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REPORT OF STATE PENSION CLERK.

AUGUSTA, DECEMBER 30th, 1912.

To His Excellency, the Governor and the Executive Council:

GENTLEMEN:—I beg to submit a brief report, covering the operations of the State Pension Office, for the years 1911 and 1912.

Early in the year 1911, Major George E. Dodge was appointed as Pension Clerk. He served very carefully and faithfully, until in September, 1912, when he was stricken with a somewhat sudden illness, which terminated in his death, at his home in Carmel, on September 21st.

Major Dodge was a soldier in the Civil War, and for years he had been actively connected with the matter of pensions, serving the interests of hundreds of soldiers and widows as an attorney. That experience gave him a personal knowledge of conditions which must be considered in connection with the consideration of the granting of applications for pensions.

On September 26th, 1912, I received notice that I had been elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Major Dodge, and upon the following day I took charge of the Pension Office. My personal contact with the work, therefore, has been of short duration, and I cannot recite any of the convictions which had been formed in the mind of my predecessor, from an experience of nearly two years in the work of considering applications for pension, or State Aid, and determining whether those applications should be granted or not.

The 75th Legislature appropriated for the year 1911 \$105,500. This was divided as follows: Civil and Spanish Wars \$100,000, Aroostook War \$1,000, Military Pensions \$4,500.

According to the records of the Pension Office, the total amount expended for pensions in 1911 was \$101,666. Of this amount \$97,550 was paid for Civil and Spanish War claims, \$276 were Aroostook War claims, \$3,840 was expended in Military Pensions. There was an unexpected balance therefore in 1911 amounting to \$3,834.

The 75th Legislature made available for pensions during 1912 \$100,000. The vouchers for the fourth quarter of this year have not yet been presented to the various town and city treasurers for payment and it cannot be accurately determined just how much the re-imbusement to the various cities and towns, for the fourth quarter will amount to at this date. There are deaths occurring and these deaths thin the ranks of the old soldiers and their widows. Such fatalities are not promptly reported to this office, until the unreturned vouchers have been called for.

As a part of this report, I present a tabular statement showing the number of pensioners in each town and city in the State in 1911 and 1912, together with the amount of State funds expended in 1911 and the amount expended in 1912, covering the first three-quarters of this year. During 1911, 2476 certificates were issued. During 1912, 2425 certificates were issued. These pensioners in 1911 were classed as follows: widows 1563, invalids 805, daughters 22, sisters 15, sons 8, fathers 2, mothers 14, Aroostook War pensioners 6, and, by special legislation known as Military pensions 41. In 1912 the list is as follows: widows 1568, invalids 747, daughters 28, sisters 16, mothers, 9, sons 8, fathers 4, deserted wife 1, orphans 1, and, by special legislation known as Military pensions 39, Aroostook War pensioners 4.

During the year 1911 there were made upon the pension rolls notations which indicated 126 deaths. So far there have been reported during the year 1912, 101 deaths. Although the number of pensioners is being continually diminished by passing out of this life, yet those remaining eligible to receive such aid from the State are older, more feeble, and therefore more in need of this relief. On account of this condition, each succeeding year seems to show a greater need of aid from the State.

Although my predecessor acted with the wisdom gained from his experience in pension matters, actuated by a desire to be

liberal and at the same time to be governed by the funds available for State pensions, there have been received during the year 1912 at this office 230 applications for State pensions, which have been held on file, largely because it appeared that the appropriation of \$100,000 for 1912 would be entirely expended with the certificates already issued. An examination of these 230 applications convinces me that a large proportion of them come from those who are both eligible and needy. Without doubt many of these applications would have been acted upon favorably, had there been sufficient funds to take care of them. It is indeed rather difficult to deny a widow without any means of support excepting, perhaps, a Federal pension of \$12 per month, when it is very truthfully represented that it requires with the most careful management \$8 per month more to support her. It is indeed in such a case difficult to square the granting of \$4 per month with the conscience of the grantor. If she needs \$8 a month to keep her from being a subject of charity, she needs that amount and a lesser sum is insufficient. Right here I would call your attention to the fact that the present high cost of living bears harshly upon the soldier's widow. Food, clothing, shelter and fuel have gone up and up and up. Along with them have increased the prices of rent and of board. The increased cost of living affects the needy far more than it does the well to do or the wealthy. Very logically the State is called upon to take care of this heavier burden, and it is difficult for the State to refuse such supplications.

