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TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PENSIONS DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1926.

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, 31st May, 1926.

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, blind, and sundry pensions for the year ended 31st March, 1926.

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 GROSS PAYMENTS.

Class of Pension.	As at 31st March, 1925.			As at 31st March, 1926.		
	Number.	Annual Value.	Gross Payments, 1924-25.	Number.	Annual Value.	Gross Payments, 1925-26.
		£	£		£	£
War	21,318	1,140,168	1,244,483	20,716	1,122,843	1,185,161
Old-age	22,062	850,795	806,953	22,905	981,886	903,577
Widows'	3,598	281,141	236,378	3,833	301,121	286,450
Maori War	519	25,431	26,848	444	21,756	23,067
Miners'	607	37,934	38,506	640	40,462	40,239
Epidemic	365	16,226	22,881	313	11,802	14,522
Blind	114	4,485	1,036	196	9,396	8,053
Boer War	69	2,949	3,071	60	2,445	2,902
Special annuities	102	10,380	9,327	102	9,292	8,752
Civil Service Act, 1908	67	17,776	19,115	55	15,278	16,855
Totals	48,821	2,387,285	2,408,598	49,264	2,516,281	2,489,578

Cost per head of European population : 1924-25, £1 16s. 4d. ; 1925-26, £1 16s. 9d.

The following figures relate to the war and other pensions paid by the Department during the year on behalf of other Governments :—

Government.	Class of Pension.	Number at 31st March, 1926.	Annual Value.	Average Pension.	Payments, 1925-26.
			£	£	£
Great Britain	War	1,866	107,437	58	155,570
"	Army and civil	632	34,638	55	
Australia	War	587	25,348	43	25,313
India	Army and civil	80	17,976	225	38,201
South Africa	War	3	283	94	375
"	Civil	21	2,063	98	2,944
Crown Colonies	"	23	6,165	268	7,289
Canada	War	1	183	183	93
Totals	3,213	194,093	..	229,785