1917. NEW ZEALAND.

EIGHTEENTH AND NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE

PENSIONS DEPARTMENT,

FOR THE TWO YEARS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1917.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to Section 70 of the Pensions Act, 1913.

The Commissioner of Pensions to the Hon. the Minister of Pensions.

Pensions Department, Wellington, 31st July, 1917.

I have the honour to furnish herewith, for the information of Parliament, the report of the Department relating to old-age, widows', and military (Maori War) pensions for the two years ended 31st March, 1917. The operations of the Miner's Phthisis Act, 1915, and the War Pensicrs Act, 1915, for the same period are also embodied. The following summaries show at a glance the position at the close of each year:—

Pensions in Force and Annual Value.

			At 31st M	arch, 1916.	At 31st March, 1917.			
	**************************************		Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.		
				£		£		
Old-age			19,804	484,232	19,697	480,559		
Widows			1,890	37,042	2,024	39,386		
Military			1,323	47,628	1,232	44,352		
Miners			120	5,445	23 8	9,984		
War			1,191	55,407	5,169	257,771		
		<u> </u>	24,328	£629,754	28,360	£832,052		

				GROSS	PAYMENTS.		
						1915–16. £	1916–17. £
Old-age						 479,339	480,230
Widows						 36,357	38,016
Military						 48,273	45,674
Miners						 1,509	8,066
War		• •				 13,910	180,389
						£579,388	£752,375
Cost per	head	of popula	tion			 10s. 6d.	13s. 8d.
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WAR PENSIONS.

The outstanding incident of the period covered by this report was the placing of the administration of the War Pensions Act, which received the Governor's consent on the 4th August, 1915, under the control of the Department. The adjudication of claims thereunder is in the hands of a Board of three members, whose secretary is the chief administrative officer of the Department. The various Registrars of Pensions throughout the Dominion are the medium through which claims for pension are lodged, and any investigation necessary is conducted at Head Office, the records of the Defence Department being largely used in connection therewith. The Board's meetings are mostly held in Wellington, four and often five evening sittings being held weekly. It is recognized, however, that in a large number of soldiers' claims a true appraisement of the permanent disability suffered by the applicant can only be determined by personal interview, and periodical visits are accordingly paid to different parts of the Dominion with the view to obtaining first-hand information before the permanency or otherwise of the pension is determined.

The following summary relates to the total claims lodged :---

	To 31st M	Iarch, 1916.	To 31st March, 1917.		
	Soldiers.	Dependants.	Soldiers.	Dependants	
Pensions granted (permanent and upwards of twelve months)	274	578	1,003	2,075	
Temporary pensions granted	352	10	3.194	258	
Claims declined	84	46	437	250	
Claims on hand	88	47	122	115	
Total claims	798	681	4,756	2,698	

	Officers.	Men.	Total.
Total casualties by death to 31st March, 1917.	. 296	6,081	6,377
Total discharges from Forces to 31st March, 1917	190	7,353	7,543

GROSS ANNUAL VALUES OF ALL PENSIONS GRANTED.

	Total	s to 31st Marc	h, 1916.	Totals to 31st March, 1917.				
	Number.	Annual Value.	Average Pension.	Number.	Annual Value.	Average Pension.		
		£	£		£	£		
Soldiers (permanent and upwards of twelve months)	f 274	14,314	52	1,003	53,087	52		
Widows	. 118	10,563*	89	434	42,916†	98		
Other dependants	460	13,813	30	1,641	47.872	29		
Soldiers (temporary)	362	17,798	49	3,194	185,420	. 58		
Dependants (temporary) .				258	12,900‡	50		
Totals	. 1,214	56,488	46	6,530	342,195	52		
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^{*} Including the pensions of 186 children.

 \dagger Including the pensions of 686 children. pensions of 332 children.

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Including the 1,018 children, the average of the grand total of 7,548 pensions granted to the 31st March, 1917, is £45 per annum.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL LIABILITY AT 31ST MARCH, 1917.

	Nun	$egin{array}{ll} & & & Annual \ & & Value. \ & & \pounds \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Average} \\ \textbf{Pension.} \\ \textbf{\pounds} \end{array}$
Soldiers (permanent and upwards of twelve months)	8	45 43,992	52
Soldiers (temporary)	2,0	83 115,030	55
Widows (including pensions of children)	4	00 39,143	97
Parents and other dependants of deceased soldiers	1,6	67 50,872	30
Dependants (temporary on account of disablement	of		
soldier)	1	74 8,734	50
	5,1	69 £257,771	£49

Included in the above table are the following pensions payable outside of New Zealand:-

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	s	UMMARY	of Pay	MENTS,	191516.			£	
Paid through Lump sums		••	••	••	••	• •		13,235 675	
	Total	••	••	••	••	••	• •	£13,910	
	S	UMMARY	of Pay	MENTS,	1916–17.				£
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workers		••	••	••	•	••	••	81	4,158
Paid by High Commis Other foreign paymen				• •		• •		• •	172,824 3,454 213
Paid by Commonweal Lump sums paid Special payment valid	th Governmen	nt 				•••			152 700 37
Allotments paid after		••	•				•••		3,009 £180,389
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WAR PENSIONS IN AUSTRALIA.

