1932. NEW ZEALAND.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PENSIONS DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1932.

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 August, 1932.

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, and family allowances for the year ended 31st March, 1932.

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, 1931.			As at 31st March, 1932.		
			Number.	Annual Value.	Total Payments, 1930-31.	Number.	Annual Value.	Total Payments, 1931-32.
				£	£		£	£
War			21,025	1,236,188	1,245,499	21,041	1,242,480	1,261,778
Old-age			28,995	1,212,673	1,158,788	32,317	1,353,360	1,277,107
Widows'			4,566	336,039	325,998	4,709	345,471	340,162
Maori War			170	8,330	9,102	143	7,007	7,582
Miners'			876	62,575	58,441	991	74,035	69,785
Epidemic			138	6,229	6,322	111	4,998	5,580
Blind			330	16,072	15,796	360	17,179	16,710
Boer War			59	2,552	2,620	56	2,279	2,483
Sundry pensions ar	ities	114	9,301	10,624	115	9,383	9,388	
Civil Šervice Act, 1			27	8,389	9,251	23	6,857	7,861
Family allowances			4,617	69,930	63,608	7,332	101,608	90,100
Totals			60,917	2,968,278	2,906,049	67,198	3,164,657	3,088,536

Cost per head of European population: 1930–31, £2 0s. 3d.; 1931–32, £2 2s. 5d. 1—H. 18.