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NEW ZEALAND.

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
PENSIONS DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1936.

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, 23rd July, 1936.
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, family allowances, and war veterans' allowances, for the year ended 31st March, 1936.
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, 1935.			As at 31st March, 1936.		
	Number.	Annual Value.	Total Payments, 1934-35.	Number.	Annual Value.	Total Payments, 1935-36.
		£	£		£	£
War.. ..	21,678	1,264,375	1,264,110	22,631	1,384,340	1,349,447
Old-age	40,141	1,583,413	1,519,889	43,309	1,828,150	1,718,601
Widows'	4,505	294,437	296,565	4,369	321,605	311,864
Maori War	65	3,185	3,607	43	2,107	2,577
Miners'	783	60,510	58,740	851	73,331	67,834
Epidemic	34	1,563	1,983	10	501	907
Blind	474	22,151	21,227	507	23,961	22,991
Boer War	53	2,108	2,084	55	2,086	2,127
Sundry pensions and annuities..	139	12,176	12,120	151	15,065	13,053
Civil Service Act, 1908	15	5,073	5,211	13	4,460	4,676
Family allowances	12,321	151,169	152,818	11,691	144,856	149,043
War veterans' allowances	..	..	..	1,043	58,358	16,544
Totals	80,208	3,400,160	3,338,354	84,673	3,858,820	3,659,664

Cost per head of European population : 1934-35, £2 5s. ; 1935-36, £2 9s. 1d.