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TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
PENSIONS DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1923.

*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 June, 1923.

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 sundry pensions for the year ended 31st March, 1923.

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, 1922.		At 31st March, 1923.	
	Number.	Annual Value.	Number.	Annual Value.
War .. .. .	29,091	£ 1,513,263	26,460	£ 1,349,857
Old-age .. .. .	20,491	751,121	21,181	770,295
Widows' .. .. .	3,343	207,029	3,411	195,747
Maori War .. .. .	740	36,260	669	32,781
Miners' .. .. .	506	31,505	544	33,826
Epidemic .. .. .	683	54,994	569	43,120
Boer War* .. .. .	..	75	75	3,173
Sundry pensions and annuities* .. .. .	5	446	90	7,638
Civil Service Act, 1908* .. .. .	..	..	88	22,954
Totals .. .. .	54,859	2,594,618	53,087	2,459,391

GROSS PAYMENTS.

Class of Pension.	1921-22.	1922-23.
War .. .. .	£ 1,726,174	£ 1,489,392
Old-age .. .. .	743,620	755,324
Widows' .. .. .	186,457	188,021
Maori War .. .. .	37,737	34,004
Miners' .. .. .	31,212	33,447
Epidemic .. .. .	65,486	52,371
Boer War* .. .. .	..	3,058
Sundry pensions and annuities* .. .. .	433	7,262
Civil Service Act, 1908* .. .. .	..	26,937
Totals .. .. .	2,791,119	2,589,816
Cost per head of European population .. .. .	£2 4s. 9d.	£2 0s. 9d.

\* Transferred to Pensions Department from 1st April, 1923.