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NEW ZEALAND.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
PENSIONS DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1925.

*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, 30th June, 1925.  
I have the honour to furnish herewith, for the information of Parliament, the report of the Department relating to war, old-age, widows', Maori War, miners', epidemic, blind, and sundry pensions for the year ended 31st March, 1925.  
The following comparative statements relate to the annual value and gross payments of all pensions administered by the Department for the past two years :—

PENSIONS IN FORCE, AND ANNUAL VALUE.

Class of Pension.	At 31st March, 1924.		At 31st March, 1925.	
	Number.	Annual Value.	Number.	Annual Value.
		£		£
War .. .. .	23,166	1,213,126	21,318	1,140 168
Old-age .. .. .	21,468	780,664	22,062	850,795
Widows' .. .. .	3,526	209,739	3,598	281,141
Maori War .. .. .	589	28,861	519	25,431
Miners' .. .. .	580	36,634	607	37,934
Epidemic .. .. .	457	25,886	365	16,226
Boer War .. .. .	72	3,100	69	2,949
Sundry pensions and annuities .. .. .	93	7,891	102	10,380
Civil Service Act, 1908 .. .. .	74	19,702	67	17,776
Blind .. .. .	..	..	114	4,485
Totals .. .. .	50,025	2,325,603	48,821	2,387,285

GROSS PAYMENTS.

Class of Pension.							1923-24.	1924-25.
War .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,315,560	1,244,483
Old-age .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	767,805	806,953
Widows' .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	202,818	236,378
Maori War .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	30,350	26,848
Miners' .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	36,084	38,506
Epidemic .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	32,702	22,881
Boer War .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,146	3,071
Sundry pensions and annuities .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	8,033	9,327
Civil Service Act, 1908 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	21,145	19,115
Blind .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,036
Totals .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,417,643	2,408,598
Cost per head of European population .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	£1 17s. 4d.	£1 16s. 4d.

The following figures relate to the war and other pensions paid by the Department during the year on behalf of other Governments :—

Government.	Class of Pension.	Number at 31st March, 1925.	Annual Value.	Average Pension.	Payments, 1924-25.
Great Britain .. .. .	War .. .. .	1,859	£ 104,749	£ 56	} 150,554
„ .. .. .	Army and civil ..	572	28,267	49	
Australia .. .. .	War .. .. .	575	24,571	43	24,750
India .. .. .	Army and civil ..	82	18,066	220	23,619
South Africa .. .. .	War .. .. .	2	252	126	331
„ .. .. .	Civil .. .. .	28	2,787	99	3,031
Crown colonies .. .. .	„ .. .. .	25	5,887	235	6,621
Totals .. .. .	.. .. .	3,143	£184,579	..	£208,906

LEGISLATION.

During the year an amendment of the Pensions Act, 1913, passed into law, the main provisions of which are as follow :—

*Old-age Pensions.*—(a.) A uniform exemption of £52 per annum in respect of income, except that a pension of any amount payable under the War Pensions Act, 1915, and its amendments may be substituted for the said amount of £52 per annum.

(b.) The exclusion of furniture and personal effects from the computation of any pension.

(c.) An increase in the exemption in respect of a home from £390 to £520.

(d.) An additional pension of 2s. 6d. a week to those pensioners who have no income or property.

(e.) An additional pension not exceeding 5s. a week to old-age pensioners who saw service in the South African War of 1899-1902, provided total income and pension do not exceed £91 per annum.

*Widows' Pensions.*—(a.) An increase in the weekly pension of from 7s. 6d. a week to 10s. a week to widow and to each child under fourteen, with limit of total pension of £4 a week.

(b.) A variation of income exemption to provide for increase of 15s. weekly in the total of income and pension combined.

(c.) Increase in exemption in respect of home from £340 to £520.

(d.) Provision for pension in special cases on recommendation of a Magistrate.

*Pensions for the Blind.*—Statutory provision was also made during the year for the payment of a weekly pension of 15s. to blind people of the full age of twenty or over who became blind in New Zealand and have had ten years' residence. The qualifications in respect of unearned income and property are similar to those relating to old-age pensions, but in regard to earned income an additional pension equal to 25 per cent. of the said earnings is granted, with a proviso that total income and pension must not exceed £3 10s. a week. Thus a blind pensioner with £50 in cash and a home the net value of which does not exceed £520 may earn £2 4s. a week and receive a pension of 15s. a week, plus 11s. a week additional as subsidy on wages, making the total income £3 10s. a week.

