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To His Excellency the Right Honourable John Rushworth, Viscount Jellicoe, Admiral of the Fleet, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Member of the Order of Merit, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian 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,—

As Commissioner appointed under the Public Service Act, 1912, I have the honour to submit the following report, as required by section 15 of the Act.

REPORT.

SINCE the last report was presented Mr. W. R. Morris, C.M.G., I.S.O., who was appointed Commissioner on the 1st May, 1920, retired as from the 28th February, 1923.

During Mr. Morris's term as Commissioner it was his unpleasant duty to carry out a policy of retrenchment, and to this difficult matter, and in fact to all matters which came under his direction, he brought ability of a high administrative order.

REDUCTION IN CLASSIFIED STAFF.

The number of permanent classified officers in the Service on the 1st April 1922, was 6,789; total annual salaries, £1,871,255: on the 31st March, 1923, the number was 6,686; total annual salaries, £1,764,848: thus showing a reduction in classified staff during the year of 103, and in salaries of £106,406. Details of the