Reference to the tabular statement given as a part of this report shows that re-imbusement to cities and towns during the first three-quarters of this year for funds advanced in payment of State pensions amounts to \$70,664.83 for Civil and Spanish War pensions, for Aroostook War pensions \$72, for Military pensions \$2,661, a total of \$73,397.83. In addition to this, \$210, has been paid to take care of nine claims belonging in the year 1911, but delayed until the appropriation for 1911 had lapsed. The amount therefore charged against the 1912 appropriation is represented by \$73,607.83, leaving a balance of \$26,392.17 to re-imburse the various cities and towns for payment of State pensions for the fourth quarter of this year.

It would be difficult to determine what would be an adequate appropriation for State pensions. There are too many ele-

ments entering into the question which make an appeal to one's sympathy and which prevent a cold calculation in dollars and cents. These pensions constitute a helping hand, whose palm should be warm and generous, rather than cold and niggardly. On the other hand, there is a business side to the proposition which cannot be ignored. I feel that it is most proper to limit any recommendation that I have to this thought, enlarged on one side by a generous consideration of need and on the other by a restriction to the ability and business consideration of the State's finances.

Thanking you, gentlemen, for the consideration and kindnesses you have conferred upon me, I submit this report.

KINGSBURY B. PIPER,
State Pension Clerk.

The number of State pensioners in each city and town and the amount paid for the four quarters of 1911 and for the first three quarters of 1912 is expressed in the following tabular statement:

ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY.

	1911		1912	
	Number Pensioners.	Amount Paid.	Number Pensioners.	Amount Paid.
Auburn	63	\$2397	60	\$1911
Durham			1	36
East Livermore	3	48		
Greene	2	96	2	72
Lewiston	83	3270	75	2343
Lisbon	14	483	16	423
Livermore	2	60	2	30
Mechanic Falls	10	420	11	387
Minot	2	36	1	18
Poland	10	246	9	66
Turner	4	132	3	
Wales	5	156	4	108
Webster	2	108	2	99
	<u>200</u>	<u>\$7452</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>\$5493</u>

AROOSTOOK COUNTY.

	1911		1912	
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
	Pensioners.	Paid.	Pensioners.	Paid.
Amity	1	\$ 48	1	\$ 36
Ashland	5	198	4	111
Blaine	6	276	7	150
Bridgewater	3	132	3	99
Caribou	10	420	8	261
Castle Hill	1	12	1	18
Crystal	1	24		
Dyer Brook	1	48	1	36
Easton			1	18
Ft. Fairfield	2	96	2	72
Haynesville	2	72	2	72
Hodgdon	1	72	2	81
Houlton	7	300	6	333
Island Falls			1	36
Linneus	3	132	3	99
Littleton	1	36	1	27
Mars Hill	3	54	3	54
Merrill	3	84	4	81
Monticello	6	198	5	144
Oakfield	2	144	2	108
Portage Lake	1	48	1	36
Presque Isle	5	138	4	108
Sherman	8	336	7	216
Van Buren	2	66	2	63
Washburn	8	246	6	162
Chapman Pl.....	1	36	1	27
Glenwood Pl.....	1	24	1	18
Moro Pl.....	1	72	1	54
Oxbow Pl.....	1	36	1	27
Wade Pl.....	1	48	1	24
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	87	\$3396	82	\$2571

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

	1911		1912	
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
	Pensioners.	Paid.	Pensioners.	Paid.
Baldwin	7	\$ 324	7	\$ 237
Bridgton	14	492	10	279
Brunswick	36	1377	37	1074
Casco	4	168	5	144
Falmouth	2	120	3	108
Freeport	5	246	5	171
Gorham	2	96		
Gray	5	234	3	
Harpwell	4	144	4	117
Harrison	3	108	2	36
Naples	1	6	1	36
New Gloucester	5	276	4	135
North Yarmouth ...	1	48	1	12
Otisfield	10	414	8	243 83
Portland	149	5983	142	4260
Pownal	3	144	2	36
Raymond	3	96	2	63
Scarboro	1	36		
Sebago	2	72	2	54
So. Portland	25	966	28	759
Standish	12	498	9	306
Westbrook	17	780	16	567
Windham	4	216	6	216
Yarmouth	4	192	7	207
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	320	\$13036	304	\$9050 83

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

	1911	Amount	1912	Amount
	Number	Paid.	Number	Paid.
	Pensioners.		Pensioners.	
Avon	1	\$ 12	1	\$ 18
Chesterville	1	72	2	81
Eustis	2	120	2	90
Farmington	20	846	18	594
Jay	1	36	1	
Kingfield			2	54
Madrid			2	72
New Sharon	8	312	9	243
New Vineyard	2	84	2	63
Phillips	6	240	5	189
Rangeley	1	48	1	36
Salem	2	90		
Strong	6	204	6	153
Temple	3	138	3	117
Wilton	13	516	12	24
Sandy River Pl.....	1	48	1	36
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	67	\$2766	67	\$1770

HANCOCK COUNTY.

