

amendments to the statute, of awards in cases in which final payments had been accepted. A comparatively slight increase, namely, 32, is found to have taken place in the number of dependent pensions in force. The reinstatement of disability awards in final payment cases, usually involves the payment of additional pension for several dependants, including the pensioner's wife, children, and in many instances, dependent parents.

The number of medical examinations for pension purposes carried out during the fiscal year was 31,208, representing an increase of 5,511, which to a large extent was due to reinstatement of awards in final payment cases.

The total liability in respect of pensions under the Pension Act for the fiscal year ending Mar. 31, 1931, was \$40,211,726, which is an increase of \$2,409,216 over the liability for the preceding fiscal year.

### 13.—Pensions in Force as at Mar. 31, 1918-31.

Fiscal Year.	Dependants.		Disabilities.		Total.	
	No. of Pensions.	Liability.	No. of Pensions.	Liability.	No. of Pensions.	Liability.
		\$		\$		\$
1918.....	10,488	4,168,602	15,335	3,105,126	25,823	7,273,728
1919.....	16,753	9,593,056	42,932	7,470,739	59,685	17,063,785
1920.....	17,823	10,841,170	60,203	14,335,118	77,026	25,176,288
1921.....	19,209	12,954,141	51,452	18,230,697	70,661	31,184,838
1922.....	19,606	12,687,237	45,133	17,991,536	64,739	30,678,772
1923.....	19,794	12,279,621	43,263	18,142,145	63,057	30,421,766
1924.....	19,971	12,037,843	43,300	18,787,206	63,271	30,825,049
1925.....	20,015	11,804,825	44,598	19,816,380	64,613	31,621,205
1926.....	20,005	11,608,530	46,385	21,456,941	66,390	33,065,471
1927.....	19,989	11,419,276	48,027	22,811,373	68,026	34,230,649
1928.....	19,975	11,209,351	50,635	24,374,502	70,610	35,583,853
1929.....	20,002	11,090,158	54,820	26,095,150	74,822	37,185,308
1930.....	19,644	10,742,518	56,986	27,059,932	76,640	37,802,510
1931.....	19,676	10,985,518	66,669	29,226,208	86,345	40,211,726

The following are the figures of disability and dependent pensions of beneficiaries under the Pension Act as at Mar. 31, 1931:—

Total number of disability pensions, temporary.....	41,031	
Total number of disability pensions, permanent.....	25,636	
<b>Total.....</b>		66,669
Total number of dependent pensioners—		
Widows.....	8,560	
Others.....	11,086	
<b>Total.....</b>		19,676
<b>Grand Total.....</b>		<b>86,345</b>

Number of persons in receipt of benefits under the Pension Act as at March 31, 1931:—

Disability pensioners.....	66,669	
Disability pensioners' wives.....	48,794	
Disability pensioners' children.....	85,812	
Disability pensioners' other relatives.....	1,669	
Disability pensioners' (widowers, section 22-9 Pension Act).....	232	
		203,176
Dependent pensioners.....	19,676	
Dependent pensioners' children.....	5,829	
Other relatives in addition to main dependant.....	1,657	
		27,162