUAL LIABILITY AND AVERAGE PENSION.

Year ending 31st March.	Number of Pensions granted.	Deaths.	Cancellations.	In Force at End of Year.	Annual Liability.	Average Pension.
1899 ...	7,487	38	6	7,443	£ 127,319	£ s. d. 17 2 0
1900 ...	4,699	786	71	11,285	193,718	17 3 0
1901 ...	2,227	815	292	12,405	211,965	17 2 0
1902 ...	1,694	935	388	12,776	217,192	17 0 0
1903 ...	1,391	1,064	622	12,481	211,594	16 19 0
1904 ...	1,063	928	690	11,926	200,915	16 17 0
1905 ...	1,210	890	476	11,770	199,081	16 18 0
1906 ...	2,075	1,038	225	12,582	313,018	24 17 0
1907 ...	2,031	1,097	259	13,257	326,084	24 12 0
1908 ...	1,740	1,189	239	13,569	333,340	24 11 0
1909 ...	2,113	1,112	174	14,396	353,343	24 10 0
1910 ...	2,304	1,169	211	15,320	374,699	24 9 0
1911 ...	2,399	1,423	276	16,020	403,020	25 3 0
1912 ...	2,318	1,469	220	16,649	416,530	25 0 4
Totals ...	34,751	13,953	4,149	...	...	...

TABLE XII.—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.	Payments.		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	...
" 1907 ...	13,257	314,184	59,817	...	675	...
" 1908 ...	13,569	325,199	11,015	...	312	...
" 1909 ..	14,396	336,760	11,561	...	827	...
" 1910 ...	15,320	362,496	25,736	...	924	...
" 1911 ...	16,020	383,393	20,897	...	700	...
" 1912 ...	16,649	406,256	22,863	...	629	...
Total ...	...	3,556,660	...	...	...	...

TABLE XIII.—NUMBER OF OLD-AGE PENSIONERS MAINTAINED IN HOMES AND HOSPITALS ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1912, TOGETHER WITH THE AMOUNTS PAID TO SUCH INSTITUTIONS DURING THE YEAR.

Location.	Institution.	Payments, Year 1911-12.	Number of Pensioners in Institu- tion on 31st March, 1912.	Amount handed to Pensioners after Deduction of Maintenance.
		£ s. d.		
Whangarei	Old Men's Cottage Home; ..	297 0 8	12	4s. per month.
Auckland	Costley Home	2,769 18 11	105	6s. 6d. "
"	Ponsonby Home (Little Sisters) ..	953 14 7	38	8s. "
"	Veterans' Home	882 13 11	36	2s. per week.
Thames	Old Men's Home	341 4 10	11	5s. per month.
Hamilton	"	227 3 4	5	4s. "
Gisborne	"	200 8 10	8	1s. per week.
Napier	Refuge, Parke Island	606 14 7	27	7s. 4d. per month.
New Plymouth	Old People's Home	437 0 6	17	10s. "
Wanganui	Jubilee Home	313 9 4	12	5s. "
Wellington	Ohio Home	576 5 9	21	2s. to 6s. "
"	Home for Aged Needy	773 13 4	32	7s. 7d. "
"	Home for Incurables	250 0 9	10	6s. "
Masterton	Renall-Solway Home	136 1 4	7	Nil.
Nelson	Alexandra Home	713 12 5	28	2s. per week.
Blenheim	Old Men's Home	203 6 1	7	8s. 8d. per month.
Christchurch	Jubilee Home	837 9 8	34	1s. per week.
"	Samaritan Home	13 19 7	..	15s. 10d. per m'th.
"	Nazareth House	847 0 10	33	5s. "
"	Mount Magdala Home.. .. .	26 0 0	2	Nil.
Ashburton	Tuarangi Home	832 10 1	27	1s. per week.
Timaru	Old Men's Home	537 7 6	19	6s. 6d. per month.
Westport	Old People's Home	549 12 3	21	8s. "
Reefton	Hospital	280 10 4	8	10s. "
Greymouth	"	859 3 10	32	10s. "
Hokitika	"	522 18 1	22	10s. "
Ross	"	165 8 0	6	13s. 4d. "
Kumara	"	519 9 11	19	13s. 4d. "
Oamaru	Victoria Home	577 7 2	24	6s. "
Dunedin	Otago Benevolent Institution ..	1,767 16 10	66	2s. per week.
"	Home for Aged Poor	1,204 6 4	47	13s. 4d. per m'th.
Invercargill	Lorne Farm	694 12 4	25	{ 4s. 6d. " 8s. 6d. "
		19,918 1 11	761	
	HOSPITAL PATIENTS ONLY ..	1,494 2 3	57	
		£21,412 4 2	818	

NOTE.—The hospitals included in the above list serve the purpose of old people's homes in the districts named.

