

## PENSIONS.

The amounts issued during the year under this head are as follow :—

	Total Pensions.
	£
War pensions .. .. .	1,886,952
Old-age pensions .. .. .	731,236
Widows' pensions .. .. .	187,402
Epidemic pensions .. .. .	72,437
Military (Maori War) pensions .. .. .	40,200
Miners' pensions .. .. .	26,971
Police widows' pensions .. .. .	436
	<u>£2,945,634</u>

Against this amount must be credited the sum of £32,637, representing £30,134 received from national endowments on account of old-age pensions, and £2,503 from gold duty in respect of miners' pensions.

Under the amending legislation of last year the allowance of £13 per annum by way of bonus granted under the Finance Act, 1917, was incorporated in the old-age and Maori War pensions, making the maximum now £39 and £49 per annum respectively.

Miners' pensions were increased to £1 15s. a week for married men and £1 5s. a week for single men.

Miner and Maori War pensioners are now permitted to be absent from New Zealand for a period not exceeding two years without loss of pension.

Epidemic pensions represent payments made from the vote provided to relieve distress arising out of the influenza epidemic of 1918; formerly this service was administered by the Public Health Department through the Hospital Boards.

The total number of pensions in force at close of year, the annual values thereof, and the amount of the average pension are as follow :—

	Number.	Annual Value. £	Average Pension. £
War pensions .. .. .	31,764	1,748,865	55
Old-age pensions .. .. .	19,837	737,378	37
Widows' pensions .. .. .	3,421	198,767	58
Maori War pensions .. .. .	811	39,739	49
Miners' pensions .. .. .	474	29,686	63
Epidemic pensions .. .. .	849	71,486	84
Police widows' pensions .. .. .	5	390	78
	<u>57,161</u>	<u>£2,826,311</u>	<u>..</u>

## WAR PENSIONS.

The payment for war pensions shows a slight increase during the year; the figures compared with those of the previous year are as follow :—

	1919-20. £	1920-21. £
Payments made in New Zealand .. .. .	1,752,900	1,754,382
Payments made in London .. .. .	58,447	72,994
Payments made in Australia .. .. .	..	30,849
Payments made in Canada .. .. .	474	..
Other foreign payments .. .. .	258	252
Allotments paid after casualty .. .. .	..	28,475
Lump-sum payments .. .. .	340	..
Totals .. .. .	<u>£1,812,419</u>	<u>£1,886,952</u>