

[Extract from Report by Committee set up by Imperial Local Government Board.].

Estimated Number of Non-commissioned Officers and Men discharged from the British Army as disabled through the War between the 4th August, 1914, and the 15th April, 1915, inclusive.

General Nature of Disablement.	Total Number.	Percentage.
Eyesight cases	245	8·5
Wounds and injuries to leg necessitating amputation	205	7·1
Wounds and injuries to arm necessitating amputation	170	5·9
Wounds and injuries to hand necessitating amputation	15	0·5
Wounds and injuries to leg not necessitating amputation	277	9·6
Wounds and injuries to arm not necessitating amputation	272	9·5
Wounds and injuries to hand not necessitating amputation of complete hand	224	7·8
Wounds and injuries to head	123	4·3
Hernia	96	3·4
Miscellaneous wounds and injuries not included in above	129	4·5
Chest complaints (including 200 cases of tubercle of the lungs)	298	10·4
Rheumatism	116	4·0
Heart-disease	284	9·9
Epilepsy	47	1·6
Nervous diseases	54	1·9
Insanity	29	1·0
Deafness	134	4·7
Frostbite	6	0·2
Miscellaneous disabilities	150	5·2
Total	<u>2,874</u>	<u>100·0</u>

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With reference to my telegram of the 6th August, the following is the constitution of the National Ministry, the Ministers being shown in their order of precedence:—

The Right Honourable W. F. MASSEY: Prime Minister, Minister of Lands, Minister of Labour, Minister of Industries and Commerce, Commissioner of State Forests, and Minister in Charge of Land for Settlements, Valuation, and Scenery Preservation Departments.

The Right Hon. Sir JOSEPH G. WARD: Minister of Finance, Postmaster-General and Minister of Telegraphs, Minister in Charge of Land and Income Tax, State-guaranteed Advances, Public Trust, and Government Life Insurance Departments.

The Hon. JAMES ALLEN: Minister of Defence.

The Hon. W. H. HERRIES: Minister of Railways and Native Minister.

The Hon. A. L. HERDMAN: Attorney-General, and Minister in Charge of Police, Crown Law (including Drafting), and Returned Soldiers Departments.

The Hon. Dr. R. McNAB: Minister of Justice, Minister of Marine, Minister of Stamps, and Minister in Charge of Tourist and Health Resorts Departments.

The Hon. W. FRASER: Minister of Public Works, and Minister in Charge of Roads Department.

The Hon. G. W. RUSSELL: Minister of Internal Affairs, Minister of Public Health, and Minister in Charge of Hospitals and Charitable Aid, Printing and Stationery, High Commissioner, Audit, Museum, Registrar-General, and Laboratory Departments.