

PAYMENTS ON BEHALF OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS.

The following figures relate to the war and other pensions paid by the Department during the year on behalf of other Governments:—

Government.		Class of Pension.		Number at 31st March, 1938.	Annual Value.	Average Pension.			Payments, 1937-38.
					£	£	s.	d.	£
Great Britain	..	..	War	1,361	71,696	53	0	0	} 148,064
"	..	..	Army and civil	750	50,929	68	0	0	
Australia	..	..	War	518	24,158	46	12	9	25,512
India	..	..	Army and civil	60	14,074	235	0	0	16,988
South Africa	..	..	War	4	389	97	0	0	} 5,739
"	..	..	Civil	33	3,755	114	0	0	
Crown Colonies	..	..	"	41	12,966	316	0	0	13,775
Canada	..	..	War	1	215	215	0	9	368
Totals		..	..	2,768	178,182	..			210,446

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, 1937	1,115,651	653,658	39,049	7,207	11,683	24,483,316	26,310,564
Payments in 1937-38	52,924	55,711	2,439	658	578	1,485,214	1,597,524
Total payments to 31st March, 1938	1,168,575	709,369	41,488	7,865	12,261	25,968,530	27,908,088

The amount paid for the year ended 31st March, 1938, shows an increase over the preceding year of £114,179.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL LIABILITY AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1938.

Class of Pension.		Number of Pensioners.	Number of Children.	Annual Value.	Average Pension.
				£	£
Soldiers (permanent)	..	11,036	34	659,136	60
Soldiers (temporary)	..	4,439	32	318,737	72
Dependants of disabled soldiers	..	3,077	5,571	261,231	85
Widows (without children)	..	1,393	..	135,443	97
Widows (with children)	..	407	765	66,620	164
Other dependants of deceased soldiers—					
Parents	..	3,528	..	129,795	37
Other adult dependants	..	103	..	3,445	33
Guardians of children	..	113	190	5,317	47
Totals, &c.	..	24,096	6,592	1,579,724	66