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PENSIONS DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1918.

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.

SIR,—
Pensions Department, Wellington, 31st October, 1918.
I have the honour to furnish herewith, for the information of Parliament, the report of the Department relating to old-age, widows', military (Maori War), miners', and war pensions for the year ended 31st March, 1918. The following summaries show at a glance the position at the close of the year:—

PENSIONS IN FORCE AND ANNUAL VALUE AT 31ST MARCH, 1918.

| | | | | Number of Pensions. | Statutory Pensions. | Allowances under Finance Act, 1917. | Total Pensions. | Average Pension. | |
|----------|----|----|----|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------|
| | | | | | | | | Statutory. | Total. |
| | | | | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Old-age | .. | .. | .. | 19,960 | 481,369 | 259,480 | 740,849 | 24 | 37 |
| Widows' | .. | .. | .. | 2,192 | 43,872 | 30,000 | 73,872 | 20 | 33 |
| Military | .. | .. | .. | 1,153 | 41,508 | 11,700 | 53,208 | 36 | 46 |
| Miners' | .. | .. | .. | 270 | 10,972 | 2,600 | 13,572 | 40 | 50 |
| War | .. | .. | .. | 14,497 | 904,383 | .. | 904,383 | 62 | 62 |
| Totals | .. | .. | .. | 38,072 | 1,482,104 | 303,780 | 1,785,884 | .. | .. |

GROSS PAYMENTS, YEAR 1917-18.

| | | | | | Statutory Pensions. | Allowances under Finance Act, 1917. | Total Pensions. |
|----------|----|----|----|----|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| | | | | | £ | £ | £ |
| Old-age | .. | .. | .. | .. | 502,085 | 141,092 | 643,177 |
| Widows' | .. | .. | .. | .. | 41,986 | 15,966 | 57,952 |
| Military | .. | .. | .. | .. | 44,840 | 5,894 | 50,734 |
| Miners' | .. | .. | .. | .. | 11,968 | 1,307 | 13,275 |
| War | .. | .. | .. | .. | 515,445 | .. | 515,445 |
| Totals | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1,116,324 | 164,259* | 1,280,583 |

* Six and a half months' payments only.

Cost per head of European population, £1 3s. 2d.

WAR PENSIONS LEGISLATION.

During the year the war-pensions legislation inaugurated in 1915 and amended in 1916 was further amended by a comprehensive measure the varied provisions of which, taking effect as from the 1st January, 1918, brought about as an immediate result an increase in the annual appropriation for war pensions of a sum exceeding £70,000 per annum. Chief among these provisions were—

- (1.) An increase for all ranks of 5s. weekly in respect of total-disability pensions, associated with which is the increase of all pensions payable to wives of totally disabled soldiers to one-half of that payable to the soldier for total disablement.
- (2.) An increase of 5s. weekly for all ranks to widows of soldiers.
- (3.) A further increase of 10s. weekly for all ranks to widows with children of the pension age.
- (4.) An increase of 2s. 6d. weekly in respect of children's pensions, whether on account of total disablement or death.
- (5.) An increase in the pensions payable to widowed mothers of soldiers.
- (6.) Supplementary pensions up to £1 weekly to disabled soldiers where earning-capacity precludes the enjoyment of pre-war standard of living.
- (7.) Supplementary pensions up to 15s. weekly to widows in certain cases.
- (8.) An increase to £1 weekly in the amount payable for an attendant to a disabled soldier.
- (9.) The enactment of a schedule of minimum pensions for specific injuries.
- (10.) Extension of period after discharge to two years during which marriages may be recognized for disability pensions.
- (11.) Power to increase Imperial pensions to New Zealand rates in cases of Imperial Reservists mobilized in New Zealand, and of enlistments in New Zealand.

