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THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PENSIONS DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1928.

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, 30th June, 1928.

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, 1928.

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, 1927.			As at 31st March, 1928.		
	Number.	Annual Value.	Total Payments, 1926-27.	Number.	Annual Value.	Total Payments, 1927-28.
		£	£		£	£
War	20,625	1,126,206	1,128,988	20,560	1,131,752	1,151,979
Old-age	23,751	995,353	982,356	24,875	1,038,249	1,010,575
Widows'	3,970	305,586	301,861	4,098	307,865	304,066
Maori War	374	18,326	19,458	308	15,092	16,390
Miners'	668	41,951	41,940	721	45,773	45,096
Epidemic	259	9,016	10,951	209	8,142	8,747
Blind	232	11,090	10,338	259	12,479	12,264
Boer War	64	2,689	2,624	63	2,663	2,710
Special annuities	113	11,410	10,054	108	10,569	11,031
Civil Service Act, 1908	50	13,929	14,659	42	12,220	13,260
Family allowances	..	..	..	3,006	46,557	37,652
Totals	50,106	2,535,556	2,523,229	54,249	2,631,361	2,613,770

Cost per head of European population : 1926-27, £1 16s. 9d. ; 1927-28, £1 17s. 8d.