	1911		1912	
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
	Pensioners.	Paid.	Pensioners.	Paid.
Amherst			1	27
Bluehill	14	660	14	495
Brooklin	5	147	3	72
Brooksville	3	108	2	54
Bucksport	21	735	28	675
Castine	7	360	8	297
Dedham	2	48	2	36
Deer Isle	4	120	4	108
Eden	12	327	9	225
Ellsworth	34	1302	33	924
Franklin	6	198	7	198
Gouldsboro	6	216	8	207
Hancock			2	36
Lamoine	1	48	1	36
Mt. Desert	5	156	1	
Orland	8	288	8	204
Penobscot	5	204	4	108
Sedgwick	3	90	3	72
Sorrento	1	36		
So. West Harbor	3	104	2	72
Stonington	5	198	5	162
Sullivan	3	156	3	117
Surry	13	570	13	405
Tremont	2	54	2	54
Trenton	6	216	6	153
Verona	3	132	3	66
Winter Harbor	3	180	1	54
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	175	\$6653	173	\$4857

KENNEBEC COUNTY.

	1911	Amount	1912	Amount
	Number	Paid.	Number	Paid.
	Pensioners.		Pensioners.	
Albion	3	\$ 102	1	\$ 36
Augusta	39	1479	45	1332
Belgrade	2	84	2	63
Benton	7	372	10	315
Chelsea	8	348	8	270
China	4	144	4	78
Clinton	3	132	2	72
Farmingdale	5	192	5	135
Gardiner	39	1440	38	1062
Hallowell	17	702	16	525
Litchfield	7	300	8	225
Manchester	4	228	4	153
Monmouth	3	120	3	90
Mt. Vernon	4	204	4	198
Oakland	6	222	5	126
Pittston	5	228	5	171
Randolph	8	372	9	333
Readfield	1	96	1	72
Rome	2	48	3	81
Sidney	2	48	1	18
Vassalboro	11	468	11	369
Vienna	1	72	1	54
Waterville	17	696	12	384
Wayne	1	54		
West Gardiner	3	84	1	27
Windsor	5	240	5	160
Winslow	4	156	3	90
Winthrop	8	276	9	252
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	219	\$8907	216	\$6691

KNOX COUNTY.

	1911		1912	
	Number Pensioners.	Amount Paid.	Number Pensioners.	Amount Paid.
Appleton	5	\$ 216	5	\$ 162
Camden	23	933	21	603
Cushing	1	48	1	
Rockland	71	2757	71	2154
Rockport	11	324	11	297
So. Thomaston	8	336	7	
St. George	3	132	4	72
Thomaston	8	270	8	234
Union	3	180	4	162
Vinalhaven	1	24	1	36
Warren	4	192	4	144
Washington	8	378	8	303
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	146	\$5790	145	\$4167

LINCOLN COUNTY.

Alna		\$	1	\$ 18
Boothbay	2	72	2	45
Boothbay Harbor	4	144	4	135
Bristol	5	204	4	111
Damariscotta	5	198	7	180
Dresden	3	120	3	90
Jefferson	8	360	7	243
New Castle	7	360	8	270
Nobleboro	6	216	6	162
Somerville	6	258	6	207
Southport	5	99	5	102
Waldoboro	8	408	6	216
Westport	1	48	1	36
Whitefield	6	225	6	162
Wiscasset	7	372	8	297
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	73	\$3084	74	\$2274

OXFORD COUNTY.

