

WAR PENSIONS PAYABLE OUTSIDE NEW ZEALAND AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1933.

	Soldiers.		Wives and Parents of Soldiers.	Dependants.		Annual Liability
	Permanent.	Temporary.	Temporary.	Widows.	Other Dependants.	
						£
Great Britain ..	256	91	26	147	495	52,539
Australia ..	257	202	31	50	156	40,674
Other countries ..	51	21	..	5	30	4,458
Totals ..	564	314	57	202	681	97,671

ECONOMIC PENSIONS PAYABLE AT 31ST MARCH, 1933.

Class.				Number.	Annual Value.	Average Annual Grant.
					£	£
Soldiers with permanent pensions	..	..	..	1,071	55,680	52
Soldiers with temporary pensions	..	..	..	1,242	65,490	53
Widows with children	..	..	..	91	2,275	25
Widows without children	..	..	..	153	4,708	31
Widowed mothers	..	..	..	169	3,830	23
Totals	..	..	..	2,726	131,983	48

WAR PENSION APPEALS.

Appeals outstanding on 31st March, 1932	229
Appeals lodged during 1932-33	608
	— 837
Appeals dismissed during 1932-33	306
Appeals upheld during 1932-33	324
Appeals withdrawn and struck out, 1932-33	27
	— 657
Appeals outstanding on 31st March, 1933	180
Percentage upheld, 49·3 per cent.	

The total number of appeals dealt with to the 31st March, 1933, was 4,871, the percentage upheld being 48 per cent.

Of the 657 cases dealt with during the past year, 358 were heard at Auckland, 56·1 per cent. being upheld; 107 at Wellington, 32·7 per cent. being upheld; 112 at Christchurch, 35·7 per cent. being upheld; and 80 at Dunedin, 60 per cent. being upheld.

Medical treatment of war pensioners during 1932-33 cost £71,077.

Railway concessions to war pensioners on maximum permanent disablement pension and those with locomotive disabilities on permanent pension in excess of 50 per cent. cost £1,482 during the year.

The loading paid on life-insurance policies of war pensioners due to war-service disability amounted to £182 for the year.

Temporary war pensions to soldiers increased by 143 and permanent pensions to soldiers increased by 44 during the year.

The 400 deaths among war pensioners are made up as follows: Soldiers, 139; widows of soldiers, 8; other dependants, 253.

Discharged Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment Act, 1930.

During the year ended 31st March, 1933, the committees and employment officers appointed in terms of the provisions of the above-mentioned Act found it increasingly difficult to place disabled ex-soldiers in employment, owing to the large number of fit men and boys able to undertake continuous and arduous labour being available to fill vacant positions, but, notwithstanding this handicap, were