

STATEMENT showing the Quantities Sold and Average Price of BRITISH CORN, per Quarter of 8 Bushels, Imperial Measure,* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise, in the Week ended 11th November 1899, pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

				QUANTITIES SOLD.		AVERAGE PRICE.	
				Qrs.	Bus.	s.	d.
Wheat	...	...	...	66,741	3	26	7
Barley	...	...	...	166,786	7	26	9
Oats	...	...	...	15,216	5	16	5

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT for the corresponding Week in each of the Years from 1895 to 1898.

Corresponding Week in			QUANTITIES SOLD.						AVERAGE PRICE.					
			WHEAT.		BARLEY.		OATS.		WHEAT.		BARLEY.		OATS.	
			Qrs.	Bus.	Qrs.	Bus.	Qrs.	Bus.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1895	...	...	36,675	4	191,954	3	16,290	0	26	1	25	1	14	4
1896	...	...	70,104	2	204,859	7	18,609	0	31	9	27	3	17	7
1897	...	...	79,074	4	196,140	4	16,328	4	34	0	26	3	16	3
1898	...	...	77,717	0	209,941	0	16,091	1	28	4	28	7	17	5

* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the Local Inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the imperial bushel, or by weight or by a weighed measure, that Officer shall convert such returns into the imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

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Board of Agriculture, 4 Whitehall Place, London, S.W.,
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CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

Novembr 14, 1899.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that the following Regulations are published with the consent of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, viz. :—

REGULATIONS respecting Open Competitive Examinations for the situation of Woman Clerk in the General Post Office.

** These Regulations are liable to alteration for future Examinations.

1. Candidates will be required to satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners—

(a) That their age on the first day of the Examination is not less than 18 nor more than 20.

NOTE.—In reckoning age for Competition, persons who have served for two full consecutive years in any Civil situation to which they were admitted with the certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners may deduct from their actual age

any time, not exceeding five years, which they may have spent in such service.

- (b) That they are unmarried or widows.
- (c) That they are duly qualified in respect of health and character.

2. At each Examination the number of Candidates to be selected will be such as the Postmaster-General may from time to time fix.

3. The Examination will be in the following subjects, viz. :—

1. Handwriting and Spelling.
2. Arithmetic.
3. English Composition, with special reference to grammatical accuracy.
4. Geography.
5. English History.
6. French or German.

Candidates who fail to obtain such an aggregate number of marks as may indicate, in the judgment of the Civil Service Commissioners, a competent amount of general proficiency will not be regarded as qualified.

4. No Candidate will be admitted to Examination who does not, at such time as may be fixed