(1.) The titles and number of Government Departments in existence in 1908 (titles arranged in sequence of Appropriations, 1907-8-vide B.-7 and B.-7A of 1907):-

CLASS I.

Legislative Council. House of Representatives.

CLASS II.

Treasury Department. Friendly Societies Department. Land and Income Tax Department.

CLASS III.

Post and Telegraph Department.

CLASS IV.

Office of Industries and Commerce. Tourist and Health Resorts Department.

Class V.

Old-age Pensions Department.

CLASS VI.

Working Railways Department.

Class VII.

Public Buildings and Domains (under Public Works Department).

CLASS VIII.

Maintenance of Roads (under Roads Department).

CLASS IX.

Printing and Stationery Department.

CLASS X.

Stamp and Deeds Department.

CLASS XI.

Native Department.

CLASS XII.

Department of Justice. Department of Justice (Prisons Branch).

CLASS XIII.

Police Department.

CLASS XIV.

Mines Department. Colonial Analyst Department. Geological Survey Department.

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CLASS XV.

Office of the Minister of Internal Affairs. Electoral Department. Audit Office. Registrar-General's Department. High Commissioner's Department. Museum and Meteorological Department.

CLASS XVI.

Crown Law Office. Law Drafting Office.

Class XVII.

Defence Department.

CLASS XVIII.

Customs Department.

CLASS XIX.

Marine Department. Inspection of Machinery Department.

CLASS XX.

Department of Labour.

CLASS XXI.

Department of Lands and Survey.

CLASS XXII.

Department of Agriculture.

CLASS XXIII.

Valuation Department.

CLASS XXIV.

Education Department.

CLASS XXV.

Public Health Department.

CLASS XXVI.

Mental Hospitals Department. Hospitals and Charitable Department. State Coal-mines. Board of Land Purchase Commissioners. Public Trust Office. Government Life Insurance Department. State Fire Insurance Office. Government Advances to Settlers Office.

CLASS XXVII.—Public Works Fund. Public Works Department.

CLASS XXXIV.—Public Works Fund. Roads Department.

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