

There are 1,856 more male European pensioners than female, and of the Maori pensioners the females exceed the males by 1.

The age which claims the greatest number of pensioners is 74, 1,114 European pensioners being of that age. Ages 73 and 75 follow next with 1,006 each.

There are 80 European pensioners of the age of 90 and over, of which number 8 are 96 and over, and 2 have topped the century. Of the Maori pensioners, 9 are stated to be 90 and over. The following particulars relate to those pensioners who are 96 and over, and who have by my direction been seen alive during the current month (two have died at age 96 since 31st March):—

Pension No.	District.	Age.	Sex.	Address.	Born.	Conjugal Condition.
2801	Auckland	96	Female	Auckland	26th February, 1812	Widow.
447	Hamilton	97	Male	Tuakau	21st October, 1810	Widower.
55	Napier	97	"	Napier	7th May, 1810	"
1866	Auckland	99	"	Newton	1809	"
278	Russell*	104†	"	Russell	15th February, 1804	Unmarried.
155	Otaki	107†	"	Waikanae	1801	Widower

* This pensioner draws his instalments in person at the post-office each month.

† Supposed to be of this age.

The following statement shows the number of pensioners on the roll at the end of each month of the year just ended:—

Number of pensions at 31st March, 1907	..	..	..	13,257
Add new grants during April, 1907	..	..	139	
Deduct deaths during April	..	..	36	
„ cancellations during April	..	..	3	
			—	39
				100 increase.
Number of pensions at 30th April, 1907	..	..	..	13,357
Add new grants during May, 1907	..	..	154	
Deduct deaths during May	..	..	87	
„ cancellations during May	..	..	27	
			—	114
				40 increase.
Number of pensions at 31st May, 1907	..	..	..	13,397
Add new grants during June, 1907	..	..	168	
Deduct deaths during June	..	..	113	
„ cancellations during June	..	..	15	
			—	128
				40 increase.
Number of pensions at 30th June, 1907	..	..	..	13,437
Add new grants during July, 1907	..	..	174	
Deduct deaths during July	..	..	106	
„ cancellations during July	..	..	20	
			—	126
				48 increase.
Number of pensions at 31st July, 1907	..	..	..	13,485
Add new grants during August, 1907	..	..	147	
Deduct deaths during August	..	..	101	
„ cancellations during August	..	..	23	
			—	124
				23 increase.
Number of pensions at 31st August, 1907	..	..	..	13,508
Add new grants during September, 1907	..	..	144	
Deduct deaths during September	..	..	123	
„ cancellations	..	..	14	
			—	137
				7 increase.
Number of pensions at 30th September, 1907	..	..	..	13,515
Add new grants during October, 1907	..	..	126	
Deduct deaths during October	..	..	143	
„ cancellations during October	..	..	19	
			—	162
				36 decrease.