

PENSIONS PAYABLE OUTSIDE NEW ZEALAND AT 31st MARCH, 1949

Class of Pension.	War, 1914-18.	War, 1939-45.	Total.
Ex-member of Forces—			
Permanent	858	130	988
Temporary	6	292	298
Dependants of ex-members—			
Widows	243	120	363
Wives and other dependants..	214	111	325
Totals	1,321	653	1,974

WAR PENSIONS APPEAL BOARD

Following the death in May, 1948, of Sir Francis Frazer, Mr. J. R. Bartholomew, a former Stipendiary Magistrate, was appointed temporary Chairman of the Appeal Board. Mr. Bartholomew commenced his duties in July, 1948, and since then frequent sittings of the Appeal Board have been held in the four main centres.

The number of appeals lodged during the year ended 31st March, 1949, fell considerably over those for the previous year.

The following summarizes the work of the War Pensions Appeal Board during the year :—

—	War, 1914-18.	War, 1939-45.	War Pensions and Allowances (Mercantile Marine) Act, 1940.	War Veterans.	Totals.
Appeals outstanding at 31st March, 1948	29	121	..	1	151
Appeals lodged, 1948-49	98	581	4	2	685
Total to be dealt with ..	127	702	4	3	836
Appeals upheld, 1948-49	23	206	2	1	232
Appeals dismissed, 1948-49 ..	64	262	..	..	326
Appeals withdrawn or struck out, 1948-49	17	50	..	1	68
Total disposed of	104	518	2	2	626
Appeals outstanding at 31st March, 1949	23	184	2	1	210
Percentage upheld	22·1	39·8	100	50	37