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NEW ZEALAND.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PENSIONS DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1931.

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.

SIR,—

Pensions Department, Wellington, 30th June, 1931.

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, 1931.

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, 1930.			As at 31st March, 1931.		
	Number.	Annual Value.	Total Payments, 1929-30.	Number.	Annual Value.	Total Payments, 1930-31.
		£	£		£	£
War	20,739	1,187,574	1,207,748	21,025	1,236,188	1,245,499
Old-age	26,909	1,125,673	1,107,993	28,995	1,212,673	1,158,788
Widows'	4,373	323,250	323,419	4,566	336,039	325,998
Maori War	209	10,241	11,498	170	8,330	9,102
Miners'	779	53,354	51,684	876	62,575	58,441
Epidemic	160	6,629	7,302	138	6,229	6,322
Blind	311	14,956	14,737	330	16,072	15,796
Boer War	60	2,578	2,606	59	2,552	2,620
Sundry pensions and annuities ..	113	10,330	11,055	114	9,301	10,624
Civil Service Act, 1908 ..	33	10,059	10,548	27	8,389	9,251
Family allowances	3,868	59,205	61,008	4,617	69,930	63,608
Totals	57,554	2,803,849	2,809,598	60,917	2,968,278	2,906,049

Cost per head of European population : 1929-30, £1 19s. 6d. ; 1930-31, £2 0s. 3d.