

PENSIONS PAYABLE OUTSIDE NEW ZEALAND AS AT THE 31ST MARCH, 1922.

	Soldiers.		Wives of Soldiers.	Dependants.		Annual Liability.
	Permanent.	Temporary.	Temporary.	Widows.	Other Dependants.	
Great Britain ..	92	254	20	193	728	£ 62,130
Australia ..	45	241	8	76	177	28,746
Other countries ..	3	20	1	2	9	2,103
Totals ..	140	515	29	271	914	92,979

APPEALS TO THE WAR PENSIONS MEDICAL APPEAL BOARD.

The War Pensions Medical Appeal Board set up in terms of section 2 of the Finance Act, 1920, commenced its sittings in June, 1921, and the appeals heard up to the 31st March, 1922, were dealt with as follows:—

Result of Appeal.	Number of Appeals by Soldiers.	Number of Appeals by Dependants.	Total.
Dismissed	319	5	324
Upheld	23	2	25
Pension reduced	29	..	29
Pension made permanent	4	..	4
Pension cancelled	14	..	14
Totals	389	7	396

OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

	European.	Maori.	Total.
Pensions in force at the 31st March, 1921	18,999	838	19,837
New pensions granted, 1921-22	2,414	139	2,553
Deaths during 1921-22	1,513	65	1,578
Cancellations 1921-22	313	8	321
Net increase	..	..	654
Pensions in force at the 31st March, 1922	19,587	904	20,491

Year 1921-22.

Total European population at the 31st March, 1922	1,248,216
Total European pensioners, sixty-five and over, at the 31st March, 1922	15,488
Female European pensioners, sixty to sixty-four, at the 31st March, 1922	4,099
Percentage of European pensioners to total European population	1.6
New claims lodged	3,278
New claims rejected	680
Annual liability at the 31st March, 1922	£751,121
Average pension	£36 13s.
Gross expenditure for year	£743,620
Increase on figures of previous year	£12,277
Cost per head of European population	11s. 11d.
Credit from national endowment	£30,744
Refunds paid to Public Account	£1,504
Number of pensioners in homes and hospitals	1,052
Amount paid to controlling authorities of these	£40,624
Number of pensioners in mental hospitals	93
Amount paid to Mental Hospitals Department on account of these	£3,345
Absolutely forfeited instalments	£3,724
Instalments forfeited and subsequently paid	£4,231
Total claims lodged to date	75,313
Total claims established	58,767
Total deaths	30,536
Total cancellations	7,740
Grand total paid since 1898	£9,403,751
Total credit from national endowment	£329,898