CLERKS OF THE SECOND DIVISION.

- Admiralty-Thomas George Anderson and (for temporory duty) Thomas Peter Yeatts.
- Agriculture, Board of John Heath and (for .. temporary duty) Harry Nash.
- Education Department—Henry James Crawford and Charles Edward Fish.
- Inland Revenue—John Armstrong and Frederick Stephen Huckstepp.
- Post Office—Arthur Ernest Birkett, Isaac Percy Crowther, Reginald Herbert Edmonds, Frank Austin Jones (Dublin), and Henry Raby Maynard.

PROMOTIONS,

- under Clause XII. of the Order in Council of 29th November 1898 :---
- Inland Revenue—Peter Thomson Brown, Edward O'Brien, James Harris Robinson, and John William Ruddy, Clerks of the Second Division, to be First Division Clerks in the Estate Duty Office.

Local Government Board (Ireland) — Ernest William Leach, Clerk of the Second Division, to be Superintending Clerk.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS, 1894 and 1896.

RETURN of OUTBREAKS of the undermentioned DISEASES in SCOTLAND for the Week ended 30th December 1899, distinguishing Counties (including Barghs).

ANTHRAX

County.	Outbreaks Reported.	Animals Attacked.		
	No.	No.		
Aberdeen Dumfries	3 1	3 1		
TOTAL	4	4		

STATE HENT 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 30th December 1899, pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

				QUANTITIES SOLD.	AVERAGE PRICE.		
Wheat	•••			Q.rs. Bus. 47,685 4	s. d. 25 9		
Barley			:	74,637 5	2õ 5		
Oats		•••		10,463 7	16 2		

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.		Bus.	1	s.	d.	<i>s</i> .	<i>d</i> .	s.	d.
1895	•••		10,848	6 :	56,290	6 (8,809	2		25	2	24	7	13	10
1896		••	17,581	3	41,588	4	5,776	0		30	6	24	8	16	2
1897		•••	30,163	4	74,645	6	9,704	4		34	6	27	3	17	1
189 8	•••	•••	46,085	0 '	91,300	4 [']	15,191	4	ļ	26	11	28	4	17	0

* 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.

P. G. CRAIGIE.

Board of Agriculture, 4 Whitehall Place, London, S.W., December 30, 1899.