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NEW ZEALAND

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

(THIRTY-FIFTH REPORT OF THE)

*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of
His Excellency*

To His Excellency Lieutenant-General Sir Bernard Cyril Freyberg, Victoria Cross, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over His Majesty's Dominion of New Zealand and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We have the honour to submit the following report as required by section 15 of the Public Service Act, 1912.

REPORT

ADMINISTRATION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE

AN important change in the form of control of the Service took place during the year. The Public Service Act, 1912, provided for the administration of the Act to be vested in one Commissioner and two Assistant Commissioners. Although on occasions there were no Assistant Commissioners, this system continued until 1946, except for a short period from 1936 to 1938, when there were two joint Commissioners appointed in terms of section 41, Finance Act, 1936. In 1946, however, on the retirement of the Commissioner, Mr. J. H. Boyes, the Public Service Amendment Act, 1946, was passed. This Act provides for the control of the Public Service by a Commission of three as from 1st November, 1946.

The members are appointed by the Governor-General in Council on the recommendation of the Prime Minister, a feature being that one of the members so appointed is to be a nominee of the New Zealand Public Service Association. Public servants thus have direct representation in the control of the Public Service, since through their Association they are able to nominate one of their number for selection as a member of the Commission.