

the present rates were fixed, so that they may be made—what it was surely always intended they should be—an adequate living wage. The welfare and happiness of thousands of members of the service, the comfort of hundreds of homes in our own city alone are dependent upon such provision being made and that at an early date. May the Association, therefore, appreciating the degree to which the efficiency of the service depends upon its freedom from the present straitened and harassing conditions, most respectfully and earnestly beg that in proceeding to the consideration of the various matters of the Commissioners' report you give your earliest attention to the question of salaries and the placing of the ser-

vants of the country upon a footing to correspond with the important nature of their duties and the advances in remuneration that have taken place among all other classes of the community.

We have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servants,

(Sgd.) A. G. KINGSTON,
President;

(Sgd.) J. A. DOYON,
Vice-President;

(Sgd.) J. L. PAYNE,
Secretary;

(Sgd.) R. H. COATS.

It is understood that the reply of the Prime Minister to the deputation was of a most satisfactory nature.

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