

will be paid 15s. per week during the first year of their service. After a year of approved service, an increase of pay to 16s. a week may be allowed; after two years of approved service, an increase of pay to 17s. a week may be allowed.

In any case of absence without pay a Boy Clerk's increment shall be postponed one day for every day of such absence—absence without pay equally with the interval between two successive engagements not being reckoned as service for any purpose contemplated by the Regulations.

Boy Clerks may also be engaged and paid by the hour at the rate of 4½d. per hour during their first year of service; and at the rate of 5d. per hour thereafter. Any Boy Clerks who may be required to attend for more than 7½ hours on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, or more than 4½ hours on Saturday, will be paid at the rate of 6d. per hour for the overtime attendance in excess of the normal attendance for such day. But in no case must overtime attendance exceed 6 hours in any one week. They may also be paid by the piece at such rates as may be fixed by the Civil Service Commissioners, with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice that an Open Competitive Examination of Candidates for registration as Temporary Boy Clerks will be held in London, Edinburgh, Dublin, Cardiff, Leeds, Liverpool, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Belfast, and Cork, commencing on the 2nd January 1918, under the Regulations dated the 15th September 1916, and published in the London Gazette of the same date, as amended by the foregoing Notice.

The number to be registered will depend partly on the requirements of the service, and partly on the number of candidates who may show sufficient proficiency; but it is not likely to be less than 203, if so many shall be found competent, that is to say, 200 for service in London and 3 for service in Dublin.

No candidate will be admitted to the Examination from whom the Secretary, Civil Service Commission, has not received, on or before the 29th November, an application, on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

*Ministry of Food,*  
15th October 1917.

THE HORSES (RATIONING) ORDER, No. 2, 26TH  
SEPTEMBER 1917.

Statutory Rule and Order, 1917, No. 954.  
Price 1d. net, post free 1½d.

Notice is hereby given that the above-named Order has been made by the Food Controller, and that copies of the Order and of all other Orders made by the Food Controller, printed as Statutory Rules and Orders, and receivable in evidence under the Documentary Evidence Acts, can be purchased at the prices stated, through any bookseller or directly from H.M. Stationery Office, at the following addresses:—Imperial House, Kingsway, London, W.C. 2; 37 Peter Street, Manchester; 1 St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 23 Forth Street, Edinburgh; or E. Ponsonby Ltd., 116 Grafton Street, Dublin.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS,  
1894 TO 1914.

The following Areas are now "Scheduled Areas" for the purposes of the Swine Fever (Regulation of Movement) Order of 1908:—

*Ayrshire, &c.*—An Area comprising the counties of Ayr and Wigtown, and the burghs of Ayr, Irvine, and Kilmarnock (16th June 1917).

*Scotland.*—An Area comprising Scotland (except the counties of Ayr and Wigtown, and the burghs of Ayr, Irvine, and Kilmarnock) (16th June 1917).

See also under *Ayrshire, &c.*

RETURN of OUTBREAKS of the under-mentioned DISEASES in SCOTLAND for the Week ended 13th October 1917, distinguishing Counties (including Burghs):—

ANTHRAX.

COUNTY.	Outbreaks Confirmed.	Animals Attacked.			
		Cattle.	Sheep.	Swine.	Horses.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Aberdeen ... ..	1	1	—	—	—
Midlothian (ex. City of Edinburgh) ...	1	1	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL</b> ... ..	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

SHEEP SCAB.

COUNTY.	Outbreaks Reported.
	No.
Aberdeen ... ..	1
Argyll ... ..	5
Haddington ... ..	1
Nairn ... ..	1
Ross and Cromarty ... ..	1
<b>TOTAL</b> ... ..	<b>9</b>

PARASITIC MANGE.

COUNTY.	Outbreaks Reported.	Animals Attacked.
	No.	No.
Lanark ... ..	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b> ... ..	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

Board of Agriculture and Fisheries,  
16th October 1917.