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NEW ZEALAND.

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
PENSIONS DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1935.

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, 1st August, 1935.

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, 1935.

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, 1934.			As at 31st March, 1935.		
	Number.	Annual Value.	Total Payments, 1933-34.	Number.	Annual Value.	Total Payments, 1934-35.
		£	£		£	£
War.. .. .	21,314	1,228,572	1,246,441	21,678	1,264,375	1,264,110
Old-age	37,507	1,403,375	1,350,982	40,141	1,583,413	1,519,889
Widows'	4,619	301,388	302,020	4,505	294,437	296,565
Maori War	86	4,214	4,522	65	3,185	3,607
Miners'	736	56,184	56,810	783	60,510	58,740
Epidemic	68	2,635	3,290	34	1,563	1,983
Blind	438	20,399	19,306	474	22,151	21,227
Boer War	52	2,082	2,163	53	2,108	2,084
Sundry pensions and annuities..	135	12,367	11,678	139	12,176	12,120
Civil Service Act, 1908	16	4,933	5,917	15	5,073	5,211
Family allowances	12,145	151,765	146,766	12,321	151,169	152,818
Totals	77,116	3,187,914	3,149,895	80,208	3,400,160	3,338,354

Cost per head of European population : 1933-34, £2 2s. 8d. ; 1934-35, £2 5s.