

	1917-18.
Number of pensioners previously in receipt of old-age pension	292
New claims lodged	26
Annual liability at close of year (statutory pension)	£41,508
Annual liability at close of year (including allowance under Finance Act, 1917)	£53,208
Average pension (statutory)	£36
Average pension (total)	£46
Gross expenditure for year	£50,734
Cost per head of European population	11d.
Increase on figures of previous year	£5,060
Pensioners in homes and hospitals	50
Amount paid to controlling authorities of these	£2,192
Absolutely forfeited instalments	£303
Instalments forfeited and subsequently paid	£358
Total claims lodged to date	1,860
Total claims established	1,674
Total deaths	519
Total cancellations	2
Grand total paid to date	£225,425

MINERS' PENSIONS.

Pensions in force at 31st March, 1917	238
New pensions granted 1917-18	91
Deaths during 1917-18	34)
Cancellations, 1917-18	25)
Net increase	—
Pensions in force at 31st March, 1918	270
	1917-18.
New claims lodged	114
New claims rejected	30
Annual liability at close of year (statutory pension)	£10,972
Annual liability at close of year (including allowance under Finance Act, 1917)	£13,572
Average pension (statutory)	£40
Average pension (total)	£50
Gross expenditure for year (statutory pension)	£11,968
Gross expenditure for year (including allowance under Finance Act, 1917)	£13,275
Increase on figures of previous year	£5,209
Cost per head of European population	2½d.
Credit to vote from gold duty	£4,703
Absolutely forfeited instalments	£79
Instalments forfeited and subsequently paid	£109
Total claims lodged to date	427
Total claims established	364
Total claims rejected	51
Total deaths	69
Total amount paid to date	£22,850
Total credit from gold duty	£11,403
Total amount paid on account of funeral expenses	£738

NUMBER OF PENSIONS AT EACH RATE GRANTED SINCE COMMENCEMENT.

	Annual Value.
	£
147 at £52 per annum	7,644
76 at £39	2,964
140 at £32 10s.	4,550
1 at £50	50
364	£15,208

AGES (IN GROUPS) OF PENSIONERS AT 31ST MARCH, 1918.

Ages.	Miners.	Widows.
32-40	5	10
41-50	20	38
51-60	31	37
61-64	16	13
65-70	35	14
Over 70	45	6
	152	118
	270	