

STATISTICS IN REGARD TO CIVIL PENSIONS.

	Old-age.	Widows'.	Maori War.	Miners'.	Invalidity.
Pensions in force at 31st March, 1938 ..	59,953	4,982	27	868*	10,633
New pensions granted, 1938-39 ..	12,008	1,094	..	76*	3,776
Deaths during 1938-39 ..	4,179	19	7	72	871
Cancellations during 1938-39 ..	1,088	870	..	27	1,049
Net increase or decrease ..	6,741	214	7	2	1,856
Pensions in force at 31st March, 1939 ..	66,694	5,196	20	871*	12,489
Total children in receipt of pension, 31st March, 1939 ..	..	10,271	..	390	3,662
Total European pensioners ..	63,771	4,621	11	1,062	11,734
Total Maori pensioners ..	2,872	575	9	..	751
Total Asiatic pensioners ..	51	..	..	..	4
‡ Pensioners under section 7 (b), Pensions Act, 1926 ..	169	..	..	..	..
Percentage of European pensioners to total European population ..	4.15	0.30	..	0.07	0.76
New claims lodged ..	16,915	2,649	..	130	7,201
New claims rejected ..	2,317	398	..	33	3,152
Number of children on whose account pension granted ..	..	2,341	..	..	..
Annual liability at 31st March, 1939 ..	£3,733,238	£496,831	£1,170	£85,938	£794,636
Average pension per annum ..	£55 19s. 6d.	£95 12s. 4d.	£58 10s. 6d.	£80 18s. 5d.	£63 12s. 6d.
Gross expenditure for year 1938-39 ..	£3,577,129	£487,216	£1,338	£87,094	£750,748
Increase or decrease on figures of previous year ..	£342,072	£15,929	£468	£1,073	£117,919
Cost per head of European population ..	£2 6s. 6-8d.	6s. 4d.	0-2d.	1s. 1-6d.	9s. 9-2d.
Credit from national endowment ..	£43,595	..	..	..	..
Refunds paid to Public Account ..	£1,547	£329	..	£3	£322
Number of pensioners in homes and hospitals ..	1,809	..	1	15	1,126
Amount paid to controlling authorities of these ..	£98,232	..	£49	£1,353	£63,968
Number of pensioners in mental hospitals ..	211	4	..	3	..
Amount paid to Mental Hospitals Department on account of these ..	£12,251	£113	..	£185	..
Unpaid instalments as at 31st March, 1939 ..	£8,839	£1,698	£10	£265	£3,776
Instalments forfeited and subsequently paid ..	£4,036	£653	..	£48	£1,974
Average of family under fifteen years ..	..	1.98	..	..	..
Total claims lodged to date ..	195,674	25,567	1,893	3,749	26,332
Total claims established ..	154,891	20,264	1,698	2,873	16,147
Total claims rejected ..	36,774	4,063	195	872	9,391
Total number of children benefited ..	..	48,085	..	..	..
Total deaths ..	71,615	164	1,672	1,167	1,966
Total guardians appointed ..	..	463	..	..	..
Total cancellations ..	16,582	14,904	6	644	1,692
Grand total paid to date ..	£34,320,907	£6,222,169	£612,553	£1,078,719	£1,842,194
Total amount paid on account funeral expenses ..	..	..	..	£11,213	..
Total credit from national endowment ..	£946,644	..	..	..	..
Invalidity appeals—					
Appeals outstanding on 31st March, 1938 ..	..	..	..	..	57
Appeals lodged during 1938-39 ..	..	..	..	..	688
Appeals dismissed during 1938-39 ..	..	..	..	..	400
Appeals upheld during 1938-39 ..	..	..	..	..	262
Appeals withdrawn and struck out 1938-39 ..	..	..	..	..	38
Appeals outstanding on 31st March, 1939 ..	..	..	..	..	45
Percentage upheld ..	..	..	..	..	37.4

* Miners. † Widows of miners. ‡ Pensions may be granted to males sixty years and over and to females fifty-five years and over in cases where two or more children under fifteen are being maintained. The 169 cases above comprise: European—Males, 60 and under 65, 141; females, 55 and under 60, 13; Maori—Males, 60 and under 65, 14; females, 55 and under 60, 1.

Total European population at 31st March, 1939, 1,536,264.