

W. Roxburgh, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Acts at Troon, in the County of Ayr, is vacant.

Board of Trade,
Great George Street,
London, S.W.1,
27th February 1932.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trade have appointed Mr. Daniel Williams as Inspector General in Bankruptcy and Registrar of Deeds of Arrangements, *vice* Mr. S. W. Clark, retired. Mr. Williams will retain the appointment he now holds from the Board of Trade as Controller of the Clearing Office for Germany established under the Treaty of Peace Order, 1919, Administrator of German, Austrian, Bulgarian and Hungarian property in accordance respectively with the provisions of the Treaty of Peace Orders, 1919-1924, the Treaty of Peace (Austrian) Orders, 1920-1924, the Treaty of Peace (Bulgarian) Orders, 1920-1924, and the Treaty of Peace (Hungarian) Orders, 1921-1924, and Controller and Custodian of Enemy Property in China.

The Secretary for Mines announces that he has made an Order under Section 61 of the Coal Mines Act, 1911, regulating the use of electrical shot-firing apparatus in coal mines. The effect of the Order may be summarised as follows:—

(a) After the 31st March every new exploder taken into use in any mine or part of a mine in which permitted explosives are compulsory must be of a type that has been approved by the Board of Trade. Exploders not of approved types now in use in such mines must be replaced by exploders of approved types not later than the 31st December next.

(b) The exclusive use of magneto exploders is no longer required; battery exploders and dynamo exploders will be approved if they pass the official tests.

(c) Provisions are included for guarding against exploders being rendered unsafe by unauthorised interference, and for periodical examination and efficient maintenance of approved exploders.

The Order, which is entitled the Explosives in Coal Mines (Electrical Shot-Firing Apparatus) Order, 1932, may be obtained directly from H.M. Stationery Office at the following addresses, *viz.*:—Adastral House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 120 George Street, Edinburgh; York Street, Manchester; 1 St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; or through any bookseller.

Mines Department,
Dean Stanley Street,
Millbank,
Westminster, S.W.1,
February 1932.

Civil Service Commission,
February 26, 1932.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that the following Regulations are published with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, *viz.*:—

REGULATIONS RESPECTING OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR THE SITUATION OF WRITING ASSISTANT (FEMALE) IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

These Regulations are liable to alteration from time to time.

1. The limits of age are 16 and 17. For an examination beginning in one of the first six months of the year, the governing date on which candidates must be of the prescribed age is the first of March; for an examination beginning in one of the last six months of the year, the governing date is the first of September. A candidate who attained the age of 16 on the governing date would be admitted, but a candidate who attained 17 on that date would not be admitted. Candidates who have served in any established civil situation to which they were admitted with the certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners may deduct from their actual age any time not exceeding two years which they may have spent in such service.

2. Every candidate must be a natural-born British subject, the child of a person who is or was at the time of death a British subject.

Provided that if the Civil Service Commissioners are satisfied in the case of any candidate who is a British subject but does not fulfil all the requirements of the rule as to nationality and descent, that the candidate is so closely connected by ancestry and upbringing with His Majesty's dominions that an exception may properly be made to that rule, they may accept such candidate as eligible provided that this discretion shall not be exercisable unless (a) the father or the paternal grandfather of the candidate was a natural-born British subject, and (b) neither the father nor the paternal grandfather had acquired any other nationality by naturalization or by any other voluntary and formal act.

3. Candidates must be unmarried and will be required to satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners that they are duly qualified in respect of health and character.

4. The subjects of examination are as follows, *viz.*:—

1. English.
2. Handwriting.
3. Spelling.
4. Arithmetic.
5. Geography.

Candidates must obtain such an aggregate of marks in the examination as a whole as to satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners.

5. It will rest with the Civil Service Commissioners to determine the Departments to which the successful candidates shall be assigned. In making the assignments the Commissioners will be guided by the requirements of the public service. Subject to this