

having served as Clerks of the Second Division for upwards of eight years, have been promoted to Second Class Assistant Accountants in the Army Accounts Department, with special certificates granted exceptionally by the Civil Service Commissioners.

*Civil Service Commission,*

June 12, 1908.

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

REGULATIONS respecting Open Competitive Examinations for the Situation of Male Sorter in London in the Department of the Postmaster-General.

*These Regulations are liable to alteration for future Examinations.*

1. The limits of age for this situation are 18 and 21. If an Examination begins in one of the first four months of any year, candidates must be of the prescribed age on the 1st day of February in that year. If an Examination begins in one of the second four months of any year, candidates must be of the prescribed age on the 1st day of June in that year. If an Examination begins in one of the last four months of any year, candidates must be of the prescribed age on the 1st day of October in that year.

In reckoning age for competition, persons who have served in the Army or Navy, or for two full consecutive years either in a civil situation to which they were admitted with the certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners or as Registered Boy Clerks 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. In the case of soldiers whose period of military service has been compulsorily extended by the Military Authorities, the period to be deducted may be extended beyond five years, if necessary.

2. Candidates will be required to satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners—

- (a) That they are duly qualified in respect of health and character.
- (b) That they are natural-born or naturalised British subjects.

3. At each Examination the number of candidates to be selected will be such as the Postmaster-General may from time to time fix.

4. The Examination will be in the following subjects, viz. :—

- 1. English Composition (including Writing and Spelling).
- 2. Arithmetic (first four rules, Simple and Compound, including English and Metrical Weights and Measures, Reduction, Vulgar Fractions and Decimals, excluding Recurring Decimals).
- 3. Geography.

Candidates who fail to obtain such an aggregate number of marks as may indicate in the

judgment of the Civil Service Commissioners a competent amount of general proficiency will not be regarded as qualified.

5. Candidates must be at least 5 feet 4 inches in height.

6. The following persons are ineligible to compete, viz. :—

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

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

- (a) Persons actually serving in the Army.
- (b) Persons actually serving in the Navy.
- (c) Persons holding situations in the Civil Service.
- (d) Members of the Royal Irish Constabulary, of more than five years' service.
- (e) Probationary Engineer Cadets in the Navy, and Apprentices 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.

No person actually serving in the Army will be eligible unless he produces to the Civil Service Commissioners, when called upon to do so, the permission of his Commanding Officer to attend the examination, dated before the commencement of the competition and given in accordance with such orders as may from time to time be issued by or under the authority of the Army Council.

No person actually serving in the Navy will be eligible unless he produces to the Civil Service Commissioners, when called upon to do so, the permission of his Commanding Officer to attend the examination, dated before the commencement of the competition and given in accordance with such orders as may from time to time be issued by or under the authority of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

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.

8. Application for permission to attend an Examination must be made at such time and in such manner as may be fixed by the Civil Service Commissioners.

9. A fee of five shillings will be required from every candidate attending an Examination.