The estimated annual cost of the increased benefits was as follows :—

Old-age pensions .. .. .	..	..	..	..	£ 60,000 per annum.
Widows' pensions .. .. .	..	..	..	..	80,000 „
Blind pensions .. .. .	..	..	..	..	18,000 „
Total .. .. .	..	..	..	..	£158,000

Already, with five months of the first year still to go, the added annual cost has been at the rate of—

	£
Old-age pensions .. .. .	55,000 per annua.
Widows' pensions .. .. .	70,000 „
Blind pensions.. .. .	6,000 „
Total .. .. .	<u>£131,000</u>

#### 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
Year 1918-19 .. .. .	14,749	5,292
Year 1919-20 .. .. .	11,493	3,990
Year 1920-21 .. .. .	1,081	1,878
Year 1921-22 .. .. .	367	891
Year 1922-23 .. .. .	198	635
Year 1923-24 .. .. .	160	550
Year 1924-25 .. .. .	197	505
Totals .. .. .	41,149	20,193

##### GROSS ANNUAL VALUE OF ALL PENSIONS GRANTED TO DATE.

	Number.	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	780,057	73
Year 1918-19 .. .. .	16,954	1,167,081	68
Year 1919-20 .. .. .	15,183	872,627	57
Year 1920-21 .. .. .	2,207	163,713	66
Year 1921-22 .. .. .	945	63,685	67
Year 1922-23 .. .. .	625	43,867	70
Year 1923-24 .. .. .	551	40,836	74
Year 1924-25 .. .. .	432	31,241	72
Totals .. .. .	54,014	3,505,302	65

NOTE.—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 annual-value totals.

##### SUMMARY OF ANNUAL LIABILITY AT 31ST MARCH, 1925.

Class of Pension.	Number of Pensioners.	Number of Children.	Annual Value.	Average Pension.
Soldiers (permanent) .. .. .	7,583	..	£ 367,871	£ 58
Soldiers (temporary) .. .. .	5,251	..	309,441	59
Dependants of disabled soldiers .. .. .	716	1,214	57,984	81
Widows (without children) .. .. .	585	..	51,327	88
Widows (with children).. .. .	817	1,307	127,774	156
Other dependants of deceased soldiers—				
Parents .. .. .	5,644	24	198,798	35
Other adult dependants .. .. .	161	4	5,746	36
Guardians of children .. .. .	561	766	21,227	37
Totals, &c. .. .. .	21,318	3,315	1,140,168	53

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS.

The payments for war pensions show a decrease during the year, the figures compared with those of the previous year being as follows:—

	1923-24.	1924-25.
	£	£
Payments made in New Zealand .. .. .	1,219,513	1,143,246
Payments made in London .. .. .	59,064	57,329
Payments made in Australia .. .. .	33,625	41,138
Payments made in Canada .. .. .	2,229	2,296
Payments made in South Africa .. .. .	397	154
Other foreign payments .. .. .	732	320
Totals .. .. .	£1,315,560	£1,244,483

Summary of Total Payments to the 31st March, 1925.

	£
From 1st September, 1915, to 31st March, 1916 .. .. .	13,910
Year 1916-17 .. .. .	180,389
Year 1917-18 .. .. .	515,445
Year 1918-19 .. .. .	1,199,755
Year 1919-20 .. .. .	1,812,419
Year 1920-21 .. .. .	1,886,952
Year 1921-22 .. .. .	1,726,174
Year 1922-23 .. .. .	1,489,392
Year 1923-24 .. .. .	1,315,560
Year 1924-25 .. .. .	1,244,483
	£11,384,479

PENSIONS PAYABLE OUTSIDE NEW ZEALAND AS AT THE 31ST MARCH, 1925.

	Soldiers.		Wives of Soldiers.	Dependants.		Annual Liability.
	Permanent.	Temporary.	Temporary.	Widows.	Other Dependants.	
Great Britain .. .. .	129	165	12	149	746	£ 59,499
Australia .. .. .	110	231	8	59	204	33,298
Other countries .. .. .	25	37	1	7	24	4,507
Totals .. .. .	264	433	21	215	974	97,304

APPEALS.

