

District.	Deputy Registrar.	Total Number of Claims received since Act came into Force.	For Financial Year ending 31st March, 1904.			Claims awaiting Investiga- tion on 31st Mar., 1904.
			Claims received.	Claims esta- blished.	Claims rejected.	
Greytown ...	H. D. Armour ...	159	10	7	2	2
Masterton ...	E. Rawson ...	199	16	8	3	5
Otaki ...	T. O'Rourke ...	112	7	4	1	2
Pahiatua ...	W. J. Reeve... ..	71	4	3	3	1
Palmerston North ...	W. Matravers ...	309	33	18	9	4
Nelson ...	C. H. Webb-Bowen ...	500	21	11	2	8
Motueka ...	L. Read ...	140	3	3	1	...
Blenheim ...	J. Terry ...	307	9	9	2	6
Havelock ...	H. McArdle ...	18	1	1	...	...
Christchurch ...	L. C. Williams ...	2,106	171	147	10	32
Akaroa ...	E. P. Bird ...	96	7	...	2	2
Amberley ...	M. Roche ...	11	...	...	...	...
Ashburton ...	T. W. Tayler ...	348	24	26	3	3
Culverden ...	A. S. Bird ...	13	...	...	...	...
Kaiapoi ...	A. G. Ashby... ..	484	37	33	4	2
Kaikoura ...	J. P. Clarkson ...	43	...	...	...	...
Timaru ...	T. Howley ...	248	16	13	3	1
Fairlie ...	S. Kidd ...	19	...	...	...	...
Temuka ...	J. Gillespie ...	224	15	10	1	5
Waimate ...	W. Y. Purchase ...	156	11	6	4	1
Greymouth ...	B. Harper ...	729	43	36	2	5
Reefton ...	A. Askenbeck ...	250	15	10	3	5
Hokitika ...	J. C. Malfroy ...	862	47	43	2	11
Westport ...	E. C. Kelling ...	440	41	22	7	10
Oamaru ...	R. P. Ward ...	395	28	24	2	...
Dunedin ...	R. Hill ...	1,765	117	104	15	12
Balclutha ...	W. A. Matthews ...	222	17	13	2	4
Clyde ...	F. T. D. Jeffrey ...	165	14	13	1	2
Lawrence ...	A. M. Eyes ...	311	14	10	2	2
Milton ...	D. McRae ...	195	8	6	...	2
Naseby ...	F. W. Hart ...	161	15	10	4	2
Palmerston South ...	W. Hilliard ...	91	7	6	...	1
Port Chalmers ...	R. H. Paterson ...	309	6	13	1	1
Invercargill ...	J. R. Colyer... ..	978	84	59	7	19
Queenstown ...	A. A. Mair ...	199	11	8	...	12
Riverton ...	A. F. Bent ...	239	21	13	2	7
Chatham Islands ...	R. W. Rayner ...	10	2	1	1	...
Totals ...	...	24,013	1,544	1,063	311	419

The number of pensions on the books at the close of the financial year was 11,926, being 555 less than in the previous year, and 850 less than in 1902. Eight hundred and fifty pensioners off the rolls at £16 17s. per pension represent an annual saving of £14,322. There has been in consequence a large drop in the annual liability, and in addition, there has been an appreciable decrease in the average amount of pension granted. This latter has been brought about by the readjustment of all pensions.

The liability at the end of each of the last three years is represented by the following figures:—

1902 ...	£217,192, or an average of £17 per pension for 12,776 pensions.
1903 ...	£211,594, " " £16 19s. " 12,481 "
1904 ...	£200,915, " " £16 17s. " 11,926 "

A decrease of 3s. per pension on the number now on the books represents a decreased liability under this head alone of £1,788 per annum.

The net decrease of pensions in the chief centres of the colony is as follows:—

	Death and Cancellations.	New Grants.	Decrease.
Auckland ...	143	73	70
Dunedin... ..	139	104	35
Wellington ...	63	50	13
Christchurch ...	153	147	6
Invercargill ...	60	59	1

The total number of Maori pensioners is 729.