

SECTION III—GENERAL

SUMMARY

BENEFITS AND PENSIONS IN FORCE AND TOTAL PAYMENTS

Social Security Benefits.	As at 31st March, 1948.			As at 31st March, 1949.		
	Number in Force.	Annual Value.	Total Payments, 1947-48.	Number in Force.	Annual Value.	Total Payments, 1948-49.
		£	£		£	£
Universal superannuation ..	61,612	1,694,330	1,593,757	65,839	1,975,170	1,850,079
Age	117,161	14,223,345	12,976,286	116,254	14,008,607	13,790,971
Widows'	14,145	1,949,888	1,770,622	14,883	2,001,764	1,911,134
Orphans'	370	27,010	24,187	371	27,083	27,623
Family	243,137	13,542,730	13,798,648	248,726	14,065,455	14,242,202
Invalids'	10,682	1,406,285	1,367,300	10,051	1,324,722	1,348,616
Miners'	685	111,518	110,106	660	108,900	113,659
Maori War	1	117	111	..	..	10
Unemployment	16	..	8,358	30	..	8,948
Sickness	4,248	..	897,093	4,945	..	911,107
Emergency	2,141	..	227,857	2,026	..	251,409
Sub-total	454,198	32,955,223	32,774,325	463,785	33,511,701	34,455,758
War Pensions and Other Payments—						
War, 1914-18	19,715	2,097,676	2,049,391	19,320	2,042,323	2,104,627
War, 1939-45	28,249	1,899,678	2,031,194	27,187	2,253,421	1,906,232
War veterans' allowances ..	2,617	470,798	422,275	3,367	613,458	562,634
South African War	42	4,013	3,689	41	3,768	3,892
Mercantile Marine pensions	24	1,925	2,727	23	2,184	2,700
Emergency Reserve Corps	11	1,404	1,368	10	1,463	1,447
Sundry pensions and annuities	173	27,655	24,783	159	26,300	27,262
Civil Service Act, 1908	..	..	697	..	..	39
War and other pensions paid on behalf of the Governments of Great Britain, Australia, India, Pakistan, Canada, South Africa, Burma, and Crown Colonies	3,619	391,045	393,459	4,004	345,276	463,345
Sub-total	54,450	4,894,194	4,929,583	54,111	5,288,193	5,072,178
Total	508,648	37,849,417	37,703,908	517,896	38,799,894	39,527,936

COST OF ADMINISTRATION

Administration costs for the year, excluding expenditure of £12,838 on capital items, amounted to £733,223, including £16,802 in respect of the administration of war pensions and allowances. This cost represents 1·84 per cent. on total payments.

MISCELLANEOUS

WAR SERVICEMEN'S DEPENDANTS' ALLOWANCES

A parent of a deceased member of the Forces and of the New Zealand Mercantile Marine in receipt of a benefit under Part II of the Social Security Act, 1938, may have the benefit increased by an amount not exceeding £26 a year. At the 31st March, 1949, there were 1,674 of these allowances in force paid in conjunction with age, invalids', miners', and widows' benefits. This represents an increase of 35 over the figure of 1,639 for last year.

REHABILITATION ALLOWANCES

With the continued tapering-off of the number of Service personnel demobilized, the need for this allowance has declined, and only 3 rehabilitation allowances have been paid over the last twelve months.