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NEW ZEALAND.

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PENSIONS DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1934.

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, 1934.

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, 1934.

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, 1933.			As at 31st March, 1934.		
	Number.	Annual Value.	Total Payments, 1932-33.	Number.	Annual Value.	Total Payments, 1933-34.
		£	£		£	£
War.. .. .	21,104	1,200,468	1,217,586	21,314	1,228,572	1,246,441
Old-age	34,932	1,305,772	1,271,157	37,507	1,403,375	1,350,982
Widows'	4,687	307,926	311,317	4,619	301,388	302,020
Maori War	106	5,194	5,831	86	4,214	4,522
Miners'	743	56,618	62,563	736	56,184	56,810
Epidemic	98	3,690	4,197	68	2,635	3,290
Blind	395	18,422	18,065	438	20,399	19,306
Boer War	55	2,157	2,176	52	2,082	2,163
Sundry pensions and annuities..	120	10,090	9,626	135	12,367	11,678
Civil Service Act, 1908	20	6,142	6,453	16	4,933	5,917
Family allowances	10,320	131,118	122,810	12,145	151,765	146,766
Totals	72,580	3,047,597	3,031,781	77,116	3,187,914	3,149,895

Cost per head of European population: 1932-33, £2 1s. 4d.; 1933-34, £2 2s. 8d.

PAYMENTS ON BEHALF OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS.

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, 1934.	Annual Value.	Average Pension.	Payments, 1933-34.
			£	£ s. d.	£
Great Britain	War	1,463	75,931	52 0 0	} 165,975
"	Army and civil ..	746	52,011	74 0 0	
Australia	War	498	22,990	46 3 4	23,525
India	Army and civil ..	68	14,526	214 0 0	27,763
South Africa	War	3	136	45 0 0	169
"	Civil	30	3,406	114 0 0	4,896
Crown Colonies	"	38	10,641	280 0 0	15,832
Canada	War	1	215	215 7 4	496
Totals		2,847	179,856	..	238,656