

WAR PENSIONS PAYABLE OUTSIDE NEW ZEALAND AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1932.

	Soldiers.		Wives and Parents of Soldiers.	Dependants.		Annual Liability.
	Permanent.	Temporary.	Temporary.	Widows.	Other Dependants.	
Great Britain.. ..	246	100	23	148	542	£ 57,830
Australia	254	198	27	51	169	40,033
Other countries ..	55	23	..	8	31	5,163
Totals	555	321	50	207	742	103,026

ECONOMIC PENSIONS PAYABLE AT 31ST MARCH, 1932.

Class.					Number.	Annual Value.	Average Annual Grant.
						£	£
Soldiers with permanent pensions	..	..	..	..	938	61,693	66
Soldiers with temporary pensions	..	..	..	..	1,157	77,957	67
Widows with children	..	..	..	..	97	2,900	30
Widows without children	..	..	..	..	119	4,341	36
Widowed mothers	..	..	..	..	179	4,778	27
Totals .. ..	..	..	..	..	2,490	151,669	61

WAR PENSION APPEALS.

Appeals outstanding on 31st March, 1931	..	..	..	..	147
Appeals lodged during 1931-32	..	..	..	..	599
					746
Appeals dismissed during 1931-32	..	..	..	..	231
Appeals upheld during 1931-32	..	..	..	..	252
Appeals withdrawn and struck out, 1931-32..	..	..	..	..	34
					517
Appeals outstanding on 31st March, 1932	..	..	..	..	229
Percentage upheld, 48·7 per cent.					

The total number of appeals dealt with to the 31st March, 1932, was 4,214, the percentage upheld being 48 per cent.

Of the 517 cases dealt with during the past year, 260 were heard at Auckland, 51·9 per cent. being upheld ; 102 at Wellington, 35·3 per cent. being upheld ; 114 at Christchurch, 54·4 per cent. being upheld ; and 41 at Dunedin, 46·3 per cent. being upheld.

Medical treatment of war pensioners during 1931-32 cost £77,405.

Railway concessions to war pensioners on maximum permanent disablement pension and those with locomotive disabilities on permanent pension in excess of 50 per cent. cost £1,760 during the year.

The loading paid on life - insurance policies of war pensioners due to war - service disability amounted to £176 for the year.

Temporary war pensions to soldiers decreased by 14, and permanent pensions to soldiers increased by 99 during the year.

The 432 deaths among war pensioners are made up as follows : Soldiers, 153 ; widows of soldiers, 5; other dependants, 274.