It is possible under these provisions for a private soldier whose pre-war earnings reached £5 a week, and his wife, to receive such an amount by way of pension, and there is at present on record a case being paid by the Department as follows :—

| | | | | | | £ | s. | d. |
|-------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|------------|----|----|----|
| Total disability pension to soldier | .. | .. | .. | .. | (per week) | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Total disability pension to wife | .. | .. | .. | .. | „ | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Pension for attendant | .. | .. | .. | .. | „ | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Supplementary pension | .. | .. | .. | .. | „ | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | .. | .. | .. | .. | „ | £5 | 0 | 0 |

WAR PENSIONS BOARD.

Owing to the greatly increased number of pensions claims arising from the heavy casualty lists and the more numerous drafts of returned men, the work of the War Pensions Board has become much more strenuous, the pressure being relieved towards the close of the year by the appointment, under last year's legislation, of a new member in the person of a representative of the Returned Soldiers' Association, and of a deputy to act in the absence of any member of the Board. (Since the close of the year the appointment of two additional deputies has become a necessity.)

The policy laid down by the Board of obtaining first-hand information regarding the disabilities of soldiers has been followed throughout the year, and visits were paid to the chief centres of population in both Islands. To meet complaints regarding the delay in dealing with original claims from soldiers, two or three thousand of whom landed at one period of the year within a week, the Board instituted a system whereby the Department was authorized, immediately on receipt of a claim from a soldier whose medical papers showed that his earning-capacity was affected by a war disability, to pay a flat-rate allowance of £1 10s. a week pending the Board's decision being obtained. By this means it has been possible to have in the hands of the soldier, not later than the date of his discharge from the Forces, a provisional certificate entitling him to collect an initial instalment of £6 10s. on the 23rd day of the month in which he is discharged. One advantage of this provisional grant to the soldier is that if the pension eventually granted by the Board is greater the balance is made up, and if the grant is less no rebate is asked for.

FINANCE ACT, 1917.

Under this Act, which received the Governor-General's assent on the 15th September, 1917, increases were provided for the period of the war and twelve months thereafter, to meet the cost of living, in regard to the pensions payable under the Pensions Act of 1913 and the Miners' Phthisis Act of 1915, as follows :—

- (1.) On account of old-age pensions—5s. a week additional, making the total pension £39 per annum.
- (2.) On account of widows' pensions—£6 per annum additional for each child, making the maximum for each child £12 per annum.
- (3.) On account of military pensions—5s. a week additional where income does not exceed £200 per annum, making total pension £49 per annum.
- (4.) On account of miners' pensions—5s. a week additional all round, except when increase already available on account of receipt of old-age pension or widow's pension.

These increases commenced with instalments payable on the 23rd September, and of the estimated annual cost of the concessions—namely, £300,000—some £164,000 was paid during the remaining six and a half months of the year. The annual value of these concessions payable at the close of the year was £303,000.

WAR PENSIONS.

TOTAL CLAIMS LODGED TO DATE.

| | | From Soldiers. | From Dependants. | |
|---|---------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| From 1st September, 1915, to 31st March, 1916 | .. | 798 | 681 | |
| Year 1916-17 | | 3,958 | 2,017 | |
| Year 1917-18 | | 8,148 | 3,754 | |
| Totals | | 12,904 | 6,452 | |
| | | | | |
| Total casualties by death (including missing) to 31st March, 1918 | .. | Officers. 513 | Men. 11,424 | Total. 11,937 |
| Total discharges from Forces to 31st March, 1918 | .. | 567 | 14,199 | 14,766 |

GROSS ANNUAL VALUE OF ALL PENSIONS GRANTED TO DATE.

| | No. | Annual Value. £ | Average Pension. £ |
|---|---------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| From 1st September, 1915, to 31st March, 1916 | 1,214 | 56,488 | 46 |
| Year 1916-17 | 5,316 | 285,707 | 53 |
| Year 1917-18 | 10,587 | 709,857 | 67 |
| | 17,117 | £1,052,052 | £61 |
| Increase under 1917 Act | .. | 70,200 | .. |
| Totals | 17,117* | £1,122,252 | £65 |

