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NEW ZEALAND.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
PENSIONS DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1929.

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, 29th June, 1929
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, 1929.
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, 1928.			As at 31st March, 1929.		
	Number.	Annual Value.	Total Payments, 1927-28.	Number.	Annual Value.	Total Payments, 1928-29.
		£	£		£	£
War	20,560	1,131,752	1,151,979	20,686	1,161,799	1,184,003
Old-age	24,875	1,038,249	1,010,575	26,110	1,091,262	1,060,760
Widows'	4,098	307,865	304,066	4,332	322,861	313,964
Maori War	308	15,092	16,390	259	12,691	13,653
Miners'	721	45,773	45,096	760	48,367	48,074
Epidemic	209	8,142	8,747	188	8,030	7,988
Blind	259	12,479	12,264	282	13,529	13,334
Boer War	63	2,663	2,710	62	2,643	2,700
Sundry pensions and annuities..	108	10,569	11,031	109	10,186	10,296
Civil Service Act, 1908	42	12,220	13,260	39	11,772	12,260
Family allowances	3,006	46,557	37,652	3,763	57,304	54,791
Totals	54,249	2,631,361	2,613,770	56,590	2,740,444	2,721,823

Cost per head of European population : 1927-28, £1 17s. 8d. ; 1928-29, £1 18s. 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, 1929.	Annual Value.	Average Pension.	Payments, 1928-29.
			£	£ s. d.	£
Great Britain	War	1,746	89,186	51 0 0	155,553
"	Army and civil ..	779	55,865	72 0 0	
Australia	War and civil ..	532	24,070	45 5 0	25,203
India	Army and civil ..	76	19,078	251 0 0	23,663
South Africa	War	3	146	48 10 0	125
"	Civil	26	3,345	129 0 0	3,159
Crown Colonies	"	24	8,366	348 0 0	6,627
Canada	War	1	182	182 0 0	433
Totals		3,187	200,238	..	214,763