

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL LIABILITY AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1931.

Class of Pension.	Number of Pensioners.	Number of Children.	Annual Value.	Average Pension.
			£	£
Soldiers (permanent)	9,405	22	489,191	52
Soldiers (temporary)	3,486	40	265,185	76
Dependants of disabled soldiers.. ..	1,313	2,795	123,878	94
Widows (without children)	810	..	73,766	91
Widows (with children)	584	912	89,093	153
Other dependants of deceased soldiers—				
Parents	4,787	5	171,877	36
Other adult dependants	117	8	4,172	36
Guardians of children	523	705	19,026	36
Totals, &c.	21,025	4,487	1,236,188	59

WAR PENSIONS PAYABLE OUTSIDE NEW ZEALAND AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1931.

	Soldiers.		Wives and Parents of Soldiers.	Dependants.		Annual Liability.
	Permanent.	Temporary.	Temporary.	Widows.	Other Dependants.	
						£
Great Britain	240	107	24	152	574	59,665
Australia	250	195	23	53	176	40,181
Other countries	48	26	..	6	37	5,092
Totals	538	328	47	211	787	104,938

ECONOMIC PENSIONS PAYABLE AT 31ST MARCH, 1931.

Class.	Number.	Annual Value.	Average Annual Grant.
		£	£
Soldiers with permanent pensions	820	59,145	72
Soldiers with temporary pensions	1,099	78,985	72
Widows with children	106	3,176	30
Widows without children	96	3,454	36
Widowed mothers	180	5,114	28
Totals	2,301	149,874	65

WAR PENSION APPEALS.

Appeals outstanding on 31st March, 1930	155	
Appeals lodged during 1930-31	603	
	—	758
Appeals dismissed during 1930-31	279	
Appeals upheld during 1930-31	308	
Appeals withdrawn and struck out, 1930-31	24	
	—	611
Appeals outstanding on 31st March, 1931	147	
Percentage upheld, 50·4 per cent.		

The total number of appeals dealt with to the 31st March, 1931, was 3,697, the percentage upheld being 48 per cent.

Of the 611 cases dealt with during the past year, 330 were heard at Auckland, 56·7 per cent. being upheld ; 119 at Wellington, 35·3 per cent. being upheld ; 98 at Christchurch, 47 per cent. being upheld ; and 64 at Dunedin, 51·6 per cent. being upheld.

Medical treatment of war pensioners during 1930-31 cost £83,394.

Railway concessions to war pensioners with locomotive disabilities in excess of 50 per cent. cost £1,876 during the year.

The loading paid on life-insurance policies of war pensioners due to war-service disability amounted to £196 for the year.

Temporary war pensions to soldiers increased by 118, and permanent pensions to soldiers by 120 during the year.

The 387 deaths among war pensioners are made up as follows : Soldiers, 145 ; widows of soldiers, 5 ; other dependants, 237.