TABLE XIV.—WIDOWS' CLAIMS LODGED AND HOW DISPOSED OF TO THE 31ST MARCH, 1912, TOGETHER WITH NUMBER AND ANNUAL VALUE OF PENSIONS IN FORCE ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1912.

District.	Claims.				Pensions.	
	Lodged.	Estab- lished.	Rejected, &c.	Out- standing.	In force.	Annual Value.
Auckland	146	99	35	12	99	£ 1,576
Coromandel	8	5	1	2	5	120
Dargaville	3	2	...	1	2	30
Hamilton	18	6	3	9	6	144
Kaitiaki	6	1	...	5	1	24
Mangonui	3	2	...	1	2	35
Raglan	1	1	...	...	1	12
Rawene	9	3	2	4	3	72
Rotorua	2	...	2	...	...	...
Russell	1	...	1	...	...	...
Taupo	1	...	...	1	...	...
Waipu	3	...	...	3	...	...
Carried forward	201	119	44	38	119	2,013

TABLE XIV.—WIDOWS' CLAIMS LODGED AND HOW DISPOSED OF TO THE 31ST MARCH, 1912, ETC.—
continued.

District.	Claims.				Pensions.	
	Lodged.	Estab- lished.	Rejected, &c.	Out- standing.	In force.	Annual Value.
Brought forward ...	201	119	44	38	119	£ 2,013
Warkworth ...	1	...	...	1	...	...
Whangarei ...	14	9	1	4	9	186
Whangaroa ...	4	2	1	1	2	57
Thames ...	18	11	2	5	11	222
Opotiki ...	1	...	...	1	...	...
Paeroa ...	21	9	3	9	9	192
Tauranga ...	2	1	1	...	1	24
Whakatane ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gisborne ...	7	4	...	3	4	84
Port Awanui ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Napier ...	34	25	5	4	25	468
Dannevirke ...	9	4	1	4	4	84
Waipawa ...	3	2	1	...	2	36
Wairoa ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Plymouth ...	24	9	2	13	9	168
Stratford ...	5	4	...	1	4	90
Wanganui ...	32	26	5	1	26	510
Eltham ...	5	4	1	...	4	90
Hawera ...	6	1	...	5	1	30
Marton ...	4	2	...	2	2	30
Patea ...	4	3	1	...	3	46
Taihape ...	3	3	...	...	3	78
Wellington... ..	124	75	40	9	77	1,438
Chatham Islands ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Feilding ...	15	11	2	2	11	213
Masterton ...	12	8	1	3	8	144
Otaki ...	4	4	...	...	4	79
Pahiatua ...	2	2	...	...	2	46
Palmerston North ...	18	14	1	3	14	224
Nelson ...	20	16	1	3	16	238
Motueka ...	6	4	...	2	4	84
Blenheim ...	17	12	...	5	12	222
Havelock ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Christchurch ...	183	132	12	39	132	2,365
Akaroa ...	5	5	...	...	5	95
Amberley ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ashburton ...	22	19	1	2	18	386
Culverden ...	1	1	...	...	1	30
Kaiapoi ...	11	10	1	...	10	180
Kaikoura ...	1	1	...	...	1	30
Timaru ...	19	12	1	6	12	271
Fairlie ...	3	2	...	1	2	42
Geraldine ...	7	7	...	...	7	120
Waimate ...	6	4	...	2	4	71
Westport ...	22	12	2	8	12	234
Greymouth ...	25	12	2	11	1	21
Reefton ...	3	1	1	1	6	122
Hokitika ...	6	6	...	...	11	236
Oamaru ...	22	13	2	7	13	250
Dunedin ...	126	88	27	11	86	1,607
Balclutha ...	11	11	...	...	10	222
Clyde ...	9	6	...	3	6	156
Lawrence ...	7	5	1	1	5	102
Milton ...	14	13	1	...	13	258
Naseby ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Palmerston South ...	4	3	1	...	3	75
Waikouaiti... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Invercargill ...	43	32	3	8	32	666
Gore ...	16	10	4	2	10	186
Queenstown ...	2	2	...	...	2	42
Riverton ...	13	...	...	13	...	...
Totals ...	1,197	791	172	234	788	14,863

