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NEW ZEALAND.

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
PENSIONS DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1937.

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 August, 1937.

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, invalidity, and sundry pensions, family allowances, and war veterans' allowances for the year ended 31st March, 1937.

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, 1936.			As at 31st March, 1937.		
	Number.	Annual Value.	Total Payments, 1935-36.	Number.	Annual Value.	Total Payments, 1936-37.
		£	£		£	£
War	22,631	1,384,340	1,349,447	23,711	1,532,424	1,483,345
Old-age	43,309	1,828,150	1,718,601	54,134	3,068,293	2,413,103
Widows'	4,369	321,605	311,864	4,753	464,879	412,280
Maori War	43	2,107	2,577	36	2,106	1,972
Miners'	851	73,331	67,834	1,040	87,838	83,253
Epidemic	10	501	907	3	76	253
* Invalidity	507	23,961	22,991	7,491	478,165	284,760
Boer War	55	2,086	2,127	57	2,131	2,067
Sundry pensions and annuities	151	15,065	13,053	144	13,161	13,892
Civil Service Act, 1908 ..	13	4,460	4,676	11	3,933	4,106
Family allowances	11,691	144,856	149,043	9,515	125,702	130,730
War veterans' allowances ..	1,043	58,358	16,544	2,079	151,713	110,667
Totals	84,673	3,858,820	3,659,664	102,974	5,930,421	4,940,428

Cost per head of European population : 1935-36, £2 9s. 1d. ; 1936-37, £3 5s. 9d.

* Blind pensions formerly payable have been merged with invalidity pensions.