

						Year 1917-18.
Number of pensioners in homes and hospitals	..	..	..	..	..	847
Amount paid to controlling authorities of these	..	..	..	..	..	£31,283
Number of pensioners in mental hospitals	..	..	..	..	..	101
Amount paid to Mental Hospitals Department on account of these	..	..	..	..	..	£2,856
Absolutely forfeited instalments	..	..	..	..	..	£2,771
Instalments forfeited and subsequently paid	..	..	..	..	..	£2,813
Total claims lodged to date	..	..	..	..	..	63,472
Total claims established	..	..	..	..	..	49,538
Total deaths	..	..	..	..	..	23,267
Total cancellations	..	..	..	..	..	6,311
Grand total paid since 1898	..	..	..	..	..	£6,452,757
Total credit from National Endowment	..	..	..	..	..	£202,521

WIDOWS' PENSIONS.

						European.	Maori.	Total.
Pensions in force at 31st March, 1917	..	..	..	..	..	1,981	43	2,024
New pensions granted 1917-18..	..	..	..	..	..	498	11	509
Cancellations during 1917-18	..	..	..	..	..	336	5	341
Net increase	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	168
Pensions in force at 31st March, 1918	..	..	..	..	..	2,143	49	2,192
Total children in receipt of pensions at 31st March, 1918	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,099

						Year 1917-18.		
New claims lodged	577
New claims rejected	72
Annual liability at close of year (statutory pension)	£43,872
Annual liability at close of year (including allowance under Finance Act, 1917)	£73,872
Average pension (statutory)	£20
Average pension (total)	£33
Gross expenditure for year (statutory pension)	£41,986
Gross expenditure for year (including allowance under Finance Act, 1917)	£57,952
Increase on figures of previous year	£19,936
Cost per head of European population	1s.
Refunds paid to Public Account	£20
Absolutely forfeited instalments	£325
Instalments forfeited and subsequently paid	£444
Average of total family of pensioner..	3.6
Average of family under fourteen	2.3
Total claims lodged to date	4,462
Total claims established	3,701
Total number of children benefited	9,228
Total deaths	53
Total guardians appointed	35
Total cancellations	1,491
Grand total paid to date	£215,098

TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN ON WHOSE ACCOUNT PENSION GRANTED.

						Number of Pensioners.	Children under Fourteen.
1911-12	..	..	..	..	..	791	1,923
1912-13	..	..	..	..	..	657	1,604
1913-14	..	..	..	..	..	421	1,090
1914-15	..	..	..	..	..	458	1,158
1915-16	..	..	..	..	..	444	1,180
1916-17	..	..	..	..	..	421	1,075
1917-18	..	..	..	..	..	509	1,198
Totals	..	..	..	..	..	3,701	9,228

MILITARY PENSIONS.

						European.	Maori.	Total.
Pensions in force at 31st March, 1917	..	..	..	..	..	955	277	1,232
Deaths during 1917-18	..	..	..	..	..	83	20	103
New pensions granted 1917-18	..	..	..	..	..	3	21	24
Net decrease	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	79
Pensions in force at 31st March, 1918	..	..	..	..	..	875	278	1,153