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TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
PENSIONS DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1918.

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 October, 1918.
I have the honour to furnish herewith, for the information of Parliament, the report of the Department relating to old-age, widows', military (Maori War), miners', and war pensions for the year ended 31st March, 1918. The following summaries show at a glance the position at the close of the year:—

PENSIONS IN FORCE AND ANNUAL VALUE AT 31ST MARCH, 1918.

		Number of Pensions.	Statutory Pensions.	Allowances under Finance Act, 1917.	Total Pensions.	Average Pension.	
						Statutory.	Total.
			£	£	£	£	£
Old-age	..	19,960	481,369	259,480	740,849	24	37
Widows'	..	2,192	43,872	30,000	73,872	20	33
Military	..	1,153	41,508	11,700	53,208	36	46
Miners'	..	270	10,972	2,600	13,572	40	50
War	..	14,497	904,383	..	904,383	62	62
Totals	..	38,072	1,482,104	303,780	1,785,884	..	..

GROSS PAYMENTS, YEAR 1917-18.

					Statutory Pensions.	Allowances under Finance Act, 1917.	Total Pensions.
					£	£	£
Old-age	..	..	..	..	502,085	141,092	643,177
Widows'	..	..	..	..	41,986	15,966	57,952
Military	..	..	..	..	44,840	5,894	50,734
Miners'	..	..	..	..	11,968	1,307	13,275
War	..	..	..	..	515,445	..	515,445
Totals	..	..	..	..	1,116,324	164,259*	1,280,583

* Six and a half months' payments only.

Cost per head of European population, £1 3s. 2d.