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THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PENSIONS DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1930.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to Section 90 of the Pensions Act, 1926.

The Commissioner of Pensions to the Hon. the Minister of Pensions.

Pensions Department, Wellington, 26th June, 1930.

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, blind, and sundry pensions, and family allowances for the year ended 31st March, 1930.

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

PENSIONS IN FORCE: ANNUAL VALUE AND TOTAL PAYMENTS.

Class of Pension.				As at 31st March, 1929.			As at 31st March, 1930.		
				Number.	Annual Value.	Total Payments, 1928–29.	Number.	Annual Value.	Total Payments, 1929-30.
					£	£		£	£
War				20,686	1,161,799	1,184,003	20,739	1,187,574	1,207,748
Old-age				26,110	1,091,262	1,060,760	26,909	1,125,673	1,107,993
Widows'				4,332	322,861	313,964	4,373	323,250	323,419
Maori War				259	12,691	13,653	209	10,241	11,498
Miners'				760	48,367	48,074	779	53,354	51,684
Epidemic				188	8,030	7,988	160	6,629	7,302
Blind				282	13,529	13,334	311	14,956	14,737
Boer War				62	2,643	2,700	60	2,578	2,606
Sundry pensions and annuities				109	10,186	10,296	113	10,330	11,055
Civil Service Act, 1908				39	11,772	12,260	33	10,059	10,548
Family allo		• • .		3,763	57,304	54,791	3,868	59,205	61,008
$\mathbf{T}^{\mathbf{c}}$	otals			56,590	2,740,444	2,721,823	57,554	2,803,849	2,809,598

Cost per head of European population: 1928-29, £1 18s. 9d.; 1929-30, £1 19s. 6d.