

which is likely to increase his efficiency. A Captain who may be prevented by exigencies of the service from obtaining an opportunity of qualifying for such accelerated promotion shall have the concession open to him for a period of four years after his promotion to the rank of Major in ordinary course, but any antedate of promotion which may be granted shall be without adjustment of pay.

5. Except as otherwise herein provided, a Major shall be eligible, if in all respects qualified and recommended, for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel on completing eight years' full pay service in the rank of Major, including any period covered by antedated promotion without adjustment of pay.

6. Time on half-pay, not exceeding one year, shall be allowed to reckon as service for promotion under Articles 3, 4, and 5, if removal to half-pay has been the consequence of medical unfitness caused by duty, military or civil.

7. A Captain after at least six years' service, a Major or a Lieutenant-Colonel may be promoted to the next higher rank by brevet for distinguished service in the field or for meritorious or distinguished service of an exceptional nature other than in the field.

8. A certain number of Lieutenant-Colonels may be specially selected for increased pay for ability and merit.

9. Promotion from the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel with increased pay to that of Colonel, and from the rank of Colonel to that of Surgeon-General, shall be given by selection for ability and merit, and the grounds of such selection shall be stated to Us in writing, and recorded in the Office of Our Secretary of State for India.

10. A Lieutenant-Colonel may also be promoted to the rank of Colonel, and a Colonel to the rank of Surgeon-General, for distinguished service in the field. In any such case the Officer shall remain supernumerary in the higher rank until the vacancy to which, in the ordinary course, he would have been promoted, or, in the case of an Officer promoted to the rank of Colonel, until selection for the rank of Surgeon-General.

11. Exchanges between Officers of Our Indian Medical Service and Officers of Our Royal Army Medical Corps, being of the same rank and below the rank of Major, and transfers of Officers below the rank of Major from either of the above-mentioned Services to the other, shall be permitted with the approval of Our Army Council and of Our Secretary of State for India in Council, and on the following conditions:—

(1) That the Officers have less than seven years' service.

(2) That in the case of Captains, their seniority for the purpose of exchange shall be determined as if they had been promoted after the period of service required for promotion to that rank in the service into which they exchange, but that any alteration of date of rank made in pursuance of this provision shall be without adjustment of pay.

(3) Subject to (2) that the senior Officer exchanging takes the place of the junior on the list to which he exchanges, and shall not be promoted until the Officer next above him has been promoted, or has been refused pro-

motion in consequence of failure to qualify for it.

(4) Subject to (2) that the junior Officer exchanging is placed for seniority next below all Officers on the list to which he exchanges whose commissions have the same date as his own.

(5) That the Officer transferred is placed for seniority below all Officers holding the same rank at the time of his transfer, and shall not be promoted until the officer next above him has been promoted or has been refused promotion in consequence of failure to qualify for it.

12. With a view to maintaining the efficiency of the service, Medical Officers shall be placed on the Retired List when they attain the following ages:—

Director-General	...	...	62
Surgeon-General	...	...	} 60
Colonel	...	...
Lieutenant-Colonel	...	...	} 55
Major	...	...

But a Lieutenant-Colonel who entered the service before the 1st April, 1911, and who has been specially selected for increased pay under Article 8 may, if he attains the age of 55 years before he becomes entitled to the pension for 30 years' service, be retained until completion of such service, and in any special case where it would appear to be for the good of Our service that an Officer should be continued in employment, he may be so continued, subject in each case to the sanction of Our Secretary of State for India in Council.

13. An Officer appointed after the 11th September, 1890, who may retire on pension before completing 30 years' service, shall be liable, till he completes 55 years of age, to be recalled to duty in case of emergency.

14. Six of the most meritorious Officers of Our Indian Medical Service on the Active List shall be named Our Honorary Physicians and six Our Honorary Surgeons, and they shall relinquish such appointment on retirement. On appointment as one of Our Honorary Physicians or Honorary Surgeons an Officer under the rank of Colonel in Our Indian Medical Service may be promoted to the brevet rank of Colonel.

Given at Our Court at St. James's this twenty-eighth day of May, 1913, in the fourth year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

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*Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order,
St. James's Palace, S.W.,*

3rd June, 1913.

The KING has been graciously pleased to make the following promotion in the Royal Victorian Order:—

To be Commander.

Harold Edwin Boulton, Esq., M.V.O.