

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, 1939.	Annual Value.	Average Pension.	Payments, 1938-39.
			£	£ s. d.	£
Great Britain	War	1,349	70,400	52 0 0	} 129,021
"	Army and civil ..	745	48,788	66 0 0	
Australia	War	528	24,417	46 0 0	} 25,445
India	Army and civil ..	66	18,743	284 0 0	
South Africa	War	5	403	81 0 0	} 4,469
"	Civil	34	3,832	113 0 0	
Crown Colonies	"	36	10,948	304 0 0	} 12,787
Canada	War	1	222	222 0 0	
Totals		2,764	177,753	..	187,582

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, 1938	1,168,575	709,369	41,488	7,865	12,261	25,968,530	27,908,088
Payments in 1938-39	51,294	47,997	2,825	616	441	1,513,075	1,616,248
Total payments to 31st March, 1939	1,219,869	757,366	44,313	8,481	12,702	27,481,605	29,524,336

The amount paid for the year ended 31st March, 1939, shows an increase over the preceding year of £18,724.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL LIABILITY AS AT 31ST MARCH 1939.

Class of Pension.	Number of Pensioners.	Number of Children.	Annual Value.	Average Pension.
			£	£
Soldiers (permanent)	11,475	37	705,181	61
Soldiers (temporary)	4,318	24	316,528	73
Dependants of disabled soldiers	3,146	5,245	264,951	84
Widows (without children)	1,465	..	143,859	98
Widows (with children).. ..	414	763	67,913	164
Other dependants of deceased soldiers—				
Parents	3,255	..	118,571	36
Other adult dependants	99	..	3,407	34
Guardians of children	85	157	4,134	49
Totals, &c.	24,257	6,226	1,624,544	67