

SECTION III.—GENERAL

SUMMARY

BENEFITS AND PENSIONS IN FORCE AND TOTAL PAYMENTS

Class.	As at 31st March, 1947.			As at 31st March, 1948.		
	Number in Force.	Annual Value.	Total Payments, 1946-47.	Number in Force.	Annual Value.	Total Payments, 1947-48.
		£	£	£	£	£
Universal superannuation ..	57,992	1,449,800	1,349,689	61,612	1,694,330	1,593,757
Age	115,287	12,450,996	11,881,119	117,161	14,223,345	12,976,286
Widows'	13,133	1,700,724	1,529,010	14,145	1,949,888	1,770,622
Orphans'	397	21,378	22,905	370	27,010	24,187
Family	230,021	12,746,760	12,680,778	243,137	13,542,730	13,798,648
Invalids'	12,466	1,333,862	1,328,485	10,682	1,406,285	1,367,300
Miners'	718	101,956	105,416	685	111,518	110,106
Maori War	1	104	104	1	117	111
Unemployment	35	..	24,332	16	..	8,358
Sickness	4,273	..	853,328	4,248	..	897,093
Emergency	1,845	..	134,288	2,141	..	227,857
War, 1914-18	20,081	1,968,042	2,036,825	19,715	2,097,676	2,049,391
War, 1939-45	30,028	2,173,632	2,080,952	28,249	1,899,678	2,031,194
War veterans' allowances ..	2,277	345,172	346,694	2,617	470,798	422,275
South African War	42	3,248	3,502	42	4,013	3,689
Mercantile Marine pensions ..	27	2,132	2,985	24	1,925	2,727
Emergency Reserve Corps ..	10	1,338	1,336	11	1,404	1,368
Sundry pensions and annuities	305	21,551	21,651	173	27,655	24,783
Civil Service Act, 1908	2	932	1,352	..	..	697
War and other pensions paid on behalf of the Governments of Great Britain, Australia, India, Canada, South Africa, and Crown Colonies	3,156	299,112	414,354	3,619	391,045	393,459
Total	492,096	34,620,739	34,819,105	508,648	37,849,417	37,703,908

COST OF ADMINISTRATION

Excluding expenditure of £18,349 on capital items, administration costs for the year amounted to £708,392, including £18,858 in respect of the administration of war pensions and allowances. This represents 1·88 per cent. on total payments.

MISCELLANEOUS

WAR SERVICEMEN'S DEPENDANTS' ALLOWANCE

Benefits under Part II of the Act may be increased by an amount not exceeding £26 a year to parents of deceased members of the Forces and of the New Zealand Mercantile Marine. At the 31st March, 1948, there were 1,639 of these allowances in force, paid in conjunction with age, invalids', miners', and widows' benefits. This represents an increase of 118 over the figure for last year which was 1,521.

REHABILITATION ALLOWANCES

With the continued tapering-off of the number of service personnel demobilized the need for this allowance has declined, and there were no rehabilitation allowances in force as at 31st March, 1948. During the year 7 ex-servicemen were granted allowances, and the expenditure amounted to £95, compared with a total expenditure of £8,244, for the year ended 31st March, 1947.