

The total amount paid during the year was £122,810, while the total annual value of all allowances in force at the close of the year was £131,118.

Weekly Rates at which Allowances granted.

Weekly Rate.	1s.	2s.	3s.	4s.	5s.	6s.	7s.	8s.	10s.	11s.	12s.	14s.	16s.	20s.
Number granted	8	1,862	14	1,107	7	515	2	184	97	1	31	8	4	1

Numbers according to Size of Family.

Number of Children in Excess of Two.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
Number of families	1,824	1,147	514	204	104	34	9	4	..	1

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 5s.	Over £3 5s.
Number of families	129	2,161	924	589	38

COST OF ADMINISTRATION.

The cost of administration for the year amounted to £58,320, the principal items of expenditure being £27,874 for salaries of officers of the Department, who numbered 162 as at 31st March, 1933; £15,701 and £4,008 paid to the Postal Department respectively for payment of pensions and postage and telegrams; £2,693 for salaries and other expenses of the War Pensions Appeal Board; and £1,836 for salaries of the War Pensions Board.

The percentage of cost of administration to the total payments made of £3,303,532 (including £271,751 paid on behalf of other Governments) was 1·77.

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, 1932	858,791	466,709	26,768	3,963	7,580	18,385,824	19,749,635
Payments in 1932-33	42,499	40,038	2,332	..	771	1,131,946	1,217,586
Total payments to 31st March, 1933	901,290	506,747	29,100	3,963	8,351	19,517,770	20,967,221

The amount paid for the year ended 31st March, 1933, shows a decrease over the preceding year of £44,192.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL LIABILITY AS AT 31st MARCH, 1933.

Class of Pension.	Number of Pensioners.	Number of Children.	Annual Value	Average Pension.
			£	£
Soldiers (permanent)	9,548	28	495,511	52
Soldiers (temporary)	3,615	54	253,517	70
Dependants of disabled soldiers	1,744	3,515	132,994	76
Widows (without children)	979	..	89,485	91
Widows (with children)	409	665	62,958	154
Other dependants of deceased soldiers—				
Parents	4,352	1	147,686	34
Other adult dependants	99	1	2,902	29
Guardians of children	358	574	15,415	43
Totals, &c.	21,104	4,838	1,200,468	57