

ECONOMIC PENSIONS PAYABLE AT 31ST MARCH, 1927.

Class.	Number.	Annual Value.	Average Annual Grant.
		£	£
Soldiers with permanent pensions	342	23,890	70
Soldiers with temporary pensions	805	54,456	68
Widows with children	97	2,763	28
Widows without children	28	947	34
Widowed mothers	178	5,159	29
Totals	1,450	87,215	60

Medical treatment of war pensioners during 1926-27 cost £86,311.

Railway concessions to war pensioners with disabilities in excess of 50 per cent. cost £2,375 during the year.

The loading paid on life-insurance policies of war pensioners due to war service disability amounted to £236 for the year.

Temporary war pensions to soldiers decreased by 457, while permanent pensions to soldiers were increased by 452 during the year.

The 353 deaths among war pensioners are made up as follows: Soldiers, 131; widows of soldiers, 5; other dependants, 217.

	Old-age.	Widows'.	Maori War.	Miners'.	Blind.	Epidemic.
Pensions in force at 31st March, 1926 ..	22,905	3,833	444	640	196	313
New pensions granted, 1926-27	3,302	705	..	84	46	..
Deaths during 1926-27	2,049	6	70	51	6	2
Cancellations during 1926-27	407	562	..	5	4	52
Net increase or decrease	+846	+137	-70	+28	+36	-54
Pensions in force at 31st March, 1927 ..	23,751	3,970	374	668	232	259
Total children in receipt of pension, 31st March, 1927	..	8,917	..	..	..	..
Total European pensioners sixty-five years and over at 31st March, 1927	19,284	..	..	..	..	..
Total female European pensioners sixty years to sixty-four years at 31st March, 1927	3,014	..	..	..	..	..
Percentage of European pensioners to total European population	1.62	..	..	..	..	..
New claims lodged	4,411	867	..	116	50	..
New claims rejected	1,182	166	..	28	13	..
Number of children on whose account pension granted	..	1,725	..	..	..	..
Number of pensioners in receipt of old-age pension	..	..	91	..	..	..
Annual liability at 31st March, 1927 ..	£995,353	£305,586	£18,326	£41,951	£11,090	£9,016
Average pension	£41 18s.	£76 19s.	£49	£62 16s.	£47 16s.	£34 16s.
Gross expenditure for year 1926-27 ..	£982,356	£301,861	£19,458	£41,940	£10,338	£10,951
Increase or decrease on figures of previous year	+£78,779	+£15,411	-£3,609	+£1,701	+£2,285	-£3,571
Cost per head of European population ..	14s. 3d.	4s. 4d.	3.4d.	7.3d.	1.8d.	1.9d.
Credit from national endowment	£37,948	..	..	..	..	..
Credit from gold duty	..	..	..	£2,482	..	..
Refunds paid to Public Account	£2,955	£709	..	..	..	..
Number of pensioners in homes and hospitals	1,034	..	14	2	59	..
Amount paid to controlling authorities of these	£49,001	..	£662	£129	£3,017	..
Number of pensioners in mental hospitals	114	..	..	..	..	..
Amount paid to Mental Hospitals Department on account of these	£4,459	..	..	..	..	..
Unpaid instalments as at 31st March, 1927 ..	£6,583	£2,495	£142	£247	£49	£60
Instalments forfeited and subsequently paid ..	£4,575	£2,156	£86	£161	£145	£47
Average of total family of pensioners ..	..	4.34	..	..	..	..
Average of family under fifteen years ..	..	2.25	..	..	..	..
Total claims lodged to date	93,621	12,266	1,889	1,583	328	..
Total claims established	73,153	10,304	1,697	1,343	252	972
Total claims rejected and outstanding ..	20,468	1,962	192	240	76	..
Total number of children benefited	..	25,434	..	..	..	..
Total deaths	39,692	92	1,318	485	15	10
Total guardians appointed	..	160	..	..	..	..
Total cancellations	9,707	6,242	5	190	5	703
Grand total paid to date	£13,619,766	£2,022,011	£532,675	£301,178	£19,427	£427,518
Total credit from gold duty	..	..	..	£38,214	..	..
Total amount paid on account funeral expenses	..	..	..	£4,352	..	..
Total credit from national endowment ..	£504,412	..	..	..	..	..

Total European population at 31st March, 1927, 1,373,746.