

with by other members of the Executive.

Faithfully yours,

H. E. PROCTOR.

Representatives to the Minister.

The deputation appointed some months ago to interview the Postmaster-General reported. The following is the text of the memorial submitted on that occasion:

The Hon. Louis P. Pelletier,

Postmaster-General, Ottawa.

Sir:—

The Memorial of the Postmasters of Canada, submitted to the Postmaster-General in May, humbly sheweth:

That the postal service of Canada is one of the most important branches of the public administration, inasmuch as it affects and interests the entire population and is more closely interwoven with all the business enterprises of the country than is any other department of the public service.

That the efficiency of the department to foster the general business and intellectual interests of the country depends in large measure upon the postmasters.

That the postmasters are generally painstaking and are all loyal to the service.

That in connection with the great growth of business and the many new conveniences arranged for the mailing public, the duties of the postmasters have been increased in number and their responsibilities made heavier.

That the increase granted in response to our petition of 1906 was most acceptable and was appreciated by the postmasters, but it was not sufficient to make the schedule a fully fair and equitable one.

That the number of newspapers, magazines, and periodicals and the quantity of advertising matter which has no earning value to your petitioners, is ever on the increase.

That the rents are continually on

the increase in most of our towns and villages.

That the existing schedule should be applied so as to work out more equitably in many parts of the country, as at present postmasters do not receive the first year of their earned increases at all.

That it is often extremely difficult for a postmaster suddenly bereaved or called from duty, or desiring a holiday, to make satisfactory arrangements for supply during the absence, and we believe with a little more co-operation a plan can be worked out. We, therefore make the following requests as being within the limits referred to of fairness to your petitioners or beneficial to the service.

1. That for offices where salary and other allowances are determined on the percentage basis, the following schedule be adopted for salary: Sixty per cent. on actual and proper stamp sales up to \$1,000 per annum; 40 per cent. on stamp sales from \$1,000 to \$3,000 per annum; and thirty per cent. on all sales from \$3,000 to \$10,000 per annum (as at present); and whereas a minimum of \$35 has been established, it is thought that this should be considered a flat allowance for the establishment and keeping open of the office, and that the percentage allowances on stamp sales should be made in addition.

2. That while we believe the correct principle for making allowances to postmasters for rent, light and fuel outlay should be that of the actual cost or value, especially where the office occupies entirely separate space from mercantile pursuits, we would ask that should the department find a difficulty in adopting this principle, an annual allowance (10 per cent.) be made on the legitimate postal revenue of each office, or such an approximation thereto as would seem to be fair and just, as between the different portions of the Dominion.