

OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

				European.	Maori.	Total.
Pensions in force at 31st March, 1919	..	..	..	19,099	773	19,872
New pensions granted, 1919-20	..	..	..	2,161	128	2,289
Deaths during 1919-20	..	..	..	1,704	94	2,168
Cancellations, 1919-20	..	..	..	358	12	
Net increase	..	..	..	..	..	121
Pensions in force at 31st March, 1920	..	..	..	19,198	795	19,993

						Year 1919-20.
Total European population at 31st March, 1920	..	..	..	..	..	1,174,139
Total European pensioners, 65 and over, at 31st March, 1920	..	..	..	..	..	16,690
Female European pensioners, 60 to 64, at 31st March, 1920	..	..	..	..	..	2,508
Percentage of European pensioners to total European population	..	..	..	..	..	1.6
New claims lodged	..	..	..	..	..	3,029
New claims rejected	..	..	..	..	..	634
Annual liability at 31st March, 1920 (statutory pension)	..	..	..	..	..	£471,826
Annual liability at 31st March, 1920 (including allowance under Finance Act, 1917)	..	..	..	..	..	£731,735
Average pension (statutory)	..	..	..	..	..	£23 12s.
Average pension (total)	..	..	..	..	..	£36 12s.
Gross expenditure for year (statutory pension)	..	..	..	..	..	£475,869
Gross expenditure for year (including allowance under Finance Act, 1917)	..	..	..	..	..	£732,968
Decrease on figures of previous year	..	..	..	..	..	£10,095
Cost per head of European population	..	..	..	..	..	12s. 6d.
Credit from National Endowment	..	..	..	..	..	£33,851
Refunds paid to Public Account	..	..	..	..	..	£645
Number of pensioners in homes and hospitals	..	..	..	..	..	864
Amount paid to controlling authorities of these	..	..	..	..	..	£34,578
Number of pensioners in mental hospitals	..	..	..	..	..	79
Amount paid to Mental Hospitals Department on account of these	..	..	..	..	..	£2,970
Absolutely forfeited instalments	..	..	..	..	..	£3,301
Instalments forfeited and subsequently paid	..	..	..	..	..	£5,151
Total claims lodged to date	..	..	..	..	..	69,275
Total claims established	..	..	..	..	..	54,062
Total deaths	..	..	..	..	..	27,078
Total cancellations	..	..	..	..	..	6,991
Grand total paid since 1898	..	..	..	..	..	£7,928,788
Total credit from National Endowment	..	..	..	..	..	£269,020

WIDOWS' PENSIONS.

				European.	Maori.	Total.
Pensions in force at 31st March, 1919	..	..	..	3,152	59	3,211
New pensions granted, 1919-20	..	..	..	671	96	767
Cancellations during 1919-20	..	..	..	522	12	534
Net increase	..	..	..	..	..	233
Pensions in force at 31st March, 1920	..	..	..	3,301	143	3,444
Total children in receipt of pensions at 31st March, 1920	..	..	..	..	..	8,314

						Year 1919-20.
New claims lodged	..	..	..	..	..	934
New claims rejected	..	..	..	..	..	177
Annual liability at close of year	..	..	..	..	..	£185,968
Average pension	..	..	..	..	..	£54
Gross expenditure for year	..	..	..	..	..	£136,815
Increase on figures of previous year	..	..	..	..	..	£55,963
Cost per head of European population	..	..	..	..	..	2s. 4d.
Refunds paid to Public Account	..	..	..	..	..	£76
Absolutely forfeited instalments	..	..	..	..	..	£1,709
Instalments forfeited and subsequently paid	..	..	..	..	..	£1,778
Average of total family of pensioners	..	..	..	..	..	3.6
Average of family under fourteen years	..	..	..	..	..	2.4
Total claims lodged to date	..	..	..	..	..	6,993
Total claims established	..	..	..	..	..	5,817
Total number of children benefited	..	..	..	..	..	14,350
Total deaths	..	..	..	..	..	100
Total guardians appointed	..	..	..	..	..	53
Total cancellations	..	..	..	..	..	2,326
Grand total paid to date	..	..	..	..	..	£432,686