The following figures have been taken from the last published statement, being that for the year ended 30th June, 1916:—

Total claims lodged

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Total claims lodged							14,995
Total claims rejected							1,732
Total claims awaiting de	cision						4,209
Total pensions granted							9,054
Total deaths						36	-,
Total cancellations						264	
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Total soldiers' pensions						3,025	000
Total dependants' pension						4,314	
Total dependants' pension						1,415	
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Total pensions in force a	t 30th J						8.754
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Total pensions for children	en (inclu	une, 1916 ided in al	ove)	• •		••	2,299
Total pensions for childre Annual liability at 30th	en (inclu June, 19	une, 1916 ided in al	ove)	•••			2,299 368,800*
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^{*} Recent cable advices show that the total number of war pensions granted in Australia to 30th June, 1917, was 44,994, with an annual liability of £1,638,699, the average pension being £31.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

		1915–16	3.		1916–17.		
	Europear	ı,	Maori.	at the same of the	European.	Ma	ori.
New pensions granted	2,137		131		1,725		98
Deaths	1,475		64		1,545		35
Cancellations	260		17		296		24
Pensions in force at close of year	19,057		747	,	18,941	75	56
			,		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 te		ation			1.73		1.72
European population, 65 and over (estimate)	mated)				51,110		51,647
Percentage of European pensioners to t	hese				32%		32%
Female European population, 60 to 64	(estimated)			15,757		18,302
Percentage of European pensioners, 60	to 64, to tl	nese			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	9	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 Depar	tment				£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 En	dowment				••	£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 Pensio	ns.	Inv	alid 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 pension	ers				 45,827			6,742
Annual liability	••			• •	 £2,302,742		£	597,610
Payments for year (old	age and	invalid)		• •	 			£2,891,597
Cost of administration			id)	• •	 			£44,401

WIDOWS' PENSIONS.

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New claims lodged						1915-1 483	
New claims rejected				• •		78	
Annual liability at close of year	ar					£37,042	
Average pension Gross expenditure for year			• •	• •	• •	£19 11s £36,357	
Cost per head of population				• •	• •	7d	
Increase on figures of previous	s year		• • •	• •		£4,738	£1,659
Refunds paid to Public Accou						£81	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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Average of family under fourt	een					2.4	
Total claims lodged t	to date						3,885
Total claims establish	hed			• •		• •	3,192
Total number of child Total deaths	dren benê	efited	• •	• •	• •	• •	8,030 · 44
Total guardians appo	ointed	• •	••	• •	• •	• • •	32
Total cancellations		• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •		1,156
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Average pension				• •		£36	£36
Gross expenditure for year			• •	•		£48,273	
Cost per head of population Decrease on figures of previou	s vear		• •	• •	• •	10d	. 9d. £2,599
Pensioners in homes and hosp	$itals \dots$	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	44	
Amount paid to controlling au	ithorities					£1,806	£1,665
Absolutely forfeited instalment		noid		• •	• •	£332	
Instalments forfeited and subs		paid	• •	• •	• •	£252	
Total claims lodged t		• •	• •	• •	.,	• •	1,834
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Total cancellations	• •	• •	• •	• • •	• •	• •	2
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MINERS' PENSIONS.

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APPENDIX.

1. Number of War Pensions in Force at each Rate on 31st March, 1917.

	Rate (nearest £1).		Soldiers	. · ·	Wives and	On Account of Death.				
Rate (n	iearest i	£1).	(Permanent and upwards of Twelve Months).	Soldiers (temporary).	Parents on Account of Disablement.	Widows (including Child- ren's Pensions).	Parents and other Dependants.			
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То	tals		845	2,083	174	400	1,667			

II. DISSECTIONS OF TOTAL WAR PENSIONS CANCELLED TO 31ST MARCH, 1917.

			Dependants.					
Reason for Cancellation.		Soldiers.	On Account of Dis- ablement.	On Account of Death				
Death		20	1	24				
Soldier no longer incapacitated		1,029	67					
Soldier re-enlisted		58	2					
Soldier fit for service		15	4					
Surrendered		64	5					
No trace at renewal		46	4					
Under section 19 of 1915 Act		6		3				
No proof of relationship		• •	1					
Husband alive				4				
Child of age				2				
Remarried		• •		6				
		1, 23 8	84	39				
		<u></u>	1,361					

III.—Dissection of Rejected War-pension Claims (Soldiers') to 31st March, 1917.

Reason for Rejection.	Oversea Cases.	New Zealand Cases.	Cases. Totals.		
fot incapacitated	. 169	12	181		
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	. 5	2	7		
	7	4	11		
22 J 2022 J	. 1	1	2		
Gastritis	1	2	3		
Chronic appendicitis	2	3	5		
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Injury to hand, arm, or shoulder.	. 6	4	10		
	1	1	2		
	18	10	28		
Amputation leg		1	1		
Amputation toe	1		1		
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Venereal disease	14	5	19		
	341	96	437		

IV.—Dissection of Rejected War-pension Claims (Dependants') to 31st March, 1917.

