

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL LIABILITY AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1934.

Class of Pension.	Number of Pensioners.	Number of Children.	Annual Value.	Average Pension.
			£	£
Soldiers (permanent)	9,686	41	512,671	53
Soldiers (temporary)	3,762	58	261,620	70
Dependants of disabled soldiers	1,988	3,901	147,424	74
Widows (without children)	1,063	..	97,493	92
Widows (with children).. .. .	340	581	52,679	155
Other dependants of deceased soldiers—				
Parents	4,102	..	140,358	34
Other adult dependants	90	..	2,578	29
Guardians of children	283	505	13,749	49
Totals, &c.	21,314	5,086	1,228,572	58

WAR PENSIONS PAYABLE OUTSIDE NEW ZEALAND AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1934.

	Soldiers.		Wives and Parents of Soldiers.	Dependants.		Annual Liability.
	Permanent.	Temporary.	Temporary.	Widows.	Other Dependants.	
						£
Great Britain.. .. .	267	83	31	142	457	50,848
Australia	270	201	35	53	154	38,603
Other countries	52	21	1	5	31	4,748
Totals	589	305	67	200	642	94,199

ECONOMIC PENSIONS PAYABLE AT 31ST MARCH, 1934.

Class.	Number.	Annual Value.	Average Annual Grant.
		£	£
Soldiers with permanent pensions	1,231	63,864	52
Soldiers with temporary pensions	1,274	67,002	53
Widows with children	76	1,879	25
Widows without children	179	5,519	31
Widowed mothers	179	5,885	33
Totals	2,939	144,149	49

WAR PENSION APPEALS.

Appeals outstanding on 31st March, 1933	180
Appeals lodged during 1933-34	741
	921
Appeals dismissed during 1933-34.. .. .	303
Appeals upheld during 1933-34	326
Appeals withdrawn and struck out, 1933-34	27
	656
Appeals outstanding on 31st March, 1934	265
Percentage upheld, 49·7 per cent.	

The total number of appeals dealt with to the 31st March, 1934, was 5,527, the percentage upheld being 48 per cent.

Of the 656 cases dealt with during the past year, 372 were heard at Auckland, 54·6 per cent. being upheld; 70 at Wellington, 27·1 per cent. being upheld; 133 at Christchurch, 39·8 per cent. being upheld; and 81 at Dunedin, 63 per cent. being upheld.