* The number of pensions granted as shown herein does not include children's pensions, the values of which, however, form part of the pensions payable to parents (or guardians), and are included in the total values above.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL LIABILITY AT 31ST MARCH, 1918.

| Class of Pension. | Number. | Annual Value. | Average Pension. |
|---|---------|---------------|------------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| Soldiers (permanent) | 900 | 43,703 | 48 |
| Soldiers (temporary) | 8,405 | 572,023 | 68 |
| Widows of soldiers | 1,099 | 133,547* | 121 |
| Other dependants of deceased soldiers | 3,265 | 109,619 | 33 |
| Wives and other dependants of disabled soldiers | 828 | 45,491† | 54 |
| Totals | 14,497 | 904,383 | 62 |

* Including the pensions of 1,386 children.

† Including the pensions of 988 children.

Including the 2,374 children, the average of the grand total of 16,871 pensions in force on the 31st March, 1918, is £53 per annum.

RETURN SHOWING NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER SIXTEEN IN RECEIPT OF PENSIONS AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1918, GROUPED IN FAMILIES.

| Number of Children in Family. | | | | | | Deceased Soldiers. | | Disabled Soldiers. | |
|-------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | Number. | Total Children. | Number. | Total Children |
| 9 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 9 | .. | .. |
| 8 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 16 | .. | .. |
| 7 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4 | 28 | 4 | 28 |
| 6 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 11 | 66 | 8 | 48 |
| 5 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 15 | 75 | 21 | 105 |
| 4 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 47 | 188 | 47 | 188 |
| 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 92 | 276 | 71 | 213 |
| 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 171 | 342 | 107 | 214 |
| 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 386 | 386 | 192 | 192 |
| Totals | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1,386 | .. | 988 |

There are 370 widows of soldiers in receipt of pensions who have no children.

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 |

| | | | | | | 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 |

| | |
|---|----------|
| | 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 | — |
| | 32 |
| 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 | |

COST OF ADMINISTRATION.

| | £ |
|---|---------|
| Salaries | 8,957 |
| Contribution to Post Office | 3,750 |
| Fees for certificates of age | 6 |
| Honoraria of members of War Pensions Board | 185 |
| Interpreters' fees | 3 |
| Light, firing, and water | 17 |
| Medical fees | 3,577 |
| Office requisites | 140 |
| Postage and telegrams | 1,408 |
| Printing and stationery | 980 |
| Telephones | 81 |
| Travelling-expenses | 749 |
| Contingencies | 786 |
| Allowances to officers temporarily performing higher duties | 52 |
| War bonus | 463 |
| | <hr/> |
| | £21,154 |
| | <hr/> |
| Number of officers on staff at 31st March, 1918 | 93 |
| Percentage of cost of administration to total expenditure for year (£1,280,585) | 1.65 |

ROLL OF HONOUR.

LIST OF OFFICERS WITH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Morgan, G. O., killed in action (Gallipoli), 11th May, 1915. | |
| Robertson, A. W., killed in action (France), 22nd June, 1916. | |
| McBride, D. J., killed in action (France), 7th June, 1917. | |
| Keddell, P. A., wounded (France), 2nd October, 1916. | |
| Fortune, G. A., wounded (France), 1918. | |
| Murphy, B. E. | Dunn, C. |
| Parfitt, A. H. | Harris, H. |
| Fulton, E. W. | McEldowney, E. J. |
| Smythe, R. P. | McKinnon, L. |
| Smith, H. D. | McLean, W. H. |
| Waters, B. F. | Boyes, J. H. |
| Cunningham, P. | |

G. C. FACHE,
Commissioner of Pensions.

APPENDIX.

