

The following extracts from the observations of the International Bureau in the preface to the first volume give a further description of the nature of the new Vocabulary:—

Extracts from Preface to the Second Edition of the Official Vocabulary.

"The Official Vocabulary has been created with the object of remedying certain abuses and inconveniences which, in course of time, arose in connection with Telegrams in preconcerted language. Consequently the Vocabulary is destined to serve as a guide for the choice of words to be used in this class of telegraphic correspondence."

"In order to adapt it exclusively to this use, the Administrations of the Telegraph Union have entrusted the International Bureau with the elaboration of a second edition, which differs from the first in this, that it will be a mere list of words, absolutely free from those features which might give it the character of a code, and permit it to be used as such. The words of the eight languages, authorised for telegraphic correspondence in preconcerted language, appear in this work in alphabetical order, without being numbered, and are inserted without regard to their orthographic resemblance, or their telegraphic or phonetic similarity."

"The regulations of the International Service, revised at Budapest in 1896, provide that, from a date to be fixed by a later Conference, all the words used in private telegrams worded in preconcerted language must be taken from the Official Vocabulary."

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"The new Official Vocabulary includes the words of the first edition, and, in addition, all legitimate words contained in codes and private vocabularies transmitted to the Bureau for the purpose of having the words inserted."

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"According to the present plan, the new edition of the work will contain about 1,300,000 words, divided into four volumes."

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"In conclusion, it is repeated that the Official Vocabulary, not being a code, cannot be used as such for correspondence in preconcerted language."

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International Bureau of Telegraph Administrations, Berne.

TENDERS FOR LOANS ON TREASURY BILLS.

1. The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Chief Cashier's Office, at the Bank of England, on Friday the 23rd instant, at one o'clock, for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Acts 40 Vict. cap. 2, and 52 Vict. cap. 6, to the amount of £1,720,000, in replacement of Bills falling due on the 30th instant.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £1000, £5000, or £10,000. They will be dated the 30th March 1900, and will be payable at three months, or six months, or twelve months, after date (at the option of the persons tendering), viz., on the 30th June 1900, or 30th September 1900, or 30th March 1901 respectively.

3. The Tenders must specify the net amount per cent. which will be given for the amounts applied for; and the Tenders of private individuals must be made through a London Banker.

4. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.

5. The persons whose Tenders are accepted will be informed of the same on Saturday the 24th instant, and payment in full of the amounts of the accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England not later than three o'clock on Friday the 30th instant.

6. The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

Treasury Chambers, 16th March 1900.

FACTORY DEPARTMENT, HOME OFFICE,

March 5, 1900.

The Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. E. F. M. Neave to be certifying Surgeon, under the Factory Acts, for the Civil Parishes of Guthrie, Kirkden, Rescobie (south of the Caledonian Railway Line), Dunnichen (east of the road running through Dunnichen and Bowriefauld), and Kinnell, in the County of Forfar.

THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS,

1894 AND 1896.

The Board of Agriculture have appointed Francis Plunkett Neville Dunne to be a Temporary Assistant Inspector for the purposes of the above-mentioned Acts.

Board of Agriculture, 19th March 1900.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

March 20, 1900.

The following Candidates have been certified by the Civil Service Commissioners as qualified for the appointments set against their respective names:—

March 15, 1900.

AFTER OPEN COMPETITION.

Post Office: Woman Clerk—Minnie Crocker.

Female Learners, London—Violet Gertrude Connell, Jessie Marshall, Bertha Pook, May Clarke Such.

Female Learners—Mary Ellen Carey (Liverpool), Felicie Ellen Catharine Cox (Exeter), Alice Mary Steer (Norwich), Susannah Esther Sullock (Exeter), Lillian Maud Webb (Portsmouth), Winifred Alice Webber (Bath).

AFTER LIMITED COMPETITION.

Post Office: Female Learners, Newcastle-on-Tyne—Eleanor Atkinson, Nellie Blake, Eleanor Jane Eden, Florence Erskine, Kate Pratt.

Female Learners, Birmingham—Amy Langston, Louisa Lewis.