Statement in regard to the Work of the War Pensions Appeal Board during the Year ended 31st March, 1925, and also since the Passing of the Legislation creating the Board.

Appeals outstanding on 31st March, 1924 .. .. .	368
Appeals lodged during 1924-25 .. .. .	585
	953
Appeals dismissed during 1924-25 .. .. .	504
Appeals upheld during 1924-25 .. .. .	249
Appeals withdrawn and struck out during 1924-25 .. .. .	26
Appeals not under Act during 1924-25 .. .. .	2
Pensions made permanent during 1924-25 .. .. .	1
	782
Outstanding on 31st March, 1925 .. .. .	171
(Outstanding on 1st May, 1925, 142; on 1st June, 1925, 104.)	

From these figures it will be seen that the number of appeals remaining to be dealt with is gradually being reduced.

Summary since Creation of Board.

	To 31st March, 1924.	1924-25.	Total.
Appeals dismissed .. .. .	97	504	601
Appeals upheld .. .. .	86	249	335
Appeals withdrawn and struck out .. .. .	4	26	30
Appeals not under Act .. .. .	3	2	5
Pensions made permanent .. .. .	4	1	5
Totals .. .. .	194	782	976
Total claims lodged .. .. .	562	585	1,147

## OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

	European.	Maori.	Total.
Pensions in force at the 31st March, 1924	20,257	1,211	21,468
New pensions granted, 1924-25	2,470	184	2,654
Deaths during 1924-25	1,541	94	2,060
Cancellations, 1924-25	411	14	
Net increase			594
Pensions in force at the 31st March, 1925	20,775	1,287	22,062
Year 1924-25.			
Total European population at the 31st March, 1925			1,325,037
Total European pensioners, sixty-five and over, at the 31st March, 1925			18,054
Female European pensioners, sixty to sixty-four, at the 31st March, 1925			2,721
Percentage of European pensioners to total European population			1.57
New claims lodged			3,420
New claims rejected			753
Annual liability at the 31st March, 1925			£850,795
Average pension			£38 11s.
Gross expenditure for year			£806,953
Increase on figures of previous year			£39,148
Cost per head of European population			12s. 2d.
Credit from national endowment			£37,177
Refunds paid to Public Account			£2,149
Number of pensioners in homes and hospitals			1,058
Amount paid to controlling authorities of these			£41,067
Number of pensioners in mental hospitals			91
Amount paid to Mental Hospitals Department on account of these			£3,366
Unpaid instalments as at 31st March, 1925			£2,923
Instalments forfeited and subsequently paid			£3,550
Total claims lodged to date			85,383
Total claims established			66,751
Total deaths			35,804
Total cancellations			8,885
Grand total paid since 1898			£11,733,833
Total credit from national endowment			£428,959

## WIDOWS' PENSIONS.

	European.	Maori.	Total.
Pensions in force at the 31st March, 1924	3,351	175	3,526
New pensions granted, 1924-25	565	37	602
Cancellations, 1924-25	501	29	530
Net increase			72
Pensions in force at the 31st March, 1925	3,415	183	3,598
Total children in receipt of pension at the 31st March, 1925			8,038
Year 1924-25.			
New claims lodged			732
New claims rejected			103
Number of children on whose account pensions granted			1,507
Annual liability at close of year			£281,141
Average pension			£78 3s.
Gross expenditure for year			£236,378
Increase on figures of previous year			£33,560
Cost per head of European population			3s. 7d.
Refunds paid to Public Account			£508
Unpaid instalments as at 31st March, 1925			£1,063
Instalments forfeited and subsequently paid			£1,808
Average of total family of pensioners			3.94
Average of family under fourteen years			2.5
Total claims lodged to date			10,599
Total claims established			8,915
Total number of children benefited			22,121
Total deaths			200
Total guardians appointed			116
Total cancellations			5,233
Grand total paid to date			£1,433,700