TABLE I.—NUMBER OF WAR PENSIONS IN FORCE AT EACH RATE ON 31ST MARCH, 1918.

| Rate (nearest £1). | Soldiers (Permanent). | Soldiers (temporary). | Wives and Parents on Account of Disablement. | On Account of Death. | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|
| | | | | Widows (including Child- ren's Pensions). | Parents and other Dependants. |
| £ £ | | | | | |
| 301-340 | .. | .. | .. | 6 | .. |
| 276-300 | .. | .. | .. | 10 | .. |
| 251-275 | .. | .. | .. | 12 | .. |
| 241-250 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. |
| 231-240 | .. | .. | 1 | 16 | .. |
| 221-230 | .. | .. | .. | 10 | .. |
| 211-220 | .. | .. | .. | 8 | .. |
| 201-210 | .. | 1 | .. | 37 | .. |
| 191-200 | .. | .. | .. | 19 | .. |
| 181-190 | .. | .. | 3 | 72 | .. |
| 171-180 | .. | 1 | .. | 5 | .. |
| 161-170 | .. | 1 | .. | 37 | .. |
| 151-160 | 5 | 13 | 11 | 107 | .. |
| 141-150 | .. | .. | 3 | 11 | .. |
| 131-140 | 1 | 9 | 20 | 249 | .. |
| 121-130 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. |
| 111-120 | .. | 56 | 18 | 34 | 2 |
| 101-110 | 6 | 2,203 | 33 | 10 | 3 |
| 96-100 | .. | 3 | 5 | .. | 6 |
| 90-95 | 8 | 136 | 13 | 2 | 2 |
| 88 | 5 | .. | .. | 5 | .. |
| 84 | 2 | 4 | 9 | .. | .. |
| 83 | 41 | .. | .. | 28 | .. |
| 81 | .. | .. | 3 | 21 | 2 |
| 78 | 87 | 1,361 | 94 | 278 | 67 |
| 72 | 5 | 1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 71 | 5 | 1 | 3 | .. | .. |
| 68 | 1 | 1 | 4 | .. | .. |
| 65 | 56 | 631 | 41 | 3 | 41 |
| 62 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 58 | 12 | .. | 26 | .. | 7 |
| 55 | .. | .. | 3 | .. | 1 |
| 52 | 234 | 2,316 | 137 | 18 | 222 |
| 48 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 1 |
| 47 | 11 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 45 | 2 | .. | 19 | .. | 3 |
| 44 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 |
| 42 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 15 |
| 41 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 40 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 20 |
| 39 | 147 | 668 | 122 | 16 | 945 |
| 35 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. |
| 34 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 32 | 18 | 1 | 34 | .. | 9 |
| 30 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 |
| 26 | 226 | 984 | 187 | 81 | 1,849 |
| 21 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 20 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 8 |
| 19 | 14 | 4 | 22 | .. | 26 |
| 18 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 3 |
| 15 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4 |
| 13 | 8 | 7 | 12 | 1 | 11 |
| 12 and under .. | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | 11 |
| Totals .. | 900 | 8,405 | 828 | 1,099 | 3,265 |

TABLE II. —DISSECTION OF WAR PENSIONS CANCELLED, YEAR 1917-18.

| Reason for Cancellation. | Soldiers' Pensions. | Dependants' Pensions. | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| | | On Account of Dis- ablement. | On Account of Death. |
| Pensioner dead | 47 | 4 | 35 |
| Soldier no longer incapacitated .. | 780 | 318 | .. |
| Soldier re-enlisted | 56 | 1 | .. |
| Surrendered | .. | .. | 8 |
| No application for renewal | 141 | 4 | .. |
| Renewal not required | 40 | 2 | .. |
| Soldier alive | .. | .. | 8 |
| Remarried | .. | .. | 8 |
| Convictions for crime | 7 | .. | 2 |
| Totals | 1,071 | 329 | 61 |
| | | 1,461 | |

The number of previously cancelled pensions reinstated during the year was 202.

