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NEW ZEALAND

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
PENSIONS DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1924.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to Section 70 of the Pensions Act, 1913.

The COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS to the Hon. the MINISTER OF PENSIONS.

SIR,—

Pensions Department, Wellington, 30th June, 1924.

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, and sundry pensions for the year ended 31st March, 1924. A report by the Medical Administrator of Pensions on the medical branch of the Department appears as Appendix I.

The following comparative statements relate to the annual value and gross payments of all pensions administered by the Department for the past two years :—

PENSIONS IN FORCE, AND ANNUAL VALUE.

Class of Pension.	At 31st March, 1923.		At 31st March, 1924.	
	Number.	Annual Value.	Number.	Annual Value.
		£		£
War	26,460	1,349,857	23,166	1,213,126
Old-age	21,181	770,295	21,468	780,664
Widows'	3,411	195,747	3,526	209,739
Maori War	669	32,781	589	28,861
Miners'	544	33,826	580	36,634
Epidemic	569	43,120	457	25,886
Boer War	75	3,173	72	3,100
Sundry pensions and annuities	90	7,638	93	7,891
Civil Service Act, 1908	88	22,954	74	19,702
Totals	53,087	2,459,391	50,025	2,325,603

GROSS PAYMENTS.

Class of Pension.	1922-23.	1923-24.
War	1,489,392	1,315,560
Old-age	755,324	767,805
Widows'	188,021	202,818
Maori War	34,004	30,350
Miners'	33,447	36,084
Epidemic	52,371	32,702
Boer War	3,058	3,146
Sundry pensions and annuities	7,262	8,033
Civil Service Act, 1908	26,937	21,145
Totals	2,589,816	2,417,643
Cost per head of European population	£2 0s. 9d.	£1 17s. 4d.