

COST OF ADMINISTRATION.

	£
Salaries (including medical officers)	34,259
Contribution to Post Office for payment of pensions	13,843
Medical fees	5,872
Travelling-expenses of officers and pensioners	3,522
War Pensions Appeal Board (all expenses)	3,054
War Pensions Board (salaries)	2,550
Postage and telegrams	2,540
Printing, stationery, and advertising	2,411
Rent of offices	1,281
Office fittings and requisites and repairs	669
Telephones	271
Fuel, light, cleaning, and water	195
Exchange and commission	142
Fees and legal expenses	110
Overtime	80
Cartage and sundries	44
	<u>£70,843</u>

Number of officers on 31st March, 1928, 175.

Percentage of cost of administration to total payment (£2,841,314), 2·49.

WAR PENSIONS.

TOTAL CLAIMS LODGED AND ANNUAL VALUE OF ALL PENSIONS GRANTED TO DATE.

Year.	Claims lodged.		Pensions granted.		
	Soldiers.	Dependants.	Number.	Annual Value.	Average Pension.
				£	£
1915-16	798	681	1,214	56,488	46
1916-17	3,958	2,017	5,316	285,707	53
1917-18	8,148	3,754	10,587	780,057	73
1918-19	14,749	5,292	16,954	1,167,081	68
1919-20	11,493	3,990	15,183	872,627	57
1920-21	1,081	1,878	2,207	163,713	66
1921-22	367	891	945	63,685	67
1922-23	198	635	625	43,867	70
1923-24	160	550	551	40,836	74
1924-25	197	505	432	31,241	72
1925-26	161	379	353	26,046	74
1926-27	218	378	350	26,369	75
1927-28	180	368	330	24,502	74
Totals	41,708	21,318	55,047	3,582,219	65

NOTE.—The number of pensions granted as shown herein does not include children's pensions, the value 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, 1928.

Class of Pension.	Number of Pensioners.	Number of Children.	Annual Value.	Average Pension.
			£	£
Soldiers (permanent)	8,941	11	437,549	49
Soldiers (temporary)	3,439	16	240,094	70
Dependants of disabled soldiers	902	1,727	76,374	85
Widows (without children)	650	..	57,528	89
Widows (with children)	719	1,105	110,799	154
Other dependants of deceased soldiers—				
Parents	5,170	9	183,183	35
Other adult dependants	135	9	4,606	34
Guardians of children	604	802	21,619	36
Totals, &c.	20,560	3,679	1,131,752	55