	1911	Amount	1912	Amount
	Number	Paid.	Number	Paid.
	Pensioners.		Pensioners.	
Albany	3	\$ 84	2	\$ 12
Bethel	8	297	6	
Brownfield	9	360	7	144
Buckfield	2	48	2	36
Canton	2	72	1	36
Denmark	2	144	1	
Dixfield	2	108	2	27
Fryeburg	3	144	2	90
Greenwood	6	288	6	180
Hanover	2	84	2	63
Hebron			1	
Hiram	5	180	4	99
Lovell	2	72	3	72
Mexico	2	72	1	36
Norway	8	408	8	315
Oxford	6	204	5	108
Paris	9	384	10	297
Peru	2	84	1	27
Porter	7	252	6	147
Rumford	6	216	7	189
Stoneham	4	168	5	144
Sumner	2	63	1	27
Waterford	3	192	4	108
Woodstock	10	456	9	297
Milton Pl.	2	84	3	81
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	107	\$4454	99	\$2625

PENOBSCOT COUNTY.

	1911		1912	
	Number Pensioners.	Amount Paid.	Number Pensioners.	Amount Paid.
Alton	5	\$ 174	5	\$ 135
Argyle	1	48	1	36
Bangor	87	3843	98	3117
Bradford	4	192	5	180
Bradley	5	216	6	156
Brewer	14	594	13	432
Carmel	7	372	7	333
Carroll	1	12	1	18
Charleston	3	90	2	54
Clifton	3	72	1	18
Corinna			1	27
Corinth	1	60	1	45
Dexter	6	228	5	117
Dixmont	3	120	3	126
Eddington	1	60	1	45
Enfield	6	192	6	144
Etna	3	120	3	99
Exeter	7	258	5	171
Garland	1	48	1	42
Glenburn	1	24	1	18
Greenbush	3	108	3	81
Greenfield	2	168	2	126
Hampden	19	876	17	592
Hermon	6	288	7	270
Holden	1	72	1	54
Hudson	4	162	4	117
Kenduskeag	7	252	6	117
Kingman	1	48	1	36
Lee	3	96	5	108
Levant	6	312	7	186
Lincoln	2	72	2	54
Lowell	2	72	3	72
Mattawamkeag	2	96	2	72
Milford	4	156	4	117
Newburgh	3	144	2	60
Newport	7	444	6	231
Old Town	11	426	13	
Orono	9	378	9	288
Orrington	17	555	17	414
Patten	1	48	1	36
Plymouth	5	240	7	171

PENOBSCOT COUNTY—Concluded.

	1911		1912	
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
	Pensioners.	Paid.	Pensioners.	Paid.
Prentiss	2	60	3	75
Springfield	12	366	7	198
Stetson	1	48		
Veazie	1	48		
Winn	6	192	5	126
Woodville	2	72	2	27
Stacyville Pl.....	3	120	3	90
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	301	\$12642	305	\$9031

PISCATAQUIS COUNTY.

Abbot	3	\$ 90	3	\$ 90
Atkinson	1	48	1	36
Dover	4	132	3	81
Foxcroft	4	204	5	180
Greenville	1	36	1	27
Guilford	5	210	7	219
Milo	4	156	5	153
Monson	4	156	4	117
Orneville	3	84	2	54
Parkman			1	27
Sangerville	2	72	2	54
Sebec	2	54	2	54
Shirley	1	60	1	45
Wellington	4	192	3	81
Willimantic	2	156	2	117
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	40	\$1650	42	\$1335

SAGADAHOC COUNTY.

	1911		1912	
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
	Pensioners.	Paid.	Pensioners.	Paid.
Bath	37	\$1457	35	\$1125
Bowdoin	3	144	4	126
Bowdoinham	2	84	2	54
Georgetown	2	96	2	72
Perkins	1	36	1	27
Phippsburg	7	294	6	204
Richmond	18	657	18	504
Topsham	17	582	15	408
West Bath	3	132	3	99
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	90	\$3482	86	\$2619

SOMERSET COUNTY.

	1911	Amount	1912	Amount
	Number	Paid.	Number	Paid.
	Pensioners.		Pensioners.	
Anson	11	\$ 480	14	\$ 360
Athens	10	348	11	306
Bingham	9	306	8	171
Cambridge	1	72	1	18
Canaan	10	360	12	324
Concord	5	180	4	117
Cornville	3	192	3	132
Detroit	1	48	2	54
Embden	2	66	3	81
Fairfield	11	363	12	348
Harmony	11	318	10	240
Hartland	3	156	3	108
Madison	4	204	3	99
Mercer	2	60	2	45
Moscow	1	24	1	
New Portland	1	36	1	27
Norridgewock	2	48	1	
Palmyra	5	210	4	135
Pittsfield	7	324	9	192
Ripley	3	96	3	81
St. Albans	4	144	4	135
Skowhegan	17	642	17	486
Smithfield	1	72	1	54
Brighton Pl.....			1	27
Flagstaff Pl.....	1	78	1	45
Highland Pl.....	2	84	3	63
Lexington Pl.....	1	48		
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	128	\$4959	136	\$3747

WALDO COUNTY.

