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TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
PENSIONS DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1927.

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, 31st May, 1927.

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, 1927.

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, 1926.			As at 31st March, 1927.		
	Number.	Annual Value.	Total Payments, 1925-26.	Number.	Annual Value.	Total Payments, 1926-27.
		£	£		£	£
War	20,716	1,122,843	1,185,161	20,625	1,126,206	1,128,988
Old-age	22,905	981,886	903,577	23,751	995,353	982,356
Widows'	3,833	301,121	286,450	3,970	305,586	301,861
Maori War	444	21,756	23,067	374	18,326	19,458
Miners'	640	40,462	40,239	668	41,951	41,940
Epidemic	313	11,802	14,522	259	9,016	10,951
Blind	196	9,396	8,053	232	11,090	10,338
Roer War	60	2,445	2,902	64	2,689	2,624
Special annuities	102	9,292	8,752	113	11,410	10,054
Civil Service Act, 1908	55	15,278	16,855	50	13,929	14,659
Totals	49,264	2,516,281	2,489,578	50,106	2,535,556	2,523,229

Cost per head of European population : 1925-26, £1 16s. 9d. ; 1926-27, £1 16s. 9d.

The following figures relate to the war and other pensions paid by the Department during the year on behalf of other Governments :—

Government.	Class of Pension.	Number at 31st March, 1927.	Annual Value.	Average Pension.	Payments, 1926-27.
			£	£	£
Great Britain	War	1,917	109,409	57	163,372
"	Army and civil	651	36,900	57	
Australia	War	564	23,779	42	26,094
India	Army and civil	82	20,382	249	26,398
South Africa	War	2	252	126	299
"	Civil	25	2,697	108	2,550
Crown Colonies	"	29	7,131	246	7,607
Canada	War	2	484	242	488
Totals		3,272	201,034	..	226,808