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 21st April 1900, pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

| | | | | QUANTITIE | s sold. | AVERAGE PRICE. | | | |
|--------|-----|-----|--|----------------|---------|----------------|------|--|--|
| Wheat | ••• | | | Qrs. 54,977 | Bus. | 3. 26 | d. · | | |
| Barley | ••• | ••• | | 11,673 | 7 | 24 | 9 | | |
| Oats | ••• | ••• | | 7,400 | 7 | 17 | 3 | | |

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT for the corresponding Week in each of the Years from 1896 to 1899.

| Corresponding Week in | | QUANTITIES SOLD. | | | | | | AVERAGE PRICE. | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|------------------|--------|---------|--------|----------|--------|----------------|----|---------|----|------------|----|----|
| | | WHEAT. | | BARLEY. | | OATS. | | WHEAT. | | BARLEY. | | OATS. | | |
| | | | Qrs. | Bus. | Qrs. | Bus. | Qrs. | Bus. | 3. | d. | s. | <i>d</i> . | s. | d. |
| 896 | ••• | | 31,367 | 0 | 9,011 | 2 | 9,922 | 4 | 25 | 6 | 21 | 0 | 13 | 11 |
| 897 | | | 34,601 | 5 | 5,770 | 1 ' | 6,304 | 5 | 26 | 6 | 20 | 7 | 16 | 7 |
| 898 | ••• | ••• | 41,801 | 6 | 5,819 | 1 | 9,613 | 6 | 36 | 1 | 28 | 3 | 18 | 4 |
| 899 | ••• | | 89,875 | 7 | 13,125 | 2 | 14,542 | 2 | 24 | 8 | 25 | 2 | 17 | 1 |

^{*} 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., April 21, 1900.

CIVIL SERVIC'S COMMISSION,

April 20, 1900.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that, at an Open Competitive Examination for the situation of Draughtsman in the Hydrographical Department of the Admiralty, held in London on the 27th March 1900, and following days, notice of which Examination was given in the London Gazette of the 16th February 1900, the under-mentioned Candidate obtained the first place :-

Gibson, Alexander.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, April 24, 1900.

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

April 19, 1900.

AFTER OPEN COMPETITION.

Second Division: Clerk—George Davidson.

Local Government Board, Ireland: Clerk (Class I.)—Charles Martin Martin-Jones.

Post Office: Assistant Clerk (Abstractor) -Charles Gustave Belle.

Woman Clerk-Olive Lucy Claxton. Girl Clerk-Lucy Isabel Oakeshott.

Female Sorter, London-Margaret Sanson Cockburn.

Female Learner, Liverpool-Edith Maria Hume.

WITHOUT COMPETITION.

Admiralty: Devonport Dockyard, Engine Fitter-Charles Thomas Finch.

Portsmouth Dockyard, Hammerman-William John Clemmens.

Shipwrights—Alfred Henry Dash, James Duke, Joseph James Essery, Fleming Henry Grogan, Albert Howard James, James Lacy,