## MAORI WAR PENSIONS.

	European.	Maori.	Total.
Pensions in force at the 31st March, 1924 .. .. .	439	150	589
Deaths during 1924-25 .. .. .	58	13	71
New pensions granted, 1924-25 .. .. .	1	..	1
Net decrease .. .. .	..	..	—
Pensions in force at the 31st March, 1925 .. .. .	382	137	519
		Year 1924-25.	
New claims lodged .. .. .	..	..	5
Number of pensioners previously in receipt of old-age pensions .. .. .	..	..	85
Annual liability at close of year .. .. .	..	..	£25,431
Average pension .. .. .	..	..	£49
Gross expenditure for year .. .. .	..	..	£26,848
Cost per head of European population .. .. .	..	..	5d.
Decrease on figures of previous year .. .. .	..	..	£3,502
Pensioners in homes and hospitals .. .. .	..	..	37
Amount paid to controlling authorities of these .. .. .	..	..	£1,394
Unpaid instalments as at 31st March, 1925 .. .. .	..	..	£205
Instalments forfeited and subsequently paid .. .. .	..	..	£229
Total claims lodged to date .. .. .	..	..	1,889
Total claims established .. .. .	..	..	1,697
Total deaths .. .. .	..	..	1,174
Total cancellations .. .. .	..	..	4
Grand total paid to date .. .. .	..	..	£490,150

## MINERS' PENSIONS.

	Total.
Pensions in force at the 31st March, 1924 .. .. .	580
New pensions granted, 1924-25 .. .. .	111
Deaths during 1924-25 .. .. .	70
Cancellations, 1924-25 .. .. .	14
Net increase .. .. .	—
Pensions in force at the 31st March, 1925 .. .. .	607
	Year 1924-25.
New claims lodged .. .. .	134
New claims rejected .. .. .	29
Annual liability at close of year .. .. .	£37,934
Average pension .. .. .	£62 10s.
Gross expenditure for year .. .. .	£38,506
Increase on figures of previous year .. .. .	£2,422
Cost per head of European population .. .. .	7d.
Credit to vote from gold duty .. .. .	£2,529
Unpaid instalments as at 31st March, 1925 .. .. .	£261
Instalments forfeited and subsequently paid .. .. .	£482
Total claims lodged to date .. .. .	1,354
Total claims established .. .. .	1,163
Total claims rejected .. .. .	174
Total deaths .. .. .	384
Total cancellations .. .. .	172
Total amount paid to date .. .. .	£218,999
Total credit from gold duty .. .. .	£33,233
Total amount paid on account of funeral expenses .. .. .	£3,448

## NUMBER OF PENSIONS AT EACH RATE AT THE 31ST MARCH, 1925.

	Annual Value.
	£
183 at £91 per annum .. .. .	16,653
102 at £65 per annum .. .. .	6,630
322 at £45 10s. per annum .. .. .	14,651
607 .. .. .	£37,934

EPIDEMIC PENSIONS.							Total.
Pensions in force at the 31st March, 1924	..	..	..	..	..	..	457
Cancellations, 1924-25—Net decrease	..	..	..	..	..	..	92
Pensions in force at the 31st March, 1925	..	..	..	..	..	..	365
Year 1924-25.							
Annual liability at close of year	..	..	..	..	..	£16,226	
Average pension	..	..	..	..	..	£44 9s.	
Gross expenditure for year	..	..	..	..	..	£22,881	
Decrease on figures of previous year	..	..	..	..	..	£9,821	
Cost per head of European population	..	..	..	..	..	4d.	
Unpaid instalments as at 31st March, 1925	..	..	..	..	..	£38	
Instalments forfeited and subsequently paid	..	..	..	..	..	£58	

BLIND PENSIONS.							
Pensions in force at 31st March, 1925—							
European	..	..	..	..	..	113	
Maori	..	..	..	..	..	1	
							114
Annual liability at close of year	..	..	..	..	..	£4,485	
Average pension	..	..	..	..	..	£39 7s.	
Gross expenditure for year (three months)	..	..	..	..	..	£1,036	
Unpaid instalments as at 31st March, 1925	..	..	..	..	..	£88	
Instalments forfeited and subsequently paid	..	..	..	..	..	£239	