TABLE III.—DISSECTION OF REJECTED WAR-PENSION CLAIMS (SOLDIERS'), YEAR 1917-18.

| Reason for Rejection. | Oversea Cases. | New Zealand Cases. | Totals. |
|---|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| Not incapacitated | 50 | 12 | 62 |
| Not under Act | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Re-enlisted | 1 | .. | 1 |
| Withdrawn by applicant | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Not discharged from Forces | 9 | .. | 9 |
| Deceased since claim lodged | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Left New Zealand | 1 | .. | 1 |
| Incapacity not due to nor aggravated by service— | | | |
| Rheumatism | 13 | 15 | 28 |
| Phthisis | 6 | 5 | 11 |
| Asthma | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| Pleurisy | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Goitre and throat troubles | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Stomach and kidney troubles | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| Gastritis | 1 | 8 | 9 |
| Chronic appendicitis | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Hernia | 7 | 5 | 12 |
| Sciatica | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Heart | 9 | 9 | 18 |
| Spinal trouble | 3 | .. | 3 |
| Epilepsy | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| Mental | 7 | 6 | 13 |
| Neurasthenia | 4 | 7 | 11 |
| Insomnia | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Eyesight defective | 47 | 5 | 52 |
| Deafness and ear trouble | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| Injury to hand, arm, or shoulder .. | 15 | 6 | 21 |
| Flat feet | 10 | 1 | 11 |
| Injury to foot or leg | 29 | 17 | 46 |
| Amputation, toe | 1 | .. | 1 |
| Synovitis | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Hæmorrhoids | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Debility | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| Defective chest-measurement | 1 | .. | 1 |
| Bronchitis | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Hydrocele | .. | 1 | 1 |
| Eczema | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Varicose veins | 11 | 8 | 19 |
| Chronic alcoholism | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Self-inflicted wound | 1 | .. | 1 |
| Venereal disease | 19 | 1 | 20 |
| Accident to head | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Over age | 26 | 5 | 31 |
| Totals | 321 | 152 | 473 |

TABLE IV.—DISSECTION OF REJECTED WAR-PENSION CLAIMS (DEPENDANTS), YEAR 1917-18.

| Reason for Rejection. | Wife. | Widow. | Mother. | Father. | Stepmother. | Grandfather. | Grandmother. | Guardian of Child. | Brother. | Sister. | Daughter over 16. | Aunt. | Uncle. | No Relationship. | Dependant living as Wife. | Totals. |
|---|-------|--------|---------|---------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|----------|---------|-------------------|-------|--------|------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Income and property | .. | .. | 39 | 33 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 15 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 90 |
| No evidence of dependency | .. | .. | 20 | 45 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 39 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 143 |
| Death of soldier not due to service .. | .. | .. | 8 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 12 |
| Disability of soldier not due to service .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| Soldier not incapacitated | .. | 81 | .. | 4 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 85 |
| Section 15 of 1916 Act (habits) | .. | 1 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4 |
| No contract to marry | .. | 43 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 43 |
| Soldier not a member of New Zealand Forces .. | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 |
| Soldier not discharged | .. | 3 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4 |
| Withdrawn by applicant | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| Applicant deceased | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| Totals | 329 | 11 | 69 | 78 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 4 | 54 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 386 |

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TABLE V.—PENSIONS GRANTED, DEATHS, AND CANCELLATIONS IN EACH YEAR, WITH NUMBER IN FORCE AND ANNUAL VARIATION.

