

NOTICE.

PROPOSED SUBMARINE TELEGRAPH CABLE
BETWEEN ICELAND AND THE SHETLAND ISLANDS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an application has been received by the Board of Trade from the Great Northern Telegraph Company, for a licence to land in the Shetland Islands a cable to be laid from Iceland.

All persons interested are to take notice that 28 days after this date the Board of Trade will proceed to consider the application, and in the meantime they will receive any objections which may be made thereto.

T. H. W. Pelham, Assistant-Secretary,
Board of Trade,
Fisheries and Harbour Department,
19th day of April, 1901.

THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS,
1894 AND 1896.

THE Board of Agriculture have appointed Victor John Austen Willett to be a Temporary Assistant Inspector for the purposes of the above-mentioned Acts.

Board of Agriculture, 17th April, 1901.

Civil Service Commission, April 19, 1901.

THE Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, that the following Regulations have been approved by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, viz. :—

GENERAL REGULATIONS RESPECTING OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR SITUATIONS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE, included in Schedule A of the Order in Council of 4th June, 1870.

N.B.—These Regulations are liable to alteration at any time.

1. Competitive examinations of Candidates for situations in the different public Departments will be held at such times and at such places as may be deemed expedient. Before every such examination Special Regulations will be issued, in which the particular conditions of the competition will be specified.

2. These examinations will have reference either to the vacancies existing at the time of the examinations respectively, or to the number which may be estimated to occur within any period not exceeding six months after the commencement of the examinations, as may be laid down in Special Regulations, or in any Notice of such examinations published, with the approval of the Lords of the Treasury, in the London Gazette.

3. These examinations are open, under such general restrictions as may be laid down, to all natural-born subjects of His Majesty, being of the requisite age, health, and character. The under-mentioned special conditions are at present in force :

(i.) The following classes of persons are ineligible, viz. :—

(a.) Persons actually serving in the Army or Navy.

(b.) Members of the Royal Irish Constabulary of less than five years' service.

(ii.) The following classes of persons are eligible under certain conditions only, that is to say :—

(c.) Persons holding situations in the Civil Service.

(d.) Members of the Royal Irish Constabulary, of more than five years' service.

(e.) Apprentices and Engineer Students in His Majesty's Dockyards.

(f.) Persons who have been trained in Training Colleges at the public expense.

(g.) Persons who have been trained in the Inland Revenue Branch of the Government Laboratory.

Persons comprised in the classes (c), (d), (e) must obtain the permission of the authorities of their Department to attend the examination, before the commencement of the competition.

Persons comprised in class (f) will not be qualified to receive appointments until the consent of the Board of Education in England, the Committee of Council on Education for Scotland, or the Commissioners of National Education, Ireland, as the case may be, given in conformity with rules sanctioned by the Lords of the Treasury, has been notified to the Civil Service Commissioners.

Persons comprised in class (g) will not be qualified for appointment until the consent of the Board of Inland Revenue, given with the like sanction, has been notified to the Civil Service Commissioners.

4. In reckoning age for competition the following allowances will be made, viz. :—

(i.) Persons who have served in the Army or Navy may deduct from their actual age any time during which they have served ;

(ii.) Persons who may be serving or who may have served in the Militia, the Imperial Yeomanry, the Honourable Artillery Company, or the Volunteers, may deduct from their actual age any time spent on actual military service, such time being reckoned by the number of days for which they received Army pay ;

(iii.) Persons who have served for two full consecutive years—

(A) In any Civil situation to which they were admitted with the Certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners,

(B) In the Royal Irish Constabulary, or

(C) As Registered Copyists in connection with the Civil Service,

may deduct from their actual age any time not exceeding five years which they may have spent in such service, with the limitation (1) that persons comprised in Classes (A), (B), (C), whose service commenced on or after the 10th of April, 1900, will not be allowed to deduct from their actual age more than two years when competing for the situation of Assistant of Customs or more than one year when competing for the situation of Assistant of Excise ; and (2) that persons comprised in Classes (A), (B), (C), whose service commenced on or after the 19th of April, 1901, will not be allowed to deduct more than two years when competing for the situation of Second Class Clerk for Post Service in the Department of His Majesty's Customs.

5. If at any examination two or more situations, whether in the same or in different Departments, shall be offered for competition, the successful Candidates will be permitted (unless otherwise stated in Special Regulations) to choose in their order as determined by the competitive examination among the situations offered for competition ; provided that they be duly qualified according to the special rules prescribed, under Clause IV of the Order in Council of 4th June, 1870, for the particular situations to which they may severally be assigned. If there be a vacant situation for which no one of the successful Candidates is duly