

BENEFITS.**UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.**

The following figures show the number of applications for unemployment benefits dealt with during the years ended 31st March, 1941, and 31st March, 1942, respectively, and illustrate the decline in unemployment in the Dominion :—

	1940-41.			1941-42.		
	Males.	Females.	Totals.	Males.	Females.	Totals.
Persons granted benefit	21,720	1,191	22,911	8,999	630	9,629
Number of applications declined	10,199	1,010	11,209	5,122	790	5,912
Number of persons whose applications were declined, but who were granted emergency benefits on grounds of hardship	557	958	1,515	344	1,124	1,468
Totals	32,476	3,159	35,635	14,465	2,544	17,009

SICKNESS BENEFITS.

The following figures show the number of applications for sickness benefits dealt with during the years ended 31st March, 1941, and 31st March, 1942, respectively :—

	1940-41.			1941-42.		
	Males.	Females.	Totals.	Males.	Females.	Totals.
Persons granted benefit	17,189	6,236	23,425	17,862	7,294	25,156
Number of applications declined	1,997	958	2,955	1,938	918	2,856
Number of persons whose applications were declined, but who were granted emergency benefits on grounds of hardship	186	309	495	113	242	355
Totals	19,372	7,503	26,875	19,913	8,454	28,367

EMERGENCY BENEFITS.

Under the provisions of section 58 of the Social Security Act, 1938, the Social Security Commission may, in its discretion, grant a special benefit on grounds of hardship to any person who is not qualified for any other benefit under the Act, but who, by reason of age or of physical or mental disability, or for any other reason, is unable to earn a sufficient livelihood for himself and his dependants. Two thousand and ten emergency benefits were granted during the year.

OTHER MONETARY BENEFITS.

Details with regard to other monetary benefits under the Act are included in the table on page 4.

FINANCE.**STATEMENT SHOWING THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1942.**

<i>Receipts.</i>		<i>Payments.</i>	
	£		£
Balance	1,867,440	Monetary benefits—	
	£	Universal superannuation	445,686
Social security registration fees	605,222	Age	7,190,694
Social security charge on wages and other income	10,432,314	Widows	844,928
Penalties, fines, interest, and miscellaneous	50,146	Orphans	18,275
	11,087,682	Family	539,183
Grants from Consolidated Fund, vote "Social Security" (Social Security Act, 1938, section 105 (c))	3,600,000	Invalids	1,011,375
		Miners	83,258
		Maori War	440
		Unemployment	138,528
		Sickness	304,154
		Emergency	124,716
			10,701,237
		Medical benefits, &c.—	
		Medical benefits	205,673
		Hospital benefits	1,372,405
		Maternity benefits	549,850
		Pharmaceutical benefits	279,698
		Supplementary benefits	27,962
			2,435,588
		Administration expenses—	
		Land and Income Tax Department	90,000
		Health Department	35,266
		Social Security Department	269,196
			394,462
			13,531,287
		Balance	3,023,835
	£16,555,122		£16,555,122