1925. NEW ZEALAND.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PENSIONS DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1925.

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, 30th June, 1925.

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 for the year ended 31st March, 1925.

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

PENSIONS IN FORCE, AND ANNUAL VALUE.

Cl. at Davis					At 31st March, 1924.		At 31st March, 1925.	
	Class of Pension.					Annual Value.	Number.	Annual Value
						£		£
War	• •				23,166	1,213,126	21,318	1,140 168
Old-age					21,468	780,664	22,062	850,795
Widows'				`	3,526	209,739	3,598	281,141
Maori War					589	28,861	519	25,431
Miners'					580	36,634	607	37,934
Epidemic					457	25,886	365	16,226
Boer War					72	3,100	69	2,949
Sundry pensions and annuities					93	7,891	102	10,380
Civil Šervice Ac					74	19,702	67	17,776
Blind							114	4,485
Totals	s				50,025	2,325,603	48,821	2,387,285