

SUMMARY**BENEFITS AND PENSIONS IN FORCE AND TOTAL PAYMENTS**

Class.	As at 31st March, 1946.			As at 31st March, 1947.		
	Number in Force.	Annual Value.	Total Payments, 1945-46.	Number in Force.	Annual Value.	Total Payments, 1946-47.
		£	£		£	£
Universal superannuation ..	56,181	1,264,073	1,185,508	57,992	1,449,800	1,349,689
Age	110,060	11,589,318	9,817,615	115,287	12,450,996	11,881,119
Widows'	11,507	1,153,001	1,043,593	13,133	1,700,724	1,529,010
Orphans'	400	21,540	24,178	397	21,378	22,905
Family	42,637	3,935,395	2,611,759	230,021	12,746,760	12,680,778
Invalids'	12,164	1,411,024	1,183,537	12,466	1,333,862	1,328,485
Miners'	736	101,182	88,359	718	101,956	105,416
Maori War	1	104	101	1	104	104
Unemployment	205	..	31,661	35	..	24,332
Sickness	5,416	..	565,420	4,273	..	853,328
Emergency	2,094	..	121,959	1,845	..	134,288
War, 1914-18	20,460	2,015,934	1,997,390	20,081	1,968,042	2,036,825
War, 1939-45	26,926	1,923,166	1,662,227	30,028	2,173,632	2,080,952
War veterans' allowances ..	2,029	292,482	275,029	2,277	345,172	346,694
Boer War (Defence Act, 1909)	46	3,564	3,547	42	3,248	3,502
Mercantile Marine pensions ..	26	2,857	1,879	27	2,132	2,985
Emergency Reserve Corps ..	11	1,286	1,351	10	1,338	1,336
Sundry pensions and annuities	162	16,960	17,560	305	21,551	21,651
Civil Service Act, 1908 ..	3	1,400	1,260	2	932	1,352
War and other pensions paid on behalf of the Governments of Great Britain, Australia, India, Canada, South Africa, and Crown Colonies	3,121	260,045	301,548	3,156	299,112	414,354
Totals	294,185	23,993,331	20,935,481	492,096	34,620,739	34,819,105

COST OF ADMINISTRATION

Excluding expenditure of £23,030 on capital items, administration costs for the year amounted to £775,828, including £94,665 in respect of the administration of war pensions and allowances. This represents 2·23 per cent. on total payments.

SECTION III.—GENERAL**WAR SERVICEMEN'S DEPENDANTS' ALLOWANCES**

Under section 11 of the Social Security Amendment Act, 1943, the Social Security Commission is able to increase age, widows', and invalids' benefits by an amount not exceeding £26 a year to parents of deceased members of the Forces and of the New Zealand Mercantile Marine. As at 31st March, 1947, there were 1,521 of these allowances in force.

REHABILITATION ALLOWANCES

The Social Security Commission, acting on behalf of the Rehabilitation Department, continued to make available, where necessary, to demobilized ex-servicemen and ex-servicewomen rehabilitation allowances following the cessation of Service pay to facilitate their reabsorption into civilian occupations. As would be expected, the number of allowances granted during the past financial year has been considerably