	1911	Amount	1912	Amount
	Number	Paid.	Number	Paid.
	Pensioners.		Pensioners.	
Belfast	76	\$3366	73	\$2562
Belmont	2	81	3	54
Brooks	5	192	5	171
Burnham	12	426	11	294
Frankfort	5	228	4	135
Freedom	2	84	2	72
Islesboro	1	36	2	27
Jackson	4	204	4	144
Knox	3	120	3	81
Liberty	4	168	4	126
Lincolnville	3	120	2	63
Monroe	4	132	4	117
Montville	2	108		
Morrill	1	12	1	27
	(1910)	24		
Northport	3	132	3	99
Palermo	4	150	4	90
Prospect	4	144	4	108
Searsmont	1	72	2	81
Searsport	8	396	10	333
Stockton Springs	7	312	9	297
Swanville	5	147	4	108
Thorndike			1	27
Troy	2	90	1	27
Unity	2	108	2	81
Waldo	4	228	5	225
Winterport	13	516	9	252
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	177	\$7596	172	\$5601

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

	1911	Amount	1912	Amount
	Number	Paid.	Number	Paid.
	Pensioners.		Pensioners.	
Addison	6	\$ 324	5	\$ 171
Alexander			1	45
Baring	1	48	2	54
Beddington	1	48	1	36
Brookton	1	48	1	36
Calais	26	1308	23	834
Cherryfield	14	543	12	369
Columbia	2	96	2	72
Columbia Falls	2	108	2	81
Crawford	1	48	1	72
Cutler	1	48	1	36
Danforth	6	213	3	90
East Machias	1	48	1	36
Eastport			1	6
Harrington	1	96	2	117
Lubec	5	189	6	207
Machias	21	636	20	390
Milbridge	10	423	12	336
Pembroke	5	168	4	126
Perry	1	48	1	36
Princeton	3	84	2	45
Robbinston	2	108	2	81
Steuben	8	276	7	198
Topsfield	1	18	1	36
Whiting	1	24	1	18
Whitneyville	2	120	2	90
Grand Lake Str. Pl....	2	108	2	81
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	124	\$5178	118	\$3699

YORK COUNTY.

	1911		1912	
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
	Pensioners.	Paid.	Pensioners.	Paid.
Acton			1	36
Alfred	6	252	6	168
Berwick	3	168	3	126
Biddeford	27	969	29	810
Buxton	9	432	11	369
Cornish	4	216	3	153
Eliot	1	12	1	18
Hollis	5	192	5	153
Kennebunk	14	450	19	474
Kennebunkport	3	192	3	144
Kittery	4	144	3	90
Lebanon	1	48	1	36
Limington	5	216	4	144
Lyman	1	48	1	36
Old Orchard	12	420	17	411
Parsonsfeld	3	102	3	63
Saco	31	1020	27	768
Sanford	8	240	7	180
Shapleigh	3	96	2	
So. Berwick	13	492	13	378
Waterboro	9	324	7	225
Wells	7	138	5	99
York	6	324	6	243
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	175	\$5495	177	\$5124

RECAPITULATION.

	1911 Number Pensioners.	Amount Paid.	1912 Number Pensioners.	Amount Paid. (3 qtrs.)
Androscoggin	200	\$ 7452	186	\$ 5493
Aroostook	87	3396	82	2571
Cumberland	320	13036	304	9060 83
Franklin	67	2766	67	1770
Hancock	175	6653	173	4857
Kennebec	219	8907	216	6691
Knox	146	5790	145	4167
Lincoln	73	3084	74	2274
Oxford	107	4464	99	2625
Penobscot	301	12642	305	9031
Piscataquis	40	1650	42	1335
Sagadahoc	90	3482	86	2619
Somerset	128	4959	136	3747
Waldo	177	7596	172	5601
Washington	124	5178	118	3699
York	175	6495	177	5124
Total	2429	\$97550	2382	\$70664 83
Military Pensioners .	41	3840	39	2661
Aroostook War Pen- sioners	6	276	4	72
Grand Total ..	2476	\$101666	2425	\$73397 83