COST OF ADMINISTRATION.							£
Salaries	..	..	..	..	..	..	22,492
Temporary assistance	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,791
Advertising	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
Exchange and commission on money-orders, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	..	354
Fees for certificates of age	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Fuel, light, power, and water	..	..	..	..	..	..	60
Interpreters' fees	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Medical fees	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,673
Office-cleaning	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Office fittings and requisites	..	..	..	..	..	..	46
Contribution to Post-office for payment of pensions	..	..	..	..	..	..	14,434
Postage, telegrams, and rent of boxes	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,213
Printing and stationery	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,187
Rent of offices	..	..	..	..	..	..	572
Telephones	..	..	..	..	..	..	220
Transfer and removal expenses	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
Travelling-expenses of officers and pensioners	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,858
Expenses, War Pensions Appeal Board	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,173
Repairs to typewriters and office fittings	..	..	..	..	..	..	41
Overtime	..	..	..	..	..	..	184
Sundry payments	..	..	..	..	..	..	38
							£66,403

Number of officers on staff at 31st March, 1925	..	..	..	..	..	..	158
Percentage of cost of administration to total payments for year (£2,617,504)							2·53

# APPENDICES.

TABLE I.—NATURE OF DISABILITIES FOR WHICH WAR PENSIONS ARE BEING GRANTED.

Wounds—						Permanent.	Temporary.	Total.
Upper extremity ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,767	228	1,995
Lower extremity ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,900	375	2,275
Head and neck ..	..	..	..	..	..	515	156	671
Thorax ..	..	..	..	..	..	402	209	611
Abdomen ..	..	..	..	..	..	178	73	251
						4,762	1,041	5,803
Amputations—								
Upper extremity ..	..	..	..	..	..	433	5	438
Lower extremity ..	..	..	..	..	..	588	11	599
Double ..	..	..	..	..	..	39	..	39
						1,060	16	1,076
Special senses—								
Ocular—								
Totally blind ..	..	..	..	..	..	21	..	21
Loss of one eye ..	..	..	..	..	..	340	6	346
Other disabilities of eye ..	..	..	..	..	..	157	19	176
						518	25	543
Auditory ..						284	57	341
Nasal ..						1	16	17
Respiratory system—								
Pulmonary tuberculosis ..	..	..	..	..	..	18	1,346	1,364
Other diseases ..	..	..	..	..	..	47	850	897
						65	2,196	2,261
Circulatory system ..						102	251	353
Nervous system—								
Organic disease ..	..	..	..	..	..	30	19	49
Functional disease ..	..	..	..	..	..	41	583	624
						71	602	673
Insanity ..						3	26	29
Gastro-intestinal ..						60	157	217
Genito-urinary ..						51	93	144
General diseases ..						121	418	539
Fractures (not due to wounds)—								
Upper extremity ..	..	..	..	..	..	58	20	78
Lower extremity ..	..	..	..	..	..	54	25	79
						112	45	157
Diseases of bone ..						21	5	26
Injuries of joints (not due to wounds) ..						235	154	389
Spinal disease ..						17	67	84
Deformities ..						44	10	54
Disease of skin ..						4	4	8
Miscellaneous..						52	68	120
						7,583	5,251	12,834



TABLE II.—NUMBER OF WAR PENSIONS IN FORCE AT EACH RATE ON THE 31st MARCH, 1925.

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 .. ..	3	1	..	..	..
261-300 .. ..	3	3	..	3	..
234-260 .. ..	27	3	3	21	..
201-233 .. ..	15	..	4	64	..
191-200 .. ..	2	5	..	30	..
181-190 .. ..	82	441	9	104	1
171-180 .. ..	13	1	..	7	..
161-170 .. ..	53	83	2	69	1
151-160 .. ..	21	67	32	150	4
141-150 .. ..	23	57	3	18	..
131-140 .. ..	30	5	8	48	..
121-130 .. ..	54	131	62	321	19
111-120 .. ..	38	18	11	57	13
101-110 .. ..	103	134	108	28	18
91-100 .. ..	326	64	34	7	45
81- 90 .. ..	316	2	10	35	7
71- 80 .. ..	340	211	131	433	225
61- 70 .. ..	279	173	29	..	91
51- 60 .. ..	1,165	575	131	2	595
41- 50 .. ..	278	227	25	..	57
31- 40 .. ..	1,356	736	36	2	1,585
21- 30 .. ..	2,149	1,946	63	2	3,614
6- 20 .. ..	907	368	9	1	91
Totals .. ..	7,583	5,251	716	1,402	6,366

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

Year ended 31st March.				Number of Pensions granted.	Deaths.	Cancella- tions.	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	..
1919 .. ..	..	..	..	2,235	2,013	310	19,872	..	88
1920 .. ..	..	..	..	2,289	1,798	370	19,993	121	..
1921 .. ..	..	..	..	2,152	1,880	428	19,837	..	156
1922 .. ..	..	..	..	2,553	1,578	321	20,491	654	..
1923 .. ..	..	..	..	2,781	1,763	328	21,181	690	..
1924 .. ..	..	..	..	2,549	1,870	392	21,468	287	..
1925 .. ..	..	..	..	2,654	1,635	425	22,062	594	..
Totals .. ..	..	..	..	66,751	35,804	8,885	..	..	..

