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TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
PENSIONS DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1921.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to Section 70 of the Pensions Act, 1913.

The COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS to the Hon. the MINISTER OF PENSIONS.

SIR,—

Pensions Department, Wellington, 30th July, 1921.

I have the honour to furnish herewith, for the information of Parliament, the report of the Department relating to war, old-age, widows', Maori War, miners', epidemic, and police pensions for the year ended 31st March, 1921.

The following comparative statements relate to the annual value and gross payments of all pensions administered by this Department for the past two years:—

PENSIONS IN FORCE, AND ANNUAL VALUE.

Class of Pension.	At 31st March, 1920.		At 31st March, 1921.	
	Number.	Annual Value.	Number.	Annual Value.
		£		£
War	34,571	1,869,366	31,764	1,748,865
Old-age	19,993	731,735	19,837	737,378
Widows'	3,444	185,968	3,421	198,767
Maori War	939	43,294	811	39,739
Miners'	415	23,543	474	29,686
Epidemic	849	71,486
Police	3	215	5	390
Totals	59,365	2,854,121	57,161	2,826,311

GROSS PAYMENTS.

Class of Pension.	1919-20.	1920-21.
	£	£
War	1,812,419	1,886,952
Old-age	732,968	731,343
Widows'	136,815	187,430
Maori War	45,085	40,213
Miners'	16,652	26,972
Epidemic	72,456
Police	93	436
Totals	2,744,032	2,945,802
Cost per head of European population	£2 6s. 9d.	£2 8s. 11d.