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NEW ZEALAND.

EIGHTEENTH AND NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE
PENSIONS DEPARTMENT,
FOR THE TWO YEARS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1917.

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, 31st July, 1917.
I have the honour to furnish herewith, for the information of Parliament, the report of the Department relating to old-age, widows', and military (Maori War) pensions for the two years ended 31st March, 1917. The operations of the Miner's Phthisis Act, 1915, and the War Pensions Act, 1915, for the same period are also embodied. The following summaries show at a glance the position at the close of each year :—

PENSIONS IN FORCE AND ANNUAL VALUE.

			At 31st March, 1916.		At 31st March, 1917.	
			Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
				£		£
Old-age	..	..	19,804	484,232	19,697	480,559
Widows	..	..	1,890	37,042	2,024	39,386
Military	..	..	1,323	47,628	1,232	44,352
Miners	..	..	120	5,445	238	9,984
War	..	..	1,191	55,407	5,169	257,771
			24,328	£629,754	28,360	£832,052

GROSS PAYMENTS.

						1915-16.	1916-17.
						£	£
Old-age	..	..	..	..	..	479,339	480,230
Widows	..	..	..	..	..	36,357	38,016
Military	..	..	..	..	..	48,273	45,674
Miners	..	..	..	..	..	1,509	8,066
War	..	..	..	..	..	13,910	180,389
						£579,388	£752,375
Cost per head of population						10s. 6d.	13s. 8d.