

## OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

	1915-16.		1916-17.	
	European.	Maori.	European.	Maori.
New pensions granted .. ..	2,137	131	1,725	98
Deaths .. ..	1,475	64	1,545	65
Cancellations .. ..	260	17	296	24
Pensions in force at close of year ..	19,057	747	18,941	756

	1915-16.	1916-17.
European pensioners, 65 and over .. ..	16,639	16,600
Female European pensioners, 60 to 64 .. ..	2,418	2,341
Total European population (estimated) .. ..	1,100,406	1,100,761
Percentage of European pensioners to total population .. ..	1.73	1.72
European population, 65 and over (estimated) .. ..	51,110	51,647
Percentage of European pensioners to these .. ..	32%	32%
Female European population, 60 to 64 (estimated) .. ..	15,757	18,302
Percentage of European pensioners, 60 to 64, to these .. ..	15%	12%
New claims lodged .. ..	2,621	2,289
New claims rejected .. ..	515	537
Annual liability at close of year .. ..	484,232	480,559
Average pension .. ..	£24 9s.	£24 8s.
Gross expenditure for year .. ..	£479,339	£480,230
Cost per head of population .. ..	8s. 8d.	8s. 8d.
Increase on figures of previous year .. ..	£18,525	£891
Credit from National Endowment .. ..	£27,796	£25,791
Refunds paid to Public Account .. ..	£691	£1,252
Pensioners in homes and hospitals .. ..	862	891
Amount paid to controlling authorities of these .. ..	£23,080	£23,470
Pensioners in mental hospitals .. ..	73	84
Amount paid to Mental Hospital Department .. ..	£1,858	£2,165
Absolutely forfeited instalments .. ..	£1,678	£1,882
Instalments forfeited and subsequently paid .. ..	£1,682	£2,112
Total claims lodged to date .. ..	60,631	
Total claims established .. ..	47,392	
Total deaths .. ..	21,732	
Total cancellations .. ..	5,963	
Grand total paid since 1898 .. ..	£5,809,580	
Total credit from National Endowment .. ..	£172,373	

## OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS IN AUSTRALIA.

The latest figures available relating to the working of the Commonwealth Act are for the year ended 30th June, 1916, from which the following have been extracted :—

	Old-age Pensions.	Invalid Pensions.
Number of pensions in force .. ..	91,793	23,479
Increase for year .. ..	891	3,022
Claims dealt with .. ..	12,159	6,507
Claims rejected .. ..	1,263	1,028
Claims established .. ..	10,222	4,992
Total pensions granted .. ..	144,819	31,831
Total claims rejected .. ..	13,603	7,229
Total deaths of pensioners .. ..	45,827	6,742
Annual liability .. ..	£2,302,742	£597,610
Payments for year (old-age and invalid) .. ..		£2,891,597
Cost of administration (old-age and invalid) .. ..		£44,401