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HISTORIC DEPUTATION. TO PRIME MINISTER.

FROM ABORIGINAL ORGANISATION.

CANBERRA, January 17.

Proposals for representation in the Federal Parliament by a non-voting member who could be either an aboriginal or a white man are to be considered by the Federal Cabinet. This arises from correspondence between the Government and the Aboriginal Progressive Association Organisation, consisting entirely of full-blooded aborigines, which made a most favorable impression on the Prime Minister (Mr. J. A. Lyons) by its handling of its case.

Mr. Lyons agreed to receive the deputation from this organisation in Sydney on January 31 following the inter-State conference which is to be held about that time and intends to have a round-table conference with the members of the deputation on the decisions of the conference.

The deputation will be of great historic significance, in that it is believed that it will be the first deputation of full-blooded aborigines to be received by an Australian ruler since the days of the early governments. Not since Governor Macquarie's time, it is believed, has such a deputation been held in Sydney.

NON-VOTING MEMBER.

Opinion in Federal circles seems to be moving in the direction of giving representation in the Federal Parliament to the 50,000 or more full-blooded natives still surviving. A member for the native race would be non-voting, like the member for the Northern Territory, but he would have full opportunity to voice the grievances of his people. Maoris have long had a representative in the New

Zealand Parliament, and it is admitted in Government circles that men like David Unairon and other natives are capable of sitting in a National Parliament. Indeed cynics at Canberra suggest that they would be found to rank fairly high in the Parliamentary scale.
