of candidates for entry as Apprentice Clerks in the Royal Air Force will be held at Belfast, Birmingham, Cardiff, Chatham, Edinburgh, London, Plymouth and Portsmouth on the 13th April 1928.

No person will be admitted to compete from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before the 1st March 1928, an application, in the handwriting of the candidate, on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

Civil Service Commission, December 9, 1927.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that Open Competitive Examinations of candidates for entry as Apprentices in His Majesty's Dockyards and as Artificer Apprentices in the Royal Navy will be held in Belfast, Chatham, Devonport, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Leeds, London, Pembroke, Portsmouth and Sheerness, commencing on the 17th April 1928.

No person will be admitted to compete from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before the 1st March 1928, an application, in the handwriting of the candidate, on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Ayr.

Colonel William Thomas Reginald Houldsworth, T.D., of Kirkbride, Maybole, to be a Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Ayr. Dated 6th December 1927.

PATENTS AND DESIGNS ACTS, 1907 AND 1919.

Applications for Restoration of Lapsed Patents under Section 20.

Notice is hereby given that application has been made for the restoration of the following Patents which have expired owing to the non-payment of the prescribed Renewal Fee in each case:—

No. and Year.	Jo. and Year. Grantee. Date of Patent.		Date of Expiry.	Title.		
101,070 (5680/16)	Kennington, W. O	18/4/16	18/4/23	"Improvements in and relating to ignition controllers for internal combustion engines."		
194,833 (34996/21)	Pond, G. S. & anr	30/12/21	30/12/25	"Improvements in or re- lating to stands of pedes- tals suitable for displaying goods in shop windows, or other position, and for other purposes."		

Any person may give notice of Opposition to the restoration of any of the above Patents by leaving Patents Form No. 17 at the Patent Office, 25 Southampton Buildings, London, W.C.2, on or before the 30th day of January 1928.

W. S. JARRATT, Comptroller-General.

POST OFFICE.

IMPERIAL AND FOREIGN PARCEL POST.

The rates of postage which the Postmaster-General has directed to be charged on outgoing parcels addressed to the undermentioned territory by the route specified are as follows:—

Place of Destination.	Route.	Rates of Postage on each Parcel not exceeding					
•		2 lb.	3 lb.	7 lb.	11 lb.	22 lb.	
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