Reason for Rejection.	Wife.	Widow.	Mother	Father.	Stepmother.	Mother of Illegiti- mate Child.	Grandiather.	Son over 16.	Guardian of Child.	Brother.	Sister.	Stepsister.	Sister-in-law.	Aunt.	Niece.	Guardian of Niece.	Dependant living as Wife.	Totals.
Income and property	4	1	45	47	1			- 1		3	8				1			111
No evidence of dependency			10	11					1	1	20	1	2	3		1	1	51
Death of soldier not due to service	٠	6	2	1			1					٠						40
Disability of soldier not due to service	18								1		!							18
Soldier not incapacitated	11		3	1														15
Section 15 of 1916 Act (habits)		4	2		1.								!					6
No contract to marry	30			!														30
Soldier not a member of New Zealand Forces			1	- 1														2
Soldier not discharged	1											!						1
Withdrawn by applicant		1	3			- 1		11										5
Applicant deceased			al															1
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Total	64	12	67	61	1	ı	- 1	- 1	- 1	4	28	1	2	3.	1	1	1	250
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V. RETURN OF RELATIONSHIPS OF DEPENDENT APPLICANTS FOR WAR PENSION TO 31ST MARCH, 1917.

Relationship.			No.	Relationship.			No.
Wife		 	36 0	Brother	 		10
Widow		 	424	Sister	 		96
Father		 	34 0	Guardian of sister	 		3
Mother		 	1,360	Guardian of brother	 		2
Guardian		 	5	Guardian of niece	 		1
Mother-in-law		 	3	Step-sister	 		2
Stepfather		 	- 1	Sister-in-law	 		4
Stepmother		 	7	Aunt	 		9
Grandfather		 	2	Uncle	 		2
Grandmother		 	3	Niece	 		1
Foster-mother		 	2	Not a relative	 		3
Guardian of children		 	3 8				
Mother of illegitimate	e child	 	19	Total	 	2	2,698
Stepdaughter		 	1 .				-

VI. Pensions granted, Deaths, and Cancellations in each Year, with Number in Force and Annual Variation.

Year ending 31st March.		Number of Pensions granted.	Deaths.	Cancella- tions.	In Force at End of Year.	Increase.	Decrease		
					Old-age.	:			
ഹവ				1 77 4077 1	38	c	7,443		1
.899 1900 -	• •	•••	• •	7,487 4,699	786	$\begin{array}{c} 0$	11,285	3,84 2	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
901		• •			815	$29\overline{2}$	12,406		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
	• •	• •	'	2,227				1,1 2 0 371	•••
902	• •		• •	1,694	935	388	12,776		295
903	• •	• •	• •	1,391	1,064	622	12,481	• •	1
904		• •	• •	1,063	928	690	11,926	• •	555
905	• •	• •	• •	1,210	890	476	11,770		156
906	• •	• •	• •	2 ,075	1,038	225	12,58 2	812	• • •
907	• •	• •	• • •	2,031	1,097	259	13,257	675	• •
908	• •	• •		1,740	1,189	2 39	13,569	312	
909	• •	• •		2,113	1,112	174	14,396	8 2 7	
910	• •			2,304	1,169	2 11	15,3 2 0	924	• • •
911				2 ,399	1,423	2 76	16,020	700	
91 2			• •	2 ,318	1,469	220	16,649	6 2 9	
913				2,072	1,569	643	16,509		140
914				3,320	1,479	300	18,050	1,541	
915				3,158	1,582	2 74	19,352	1,302	
916				2,268	1,539	277	19,804	45 2	
917	• •	• •	• •	1,8 2 3	1,610	32 0	19,697		107
	Totals	••	• •	47,392	21,732	5,963		••	
					Widows'.				
912				791		3	788		
913	• •	••	• •	657	3	1 2 9	1,313	5 2 5	''
914	• •	• •	• •	421	1	193	1,540	22 7	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
915	• •	• •	• •	458	$\overset{\scriptscriptstyle{1}}{2}$	208	1,788	248	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
916	• •	• •	• •	144	4	338	1,890	102	
$\frac{310}{917}$	• •	• •	• •	421	2	2 85	2,024	134	
911	• •		• •			200	2,021	101	<u> </u>
	Totals	• •	• •	3,192	. 12	1,156	1	• •	
					Military.				
913				577	9		568	• •	
914				747	74	1	1,240	672	• •
915				256	108		1,388	148	
916		• •		60	124	1	1,323		65
917		• •		16	101		1,232	••	91
	Totals	• •	••	1,650	416	2		• •	
					Miners'.				i ju
916				120		1	120	• •	
917	• • •			153	35		23 8	118	
•	Totals			273	35			- •	
					War.				
916				1,214	1	22	1,191		
917				5,316	44	1,294	5,169	3,978	
	Totals			6,530	45	1,316		••	

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