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NEW ZEALAND.

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
PENSIONS DEPARTMENT.
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1939.

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, 31st March, 1939.

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', invalidity, and sundry pensions, family allowances, and war veterans' allowances for the year ended 31st March, 1939.

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, 1938.			As at 31st March, 1939.		
	Number.	Annual Value.	Total	Number.	Annual Value.	Total
			Payments, 1937-38.			Payments, 1938-39.
		£	£		£	£
War	24,096	1,579,724	1,597,524	21,257	1,624,514	1,616,248
Old-age	59,953	3,373,331	3,235,057	66,694	3,733,238	3,577,129
Widows'	4,982	476,907	471,287	5,196	496,831	487,216
Maori War	27	1,580	1,806	20	1,170	1,338
Miners'	1,060	86,537	88,167	1,062	85,938	87,094
Epidemic	..	..	14	..	..	..
Invalidity	10,633	674,934	632,829	12,489	794,636	750,748
Boer War	55	1,939	1,991	54	1,917	1,905
Sundry pensions and annuities	142	12,642	12,554	137	11,772	12,390
Civil Service Act, 1908 ..	10	3,500	3,632	9	3,183	3,256
Family allowances	6,853	94,168	106,402	5,606	79,739	84,436
War veterans' allowances ..	2,204	159,279	161,267	2,223	159,031	158,584
Totals	110,015	6,464,541	6,312,530	117,747	6,991,999	6,780,344

Cost per head of European population : 1937-38, £4 3s. 2d. ; 1938-39, £4 8s. 3d.