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FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1ST JULY, 1920, TO 30TH JUNE, 1921.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

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REPORT.

SIR,—

Department of Defence, Headquarters Office, 31st July, 1921.

I have the honour to submit herewith the annual report on the Defence Forces covering the period 1st July, 1920, to 30th June, 1921.

The Hon. the Minister of Defence.

E. W. C. CHAYTOR, Major-General,
Commanding N.Z. Military Forces.

SECTION I.—GENERAL.

1. MILITARY POLICY.

SINCE the presentation of my last annual report the N.Z. Military Forces have been reorganized, and the system of training revised in accordance with the following principles, which have been approved by the Government:—

(i.) *Training.*

- (a.) Universal military training to be carried out as prescribed in the Defence Act, by giving all youths, including those in excess of requirements for the Territorial Force, a course of training in camp during their nineteenth year.
- (b.) Economy in expenditure to be effected by reducing the size of the Territorial Force, and reducing the period of service in that Force from seven years to four years (including recruit-training).