

Numbers according to Size of Family.

Number of Children in excess of two.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.
Number of families	1,106	959	520	266	108	65	8	5	3

Weekly Incomes of Families.

Weekly Income.	£1 and under.	Over £1 and up to £2.	Over £2 and up to £3.	Over £3 and up to £3 12s.	Over £3 12s.
Number of families	95	727	971	1,206	41

COST OF ADMINISTRATION.

The cost of administration for the year amounted to £61,611, the principal items of expenditure being £31,688 for salaries of officers of the Department, who numbered 160 as at 31st March, 1932; £14,961 and £4,847 paid to the Postal Department respectively for payment of pensions and postage and telegrams; £3,084 for salaries and other expenses of the War Pensions Appeal Board; and £2,189 for salaries of the War Pensions Board.

The percentage of cost of administration to the total payments made of £3,267,706 was 1.89.

WAR PENSIONS.

SUMMARY OF WAR PENSION PAYMENTS.

	Payments made in						Total.
	London.	Australia.	Canada.	South Africa.	Foreign Countries.	New Zealand.	
Total payments to 31st March, 1931	£ 785,531	£ 435,900	£ 24,029	£ 3,403	£ 6,761	£ 17,232,233	£ 18,487,857
Payments in 1931-32	73,260	30,809	2,739	560	819	1,153,591	1,261,778
Total payments to 31st March, 1932	858,791	466,709	26,768	3,963	7,580	18,385,824	19,749,635

The amount paid for the year ended 31st March, 1932, shows an increase over the preceding year of £16,279.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL LIABILITY AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1932.

Class of Pension.	Number of Pensioners.	Number of Children.	Annual Value.	Average Pension.
Soldiers (permanent)	9,504	14	£ 498,387	£ 52
Soldiers (temporary)	3,472	36	258,802	75
Dependants of disabled soldiers	1,503	3,184	140,523	93
Widows (without children)	898	..	82,353	92
Widows (with children)	496	794	76,440	154
Other dependants of deceased soldiers—				
Parents	4,577	..	164,057	36
Other adult dependants	109	11	3,705	34
Guardians of children	482	676	18,213	38
Totals, &c.	21,041	4,715	1,242,480	59