SECOND REPORT

OF THE

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONERS.

To His Excellency Sir George Grey, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New Zealand, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,-

WE have the honor to submit to your Excellency our Second Report, containing the list, promised in our First Report, of those Officers who, we think, should be constituted Officers of the First Class in the Civil Service Bill proposed by us, and also containing the results of our inquiries into various Departments of the Civil Service of this Colony.

Proposed Schedule A. to Civil Service Bill.

Permanent Law Officer
District Judges
Judges of Native Land Courts
Registrar-General of Land
Secretary for Crown Lands
Under Secretary
Inspector of Customs
Secretary Postal Department

Registrar-General
Assistant Treasurer
Geological Surveyor
Superintendent of Telegraphs
Auditor of Public Accounts
Comptroller of Public Accounts
Under Secretary for Colonial Defence.
Under Secretary for Native Affairs.

We take this opportunity of recommending an additional provision in our Draft Civil Service Bill to the effect that, should any Department in the Provincial Service be transferred to the General Government, the Governor in Council should have power to direct in what class each officer in such Department shall be placed, and thereupon the persons at the time holding office therein shall become subject to the provisions of the Civil Service Act, and also that the time during which they were in the Provincial Service may be counted in respect of superannuation. This latter provision should be made applicable to officers now in the Colonial Service who have been previously employed in the Provincial Service.

We would also recommend that the 12th section of the Bill, providing for compensation for abolition of offices, be so far modified as to show clearly that when an officer has received compensation for the abolition of his office, he shall not be allowed, in the event of his re-employment, to count in respect of superannuation the time during which he was previously employed in the public service, unless he shall first re-pay the amount received by him as such compensation, or such proportion thereof as the Governor in Council may determine.

Referring to the seventh paragraph of our First Report, we now append in a similar tabular form the further information we have been favored with since the date of that Report. These rates confirm our statement that the public Servants are paid less than gentlemen engaged in commercial pursuits:—