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FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
PENSIONS DEPARTMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1938.

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, 1st July, 1938.
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, 1938.
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, 1937.			As at 31st March, 1938.		
	Number.	Annual Value.	Total Payments, 1936-37.	Number.	Annual Value.	Total Payments, 1937-38.
		£	£		£	£
War	23,711	1,532,424	1,483,345	24,096	1,579,724	1,597,524
Old-age	54,134	3,068,293	2,413,103	59,953	3,373,331	3,235,057
Widows'	4,753	464,879	412,280	4,982	476,907	471,287
Maori War	36	2,106	1,972	27	1,580	1,806
Miners'	1,040	87,838	83,253	1,060	86,537	88,167
Epidemic	3	76	253	..	..	14
Invalidity	7,491	478,165	284,760	10,633	674,934	632,829
Boer War	57	2,131	2,067	55	1,939	1,991
Sundry pensions and annuities	144	13,161	13,892	142	12,642	12,554
Civil Service Act, 1908 ..	11	3,933	4,106	10	3,500	3,632
Family allowances	9,515	125,702	130,730	6,853	94,168	106,402
War veterans' allowances ..	2,079	151,713	110,667	2,204	159,279	161,267
Totals	102,974	5,930,421	4,940,428	110,015	6,464,541	6,312,530

Cost per head of European population : 1936-37, £3 5s. 9d. ; 1937-38, £4 3s. 2d.