TABLE III.—PENSIONS GRANTED, DEATHS, AND CANCELLATIONS IN EACH YEAR, ETC.—continued.

Year ended 31st March.				Number of Pensions granted.	Deaths.	Cancellations.	In Force at End of Year.	Increase.	Decrease.
Widows'.									
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	134	..
1918	..	..	..	509	6	335	2,192	168	..
1919	..	..	..	1,349	11	319	3,211	1,019	..
1920	..	..	..	767	18	516	3,444	233	..
1921	..	..	..	627	8	642	3,421	..	23
1922	..	..	..	523	3	598	3,343	..	78
1923	..	..	..	616	12	536	3,411	68	..
1924	..	..	..	730	8	607	3,526	115	..
1925	..	..	..	602	6	524	3,598	72	..
Totals	..	..	..	8,915	84	5,233	..	..	..
Maori War.									
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
1919	..	..	..	12	125	..	1,040	..	113
1920	..	..	..	5	106	..	939	..	101
1921	..	..	..	2	130	..	811	..	128
1922	..	..	..	1	72	..	740	..	71
1923	..	..	..	1	71	1	669	..	71
1924	..	..	..	1	80	1	589	..	80
1925	..	..	..	1	71	..	519	..	70
Totals	..	..	..	1,697	1,174	4	..	..	..
Miners'.									
1916	..	..	..	120	..	..	120	..	..
1917	..	..	..	153	35	..	238	118	..
1918	..	..	..	91	34	25	270	32	..
1919	..	..	..	82	41	71	240	..	30
1920	..	..	..	237	23	39	415	175	..
1921	..	..	..	107	43	5	474	59	..
1922	..	..	..	78	38	8	506	32	..
1923	..	..	..	96	52	6	544	38	..
1924	..	..	..	88	48	4	580	36	..
1925	..	..	..	111	70	14	607	27	..
Totals	..	..	..	1,163	384	172	..	..	..
War.									
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	..
1919	..	..	..	16,954	531	3,493	27,427	12,930	..
1920	..	..	..	15,183	291	7,748	34,571	7,144	..
1921	..	..	..	2,207	358	4,656	31,764	..	2,807
1922	..	..	..	945	369	3,249	29,091	..	2,673
1923	..	..	..	625	358	2,898	26,460	..	2,631
1924	..	..	..	551	361	3,484	23,166	..	3,294
1925	..	..	..	432	334	1,946	21,318	..	1,848
Totals	..	..	..	54,014	2,733	29,963	..	..	..

TABLE III.—PENSIONS GRANTED, DEATHS, AND CANCELLATIONS IN EACH YEAR, ETC.—*continued.*

Year ended 31st March.				Number of Pensions granted.	Deaths.	Cancellations.	In Force at End of Year.	Increase.	Decrease.
<i>Epidemic.</i>									
Number of pensions taken over from Public Health Department on 1st April, 1920				939	..	..	..	..	..
1921	..	..	..	27	..	117	849	..	90
1922	..	..	..	6	..	172	683	..	166
1923	..	..	..	..	..	114	569	..	114
1924	..	..	..	..	..	112	457	..	112
1925	..	..	..	..	..	92	365	..	92
Totals				972	..	607	..	..	..
<i>Blind.</i>									
1925	..	..	..	114	..	..	114	..	..

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Year ended 31st March	Number of Pensions granted	Deaths	Cancellations	In Force at End of Year	Increases	Decreases
1927	972	117	117	840	..	90
1928	972	117	117	840	..	100
1929	972	117	117	840	..	114
1930	972	117	117	840	..	112
1931	972	117	117	840	..	92
Totals	972	117	117	840	..	..
1932	972	117	117	840	..	..

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