

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS, 1917-18.

	£	£
Paid through Post Office (£504,274, less outstandings £27) .. .. .	..	504,247
Less payments on account of Commonwealth pensions	8,631	
Less payments on account of Canadian pensions	236	
Less payments on account of Imperial Government to dependants of munition workers	320	
		9,187
		495,060
Paid by High Commissioner in London .. .. .	..	12,567
Other foreign payments .. .. .	..	294
Paid by Commonwealth Government .. .. .	..	2,925
Lump sums paid .. .. .	..	105
Allotments paid after casualty (subsequently charged to war pensions) .. .. .	..	4,494
		<u>£515,445</u>

SUMMARY OF TOTAL ACTUAL PAYMENTS TO 31ST MARCH, 1918.

	£
From 1st September, 1915, to 31st March, 1916	13,910
Year 1916-17	180,389
Year 1917-18	515,445
	<u>£709,744</u>

INCREASES UNDER AMENDMENT ACT, 1917.

Summary of yearly values of increases affecting pensions in force when Act came into force—
i.e., on 1st January, 1918:—

	£
Disablement pensions (soldiers)	21,900
Disablement pensions (wives)	2,700
Widows' pensions	25,000
Children's pensions	8,900
Widowed mothers' pensions	5,200
Permanent pensions (soldiers)	1,000
Pensions for attendants	250
Supplementary pensions (soldiers)	1,500
Supplementary pensions (widows)	500
On account of marriages after discharge	750
Section 16 (aggravated cases)	1,000
Camp cases (leave without pay)	1,500
Total	<u>£70,200</u>

OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

	European.	Maori.	Total.
Pensions in force at 31st March, 1917	18,941	756	19,697
New pensions granted, 1917-18	2,037	109	2,146
Deaths during 1917-18	1,467	68	
Cancellations, 1917-18	324	24	1,883
Net increase .. .. .	..	..	263
Pensions in force at 31st March, 1918	19,187	773	19,960
Year 1917-18.			
Total European population at 31st March, 1918 .. .. .	..	..	1,104,783
Total European pensioners, 65 and over, at 31st March, 1918 .. .. .	..	..	16,799
Female European pensioners, 60 to 64, at 31st March, 1918 .. .. .	..	..	2,388
Percentage of European pensioners to total European population .. .. .	..	..	1.73
New claims lodged .. .. .	..	..	2,841
New claims rejected .. .. .	..	..	586
Annual liability at 31st March, 1918 (statutory pension) .. .. .	..	..	£481,369
Annual liability at 31st March, 1918 (including allowance under Finance Act, 1917) .. .. .	..	..	£704,849
Average pension (statutory) .. .. .	..	..	£24
Average pension (total) .. .. .	..	..	£37
Gross expenditure for year (statutory pension) .. .. .	..	..	£502,085
Gross expenditure for year (including allowance under Finance Act, 1917) .. .. .	..	..	£643,177
Increase on figures of previous year .. .. .	..	..	£162,947
Cost per head of European population .. .. .	..	..	11s. 7d.
Credit from National Endowment .. .. .	..	..	£30,148
Refunds paid to Public Account .. .. .	..	..	£566