

### WAR PENSIONS.

The general administration of the various enactments providing for pensions and allowances in respect of service in the present and former wars and the carrying-out of decisions of the War Pensions Board and the War Pensions Appeal Board are functions of the Social Security Department.

#### LEGISLATION.

Section 17 of the Finance Act, 1941 (effective from 1st September, 1941), amended the war veterans' allowances legislation as follows:—

- The rate of allowance payable in respect of each child of a veteran was increased from £13 to £26 per annum:
- The maximum basic allowance payable in respect of a veteran, his wife and children, was increased from £156 to £208 per annum:
- The limit up to which the basic allowance could be supplemented on economic grounds was increased from £182 to £234 per annum.

#### DISSECTIONS OF WAR PENSIONS CURRENT AT 31ST MARCH, 1942.

| Class of Pension.                    | War Pensions Act, 1915. |                     |               | War Pensions Extension Act, 1940. |                     |               | Totals.              |                     |               |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
|                                      | Number of Pensioners    | Number of Children. | Annual Value. | Number of Pensioners.             | Number of Children. | Annual Value. | Number of Pensioners | Number of Children. | Annual Value. |
| Ex-members of forces—                |                         |                     | £             |                                   |                     | £             |                      |                     | £             |
| Permanent .. ..                      | 12,171                  | 8                   | 806,836       | 24                                | ..                  | 1,277         | 12,195               | 8                   | 808,113       |
| Temporary .. ..                      | 3,433                   | 4                   | 267,688       | 2,209                             | ..                  | 202,196       | 5,642                | 4                   | 469,884       |
| Dependants of disabled ex-members    | 2,932                   | 3,656               | 237,711       | 339                               | 379                 | 29,477        | 3,271                | 4,035               | 267,188       |
| Widows .. ..                         | 1,953                   | 599                 | 217,419       | 545                               | 440                 | 73,168        | 2,498                | 1,039               | 290,587       |
| Other dependants of deceased members | 2,405                   | 97                  | 89,552        | 180                               | 76                  | 7,281         | 2,585                | 173                 | 96,833        |
| Totals .. ..                         | 22,894                  | 4,364               | 1,619,206     | 3,297                             | 895                 | 313,399       | 26,191               | 5,259               | 1,932,605     |

#### ECONOMIC PENSIONS PAYABLE AT 31ST MARCH, 1942, IN SUPPLEMENTATION OF STATUTORY WAR PENSIONS.

| Class of Pension.                  | War Pensions Act, 1915. |               | War Pensions Extension Act, 1940. |               | Total.  |               |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------|---------------|
|                                    | Number.                 | Annual Value. | Number.                           | Annual Value. | Number. | Annual Value. |
| Ex-members with permanent pensions | 2,641                   | £ 196,303     | 4                                 | £ 312         | 2,645   | £ 196,615     |
| Ex-members with temporary pensions | 1,068                   | 80,180        | 726                               | 56,135        | 1,794   | 136,315       |
| Widows .. ..                       | 724                     | 27,060        | 256                               | 8,388         | 980     | 35,448        |
| Widowed mothers .. ..              | 98                      | 4,530         | 57                                | 2,690         | 155     | 7,220         |
| Totals .. ..                       | 4,531                   | 308,073       | 1,043                             | 67,525        | 5,574   | 375,598       |

#### PENSIONS PAYABLE OUTSIDE NEW ZEALAND AT 31ST MARCH, 1942.

| Class of Pension.                          | War Pensions Act, 1915. | War Pensions Extension Act, 1940. | Total. |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Ex-members of forces—                      |                         |                                   |        |
| Permanent .. ..                            | 849                     | ..                                | 849    |
| Temporary .. ..                            | 54                      | 13                                | 67     |
| Wives and parents of ex-members: Temporary | 110                     | 1                                 | 111    |
| Dependants of deceased members—            |                         |                                   |        |
| Widows .. ..                               | 214                     | 12                                | 226    |
| Other dependants .. ..                     | 322                     | 8                                 | 330    |
| Totals .. ..                               | 1,549                   | 34                                | 1,583  |

#### SUMMARY OF WAR PENSION PAYMENTS.

|                                    | Payments made in |            |         |               |                    |              | Total.     |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|------------|
|                                    | London.          | Australia. | Canada. | South Africa. | Foreign Countries. | New Zealand. |            |
|                                    | £                | £          | £       | £             | £                  | £            | £          |
| Total payments to 31st March, 1941 | 1,304,914        | 849,676    | 47,433  | 9,700         | 14,086             | 30,635,712   | 32,861,521 |
| Payments in 1941–42 ..             | 46,285           | 31,739     | 3,752   | 484           | 841                | 1,713,577    | *1,796,678 |
| Total payments to 31st March, 1942 | 1,351,199        | 881,415    | 51,185  | 10,184        | 14,927             | 32,349,289   | 34,658,199 |

\* Includes £178,135 in respect of war pensions in connection with the present war and £1,062 to members of the Emergency Reserve Corps.