

PENSION-CERTIFICATES.

17. The pension-certificate shall set out on the face thereof the office of payment, and also the date on which the first instalment is payable.

18. If a pension-certificate is lost, destroyed, or mutilated, the pensioner, or his duly authorized agent appointed under these regulations, may make application for a duplicate certificate to the Registrar direct, or to him through a Postmaster or Clerk of Court. After satisfying himself that the original certificate has been lost, destroyed, or mutilated, as the case may be, the Registrar shall, in the case of a pension payable under Part I or Part II of the said Act, issue a duplicate certificate, which shall bear across its face the word "Duplicate," and shall forthwith forward the application to the Commissioner, who shall instruct the paying office to pay on the duplicate certificate only. Any application in respect of a pension payable under any other Part of the said Act shall be dealt with by the Commissioner.

19. Application for transfer from one district to another of a pension payable under Part I or Part II of the said Act shall be made in writing to the Registrar direct, or to him through a Postmaster or Clerk of Court, and with respect thereto the following provisions shall apply:—

- (a) It shall not be granted unless the Registrar to whom the application is made is satisfied that the pensioner is about to change or has permanently changed his residence, or unless the pension-certificate is lodged with the application, for which latter a receipt shall be issued as a subsequent means of identification by the Registrar of the new district.
- (b) For the purpose of effecting the transfer the Registrar of the district in which the pension is registered shall issue a transfer-warrant, and transmit the same, together with the pension-card, pension-certificate, and all papers relating thereto, to the Registrar of the new district.
- (c) The Registrar issuing the transfer-warrant shall note the index-card and forward the application duly noted by him to the Commissioner.
- (d) The Registrar receiving the aforesaid warrant and other papers shall supply the new number by which the pension will be known, and forward the said warrant by first mail to the Commissioner, who shall note the district card and issue the necessary instructions to the paying office. The Registrar shall also issue the pension-certificate to the pensioner or to the duly authorized agent on surrender of the receipt previously issued for the pension-certificate, having first noted on the certificate the new number and the names of the new district and paying office, and shall file the pension-card and other papers, to which latter the receipt for the pension-certificate shall be attached.

20. If the pensioner or authorized agent for the pensioner desires that the office of payment only shall be changed, he may make application in writing to a Registrar, Postmaster, or Clerk of Court, and in support thereof shall forward the pension-certificate with the application. The Registrar, or Postmaster, or Clerk of Court receiving the application, after noting the change of paying office on the pension-certificate (which he shall return to the applicant), shall forward the application in the case of a pension payable under Part I or Part II of the said Act to the Registrar of the district in which the pension is recorded, who in turn shall advise the Commissioner, who shall note the district card and issue the necessary instructions to the paying office. Any application in respect of a pension payable under any other part of the said Act shall be forwarded direct to the Commissioner.

PAYMENT OF PENSIONS.

21. The Commissioner shall, in respect of every pension granted, provided payment has not been stopped for any reason, transmit to the paying office in every month a form of advice of payment of the instalment falling due on the first day of the following month. Such advice shall be in the form numbered 11 in the First Schedule hereto.

22. When receiving payment of any instalment of a pension the payee shall give a receipt for the same in the manner provided therefor in the advice form, and when making payment the paying officer shall, by affixing thereto his office stamp on the back of the produced pension-certificate, note the date and fact of such payment: Provided that the paying officer, if not satisfied as to the identity of the payee, shall withhold payment and report to the Commissioner.

23. If the payee is other than the pensioner, the payee shall in such receipt certify that to his certain knowledge

the pensioner is alive and residing in New Zealand, giving address, and that the instalment applied for is properly payable.

24. No payment shall be made in respect of any instalment of pension after the expiry of one month after the due date, or after the death of the pensioner, without the special authority of the Commissioner first obtained.

25. The paying officer shall, in every case where the last instalment covered by the pension-certificate has been paid, retain the pension-certificate. Where the said certificate does not indicate that all the instalments payable thereon have been paid he shall forward the same, with his accounts, to the Chief Postmaster; and in other cases may, unless otherwise instructed by the Commissioner, destroy the certificate.

26. Whenever any instalment is payable under a warrant issued under these regulations, the pension-certificate shall be produced by the payee at the time of payment, together with the warrant, and where the aforesaid warrant relates to a single instalment, or to the last of a series of instalments, it shall be delivered up to and retained by the paying officer on payment of such instalment, and forwarded with his accounts to the Chief Postmaster.

27. In the event of any instalment being paid on production of a lost pension-certificate after the issue of a duplicate of such certificate, or on a pension-certificate during the currency of a warrant directing payment to other than the pensioner, the holder of such duplicate or warrant shall have no claim against His Majesty in respect of the instalment so paid.

28. In the event of any instalment being forfeited, the pensioner or the duly authorized agent for the pensioner may make application in writing to receive such instalment to the Registrar or to the Postmaster, to whom the pension-certificate shall be produced, and such application shall be forwarded with a recommendation as to payment to the Commissioner, who shall notify his decision direct to the applicant. Every such application made in respect of any class of pension other than a widow's pension on behalf of the governing body of a charitable institution shall be accompanied by a warrant issued as provided in clause 31 of these regulations.

29. (1) With respect to the portion of an instalment accruing due as at the date of death in the case of any class of pension other than a widow's pension, or for any instalment unpaid at the date of death, the application shall be made in writing by the person who actually defrayed the burial-expenses of the pensioner, or on behalf of the governing body of a charitable institution wherein the pensioner was being maintained at date of death. If the application is made by the person who defrayed the burial-expenses it shall be accompanied by a receipted account for the said expenses, or for such part of the said expenses as is not less than the amount of pension payable; and if the application is made on behalf of the governing body of a charitable institution, for the cost of burial or maintenance of the pensioner to the date of death, it shall be accompanied by a warrant issued as provided in clause 31 of these regulations.

(2) Every application under this clause must be accompanied by the pension-certificate, and, in the case of a Maori pension, by a certificate of death signed by a European of repute other than the applicant or the Registrar. Such application shall be made to the Registrar, who, after satisfying himself that the application is in order, shall forward it to the Commissioner with his recommendation as to payment; except that, in lieu of forwarding a receipt for funeral expenses paid by a charitable institution, he may certify on the application that the receipt has been seen by him. No application shall be entertained where the pensioner has left an estate out of which the funeral expenses, or the cost of maintenance, as the case may be, could be met, or where the pensioner has been dead more than three months, except under special circumstances, which must be explained to the Commissioner.

(3) In the case of an applicant where no portion of the cost of the burial has been paid, the Commissioner may direct that payment of the pension accrued to date of death be made to the undertaker who arranged the burial of the pensioner instead of to the applicant.

30. With regard to the payment of that portion of a widow's pension payable in respect of the child or children of a deceased pensioner, application may be made by the person having the care or control of the said children to the Registrar, who shall forward the application for decision to the Commissioner accompanied by the pension-certificate and a report relating to the circumstances of the applicant. No application shall be entertained where the applicant is a person in affluent circumstances.

AGENTS' WARRANTS.

31. With respect to a warrant authorizing payment of instalments to the governing body of a charitable institution