

8. *Competition*

(i) The Commissioners may at their discretion summon candidates to a preliminary informal interview.

(ii) A certain number of the candidates will be chosen on the basis of the information available, to appear before a Selection Board appointed by the Commissioners.

(iii) The decision of the Commissioners will be final.

9. *Assignment*

It will rest with the Commissioners to determine the Department to which each successful candidate shall be assigned. In making the assignments the Commissioners will be guided by the requirements of the public service but the wishes of candidates will be met as far as possible.

10. *Fee*

A successful candidate will be required to pay a fee of £2 before the issue of a certificate of qualification for appointment.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND CIVIL AVIATION
TRUNK ROADS ACT, 1946 SPECIAL ROADS ACT, 1949
EASTWOOD TOLL DIVERSION

THE Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation hereby gives notice that he proposes to make an Order under Section 1 of the Trunk Roads Act, 1946, as extended by Section 14 of the Special Roads Act, 1949, the effect of which will be that a diversion which he proposes to construct at Eastwood Toll in the County of Renfrew will become a trunk road on the date when the Order comes into operation and the length of the Gretna-Stranraer-Glasgow-Stirling Trunk Road to be superseded thereby will cease to be a trunk road on the 16th day of May next after the date on which notice is given by the Minister to the Renfrew County Council (who will thereafter become the highway authority responsible for that length) that the said diversion is opened for through traffic.

Copies of the draft Order and the relative plan may be inspected free of charge at all reasonable hours from 5th March 1955, to 5th June 1955, at the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation, 21 37 Hereford Road, London, W.2, at

the offices of the Renfrew County Council, County Buildings, Paisley; the First District Council Office, 295 Fenwick Road, Giffnock, and the offices of the Divisional Road Engineer, Government Buildings, Bankhead Avenue, Sighthill, Edinburgh, 11.

Any person may within three months from 5th March 1955, object to the making of the Order by notice to the Minister quoting reference HTR 33/87/05 and stating the grounds of objection.

J. R. WILLIS,
An Under Secretary of the
Ministry of Transport and
Civil Aviation.

28th February 1955.

STATEMENT showing the QUANTITIES SOLD and AVERAGE PRICES OF BRITISH CORN per cwt. of 112 Imperial lb. computed from returns received by the MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES in the week ended 26th February 1955, pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882, the Corn Sales Act, 1921, and the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1943.

British Corn	Quantities Sold		Average Price per Cwt.	
	cwt.	s. d.	s. d.	
WHEAT	692,891	25 8		
BARLEY	322,588	30 10		
OATS	71,086	28 9		

NOTE.—The above statement is based on returns received from 174 prescribed towns in England and Wales in the week ended 26th February 1955. The prices represent the average for all sales at these towns, and include transactions between growers and merchants, and transactions between merchants, during the week ended 19th February 1955.

H. W. DURRANT.

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries,
3 Whitehall Place,
London, S.W.1.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT, 1950—GREAT BRITAIN

OUTBREAKS OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES WHICH WERE CONFIRMED
BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DURING THE PERIOD
1st to 15th FEBRUARY 1955

Period	Anthrax		Atrophic Rhinitis	Foot-and-Mouth Disease		Fowl Pest	Sheep Scab	Swine Fever	
	Outbreaks confirmed	Animals attacked	Outbreaks confirmed	Outbreaks confirmed	Animals slaughtered as diseased or exposed to infection	Outbreaks confirmed	Outbreaks confirmed	Outbreaks confirmed	Swine slaughtered
1st to 15th February 1955 ...	58	60	—	—	—	26	—	57	8
Corresponding period in { 1954	14	15	—	1	17	50	—	41	9
{ 1953	48	50	—	15	985	13	—	84	19
{ 1952	20	20	—	5	377	7	—	47	8
1st January to 15th February 1955	151	157	—	5	568	111	—	140	26
Corresponding period in { 1954	36	38	—	3	288	236	—	170	21
{ 1953	174	183	—	18	1,383	146	—	199	52
{ 1952	62	68	—	22	1,882	39	—	114	33

NOTE.—The following diseases were eradicated from Great Britain in the years indicated:—Cattle plague or rinder-pest (*pestis bovina*), 1877; pleuro-pneumonia (*peripneumonia contagiosa bovum*), 1898; sheep pox (*variola ovium*), 1850; rabies, 1922; epizootic lymphangitis (*lymphangitis epizootica*), 1906; glanders (including farcy) (*malleus*), 1928; and parasitic mange (*psoroptes et sarcoptes scabiei equi*), 1948. Dourine (*exanthema coitale paralyticum*) has never existed in Great Britain.

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Hook Rise, Tolworth, Surbiton, Surrey.
19th February 1955.