TABLE XV.—WIDOWS' PENSIONS AT EACH RATE AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1912.

Number.	Rate.	Liability.	Number.	Rate.	Liability.
	£	£		£	£
132	30	3,960	2	14	28
3	29	87	5	13	65
1	28	28	228	12	2,736
2	27	54	7	11	77
1	26	26	6	10	60
2	25	50	5	9	45
141	24	3,384	6	8	48
2	23	46	2	7	14
5	22	110	1	6	6
3	21	63	3	5	15
4	20	80	5	4	20
202	18	3,636	2	3	6
6	17	102	3	2	6
4	16	64	2	1	2
3	15	45			
			788	...	£14,863

Average pension, £18 17s.

TABLE XVI.—NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN FAMILIES OF PENSIONERS TO THE 31ST MARCH, 1912.

Number of Children in Family.	Number of Pensioners.		Number of Children in Family.	Number of Pensioners.	
	Total Family.	Family under Fourteen Years.		Total Family.	Family under Fourteen Years.
1	77	248	10	33	...
2	108	221	11	29	...
3	117	163	12	18	...
4	120	85	13	7	...
5	82	47	14	2	...
6	69	22	15	4	...
7	46	3	17	1	...
8	41	2			
9	37	...	Totals ...	791	791

TABLE XVII.—AGES OF WIDOWS WHO HAVE BEEN GRANTED PENSIONS TO THE 31ST MARCH, 1912.

Age.	Number.	Age.	Number.	Age.	Number.	Age.	Number.
21	1	32	28	43	30	53	8
22	3	33	25	44	34	54	6
23	2	34	25	45	36	55	7
24	4	35	31	46	36	56	7
25	11	36	28	47	22	57	8
26	12	37	36	48	29	58	2
27	10	38	38	49	24	62	1
28	16	39	38	50	25	66	1
29	16	40	29	51	17		
30	12	41	41	52	22	Total ...	791
31	22	42	48				

TABLE XVIII.—ORIGINAL NATIONALITIES OF WIDOWS WHO HAVE BEEN GRANTED PENSIONS TO THE 31ST MARCH, 1912.

	Number.		Number.		Number.
British (New Zealand) ...	501	British (Wales) ...	5	Dane	2
" (England) ...	137	" (Channel Islands) ...	4	Italian	1
" (Ireland) ...	54	" (Isle of Man) ...	1		
" (Australia) ...	47	German	7		791
" (Scotland) ...	30	American	2		

TABLE XIX.—OCCUPATIONS OF WIDOWS WHO HAVE BEEN GRANTED PENSIONS TO THE 31ST MARCH, 1912.

Occupation.	Number.	Occupation.	Number.	Occupation.	Number.
Domestic ...	... 504	Cook ...	... 7	Fruiterer ...	... 1
Charwoman ...	... 76	Factory hand ...	... 6	Companion ...	... 1
Dressmaker ...	... 44	Storekeeper ...	... 5	Proprietress tea-rooms ...	... 1
Laundress ...	... 29	Waitress ...	... 4	Fishmonger ...	... 1
Boardinghouse-keeper ...	... 27	Confectioner ...	... 4	Boot-finisher ...	... 1
Nurse ...	... 25	School-teacher...	... 3	Tobacconist ...	... 1
Tailoress ...	... 14	Caretaker ...	... 3	Manufacturer of polishes	1
Machinist 10	Postmistress 2	Poultry-farmer...	... 1
Dairy-farmer 9	Music-teacher 2		
Shop-assistant 7	Milliner 2		
					791

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