

WIDOWS' PENSIONS.

	1915-16.		1916-17.	
	European.	Maori.	European.	Maori.
New pensions granted	426	18	407	14
Cancellations	337	5	283	4
Pensions in force at end of year ..	1,857	33	1,981	43

	1915-16.	1916-17.
New claims lodged	483	498
New claims rejected	73	58
Annual liability at close of year ..	£37,042	£39,386
Average pension	£19 11s.	£19 9s.
Gross expenditure for year	£36,357	£38,016
Cost per head of population	7d.	8d.
Increase on figures of previous year ..	£4,738	£1,659
Refunds paid to Public Account	£81	£95
Absolutely forfeited instalments	£204	£200
Instalments forfeited and subsequently paid ..	£327	£399
Average of total family of pensioner ..	4.2	4.04
Average of family under fourteen	2.4	2.5
Total claims lodged to date	3,885	
Total claims established	3,192	
Total number of children benefited ..	8,030	
Total deaths	44	
Total guardians appointed	32	
Total cancellations	1,156	
Grand total paid to date	£157,146	

TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN ON WHOSE ACCOUNT PENSION GRANTED.

							Number of Pensioners.	Children under Fourteen.
1911-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	791	1,923
1912-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	657	1,604
1913-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	421	1,090
1914-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	458	1,158
1915-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	444	1,180
1916-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	421	1,075
							3,192	8,030

MILITARY PENSIONS.

	1915-16.		1916-17.	
	European.	Maori.	European.	Maori.
New pensions granted	20	40	7	3
Deaths	101	23	75	26
Pensions in force at end of year ..	1,023	300	955	277

	1915-16.	1916-17.
Number of pensioners previously in receipt of old-age pensions ..	352	328
New claims lodged	58	11
Annual liability at close of year ..	£47,628	£44,352
Average pension	£36	£36
Gross expenditure for year	£48,273	£45,674
Cost per head of population	10d.	9d.
Decrease on figures of previous year ..	..	£2,599
Pensioners in homes and hospitals ..	44	51
Amount paid to controlling authorities of these ..	£1,806	£1,665
Absolutely forfeited instalments	£332	£390
Instalments forfeited and subsequently paid ..	£252	£222
Total claims lodged to date	1,834	
Total claims established	1,650	
Total deaths	416	
Total cancellations	2	
Grand total paid to date	£174,691	