| Year ending 31st March. | Number of Pensions granted. | Deaths. | Cancellations. | In Force at End of Year. | Increase. | Decrease. |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| <i>Old-age.</i> | | | | | | |
| 1899 | 7,487 | 38 | 6 | 7,443 | .. | .. |
| 1900 | 4,699 | 786 | 71 | 11,285 | 3,842 | .. |
| 1901 | 2,227 | 815 | 292 | 12,406 | 1,120 | .. |
| 1902 | 1,694 | 935 | 388 | 12,776 | 371 | .. |
| 1903 | 1,391 | 1,064 | 622 | 12,481 | .. | 295 |
| 1904 | 1,063 | 928 | 690 | 11,926 | .. | 555 |
| 1905 | 1,210 | 890 | 476 | 11,770 | .. | 156 |
| 1906 | 2,075 | 1,038 | 225 | 12,582 | 812 | .. |
| 1907 | 2,031 | 1,097 | 259 | 13,257 | 675 | .. |
| 1908 | 1,740 | 1,189 | 239 | 13,569 | 312 | .. |
| 1909 | 2,113 | 1,112 | 174 | 14,396 | 827 | .. |
| 1910 | 2,304 | 1,169 | 211 | 15,320 | 924 | .. |
| 1911 | 2,399 | 1,423 | 276 | 16,020 | 700 | .. |
| 1912 | 2,318 | 1,469 | 220 | 16,649 | 629 | .. |
| 1913 | 2,072 | 1,569 | 643 | 16,509 | .. | 140 |
| 1914 | 3,320 | 1,479 | 300 | 18,050 | 1,541 | .. |
| 1915 | 3,158 | 1,582 | 274 | 19,352 | 1,302 | .. |
| 1916 | 2,268 | 1,539 | 277 | 19,804 | 452 | .. |
| 1917 | 1,823 | 1,610 | 320 | 19,697 | .. | 107 |
| 1918 | 2,146 | 1,535 | 348 | 19,960 | 263 | .. |
| Totals | 49,538 | 23,267 | 6,311 | .. | .. | .. |
| <i>Widows'.</i> | | | | | | |
| 1912 | 791 | .. | 3 | 788 | .. | .. |
| 1913 | 657 | 3 | 129 | 1,313 | 525 | .. |
| 1914 | 421 | 1 | 193 | 1,540 | 227 | .. |
| 1915 | 458 | 2 | 208 | 1,788 | 248 | .. |
| 1916 | 444 | 4 | 338 | 1,890 | 102 | .. |
| 1917 | 421 | 2 | 285 | 2,024 | 131 | .. |
| 1918 | 509 | 6 | 335 | 2,192 | 168 | .. |
| Totals | 3,701 | 18 | 1,491 | .. | .. | .. |

TABLE V.—PENSIONS GRANTED, DEATHS, AND CANCELLATIONS IN EACH YEAR, WITH NUMBER IN FORCE AND ANNUAL VARIATION—*continued*.

| Year ending 31st March. | | | | Number of Pensions granted. | Deaths. | Cancellations. | In Force at End of Year. | Increase. | Decrease. |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|-----------------------------------|---------|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| <i>Military.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1913 | .. | .. | .. | 577 | 9 | .. | 568 | .. | .. |
| 1914 | .. | .. | .. | 747 | 74 | 1 | 1,240 | 672 | .. |
| 1915 | .. | .. | .. | 256 | 108 | .. | 1,388 | 148 | .. |
| 1916 | .. | .. | .. | 60 | 124 | 1 | 1,323 | .. | 65 |
| 1917 | .. | .. | .. | 10 | 101 | .. | 1,232 | .. | 91 |
| 1918 | .. | .. | .. | 24 | 103 | .. | 1,153 | .. | 79 |
| Totals | .. | .. | .. | 1,674 | 519 | 2 | .. | .. | .. |
| <i>Miners'.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1916 | .. | .. | .. | 120 | .. | .. | 120 | .. | .. |
| 1917 | .. | .. | .. | 153 | 35 | .. | 238 | 118 | .. |
| 1918 | .. | .. | .. | 91 | 34 | 25 | 270 | 32 | .. |
| Totals | .. | .. | .. | 364 | 69 | 25 | .. | .. | .. |
| <i>War.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1916 | .. | .. | .. | 1,214 | 1 | 22 | 1,191 | .. | .. |
| 1917 | .. | .. | .. | 5,316 | 44 | 1,294 | 5,169 | 3,978 | .. |
| 1918 | .. | .. | .. | 10,587 | 86 | 1,173 | 14,497 | 9,328 | .. |
| Totals | .. | .. | .. | 17,117 | 131 | 2,489 | .. | .. | .. |

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