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POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT:
OLD-AGE PENSIONS BRANCH

(THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1911.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to Section 69 of the Old-age Pensions Act, 1908.

The COMMISSIONER OF OLD-AGE PENSIONS to the Right Hon. the MINISTER OF FINANCE.

SIR,—

Old-age Pensions Office, Wellington, 30th June, 1911.

I have the honour to submit, for the information of Parliament, a *résumé* of the work of the Old-age Pensions Office for the year ended the 31st March, 1911.

Points of interest at the close of the year are as follows, a comparison being shown with the figures of the previous year :—

	At 31st March, 1911.	At 31st March, 1910.
European population of New Zealand	1,008,407	987,480
Maori population of New Zealand	49,343	47,731
		(1906 census)
Estimated European population, sixty-five years and over	46,586	44,838
Estimated European population, sixty-five years of age, and twenty-five years in New Zealand ..	41,556	40,238
Number of pension-claims lodged since Act came into operation on 1st January, 1899	42,271	39,316
Number of pensions granted since Act came into operation on 1st January, 1899	32,433	30,034
Number of European pensioners on the roll ..	15,336	14,626
Number of Maori pensioners on the roll ..	684	694
Percentage of European pensioners to total European population	1.52	1.48
Percentage of European pensioners to European population, sixty-five years and over	32.0	32.0
Percentage of European pensioners to European population eligible by age and residence ..	36.0	36.0
Percentage of Maori pensioners to total Maori population	1.38	1.45
Number of pensioners in receipt of full pension of £26 ..	13,936	11,£27
Percentage of these to total number of pensioners ..	87.0	77.0
Amount paid in pensions during year	£383,393	£362,496
Cost per head of European population	7s. 7d.	7s. 4d.
Total amount paid in pensions since Act came into operation	£3,150,404	£2,767,011
Cost of administration during year	£3,803	£3,290
Percentage of cost of administration to annual payments	0.99	0.90
Cost of administration since Act came into operation ..	£51,181	£47,378
Percentage of total cost of administration to total payments	1.62	1.71