

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of PENSIONS IN FORCE, and PAYMENTS MADE in each Financial Year since the Act came into Operation.

Date.	Number of Pensions in Force.	Payments to End of Financial Year.	Expenditure.		Pensions.	
			Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
At 31st March, 1899 ...	7,443	£ 3,124	£ ...	£ ...	...	...
" 1900 ...	11,285	157,342	154,218	...	3,842	...
" 1901 ...	12,405	197,292	39,950	...	1,120	...
" 1902 ...	12,776	207,468	10,176	...	371	...
" 1903 ...	12,481	210,140	2,672	...	...	295
" 1904 ...	11,926	203,164	...	6,976*	...	555
Totals ...	...	£978,530	...	...	...	850

* Decrease in actual expenditure	£ 6,976
Plus—	
Refunds to Public Account	2,319
Refunds by way of fine	30
Refunds obtained since the books closed, as result of year's work .. .	700
	<u>£10,025</u>

COMPARATIVE RETURN of the NUMBER of PAYMENTS made in each Postal District throughout the Colony during the Years ended 31st March, 1903, and 31st March, 1904.

Postal District.	Number of Payments, 1902-3.	Number of Payments, 1903-4.
Auckland	31,903	29,529
Blenheim	2,007	1,931
Christchurch	21,182	21,108
Dunedin	22,706	22,168
Gisborne	1,380	1,324
Greymouth	6,524	6,467
Hokitika	6,278	6,115
Invercargill	9,429	9,598
Napier	5,710	5,524
Nelson	4,233	4,032
New Plymouth	2,950	2,646
Oamaru	2,960	2,752
Thames	5,885	5,702
Timaru	4,611	4,418
Wanganui	4,628	4,175
Wellington	12,796	13,054
Westport	3,494	3,383
Totals	148,676	143,926

COST of ADMINISTRATION for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1904.

Salaries	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Other charges—		
Clerical assistance	420 16 0	
Contribution to Post Office to pay salaries of officers employed on old-age pensions work	520 0 0	
Travelling-expenses of Registrar, Stipendiary Magistrates, Deputy Registrars, Police Constables, Interpreters' fees, &c.	274 9 5	
Contingencies	179 19 8	
		<u>1,395 5 1</u>
Total ... .. .	..	<u>£3,655 2 2</u>