

the Ministry. When a vacancy occurs the Ministry will cause notice to be given by an advertisement in the Press, which will include a statement of the last day fixed for the receipt of applications.

2. A candidate for the post of Assistant Inspector must have attained the age of 22 and must not have attained the age of 32 on the last day fixed for the receipt of applications; provided that in reckoning age for this purpose a candidate who served in the Army, Navy or Air Force between the 4th August, 1914, and the 11th November, 1918, may deduct from his actual age any period of service between the 4th August, 1914, and the 31st December, 1919. For the post of Inspector the limits of age are 25 and 40.

3. A candidate must be a natural-born British subject and the child of a father also a natural-born British subject: provided that exception may be made in the case of candidates serving in a civil situation to which they were admitted with the certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners, and provided that exception may be made as regards the father in the case of candidates who served in His Majesty's Armed Forces during the war.

4. Until further notice preference will be given to candidates who served in His Majesty's Forces during the war.

No person will be eligible who obtained from any tribunal established under the Military Service Acts, 1916 to 1918, exemption from service in His Majesty's Forces under those Acts on the ground of a conscientious objection to the undertaking of military service, or, although not so exempted, declined to comply with obligations imposed upon him by those Acts.

5. A candidate must satisfy the Ministry as to his academic and practical training in Agriculture or Horticulture. Preference will be given to candidates who have taken a course in Science, or Agriculture, or Horticulture, at a University, or at an Agricultural College. Where special qualifications are required particulars will be given in the advertisement.

6. The completed application forms will be scrutinised by the Ministry, and selected candidates will be interviewed by a Board consisting of representatives of the Ministry and of the Civil Service Commissioners, who will recommend those candidates whom they consider most suitable for appointment by the Ministry.

Any attempt on the part of candidates to enlist support for their applications through Members of Parliament or other influential persons will disqualify them for appointment. The Selection Board will disregard spontaneous recommendations from persons who are not personally acquainted with the candidate's previous work.

7. The necessary number of candidates will be appointed on probation subject to their satisfying the Civil Service Commissioners that they are eligible for appointment in respect of age, health and character, and to the payment of a fee of £4.

8. Service as Inspector or Assistant Inspector will be probationary for a period of two years, and the retention of the officer beyond that period will be conditional on the Ministry being satisfied that he has a good working knowledge of such of the subjects named in Appendix I as are required for his duties.

9. An Inspector or Assistant Inspector will then be eligible for consideration for appoint-

ment to the established staff if and when a vacancy occurs thereon. Appointment to the established staff is conditional on the issue by the Civil Service Commissioners of a certificate of qualification; a fee of £4, being the balance of the prescribed fee of £8, is payable before the certificate of qualification can be issued.

APPENDIX I.

The subjects to which reference is made in Clause 8 of the regulations are as follows:—

(1) The following Acts and any Act amending any of these Acts; and the Orders and Regulations of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries thereunder:—

The Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, 1877 and 1907.

The Fertilizers and Feeding Stuffs Act, 1906.

The Merchandise Marks Acts, 1887-1894, so far as these relate to agricultural produce.

The Food and Drugs Acts, 1875-1907, so far as these relate to agricultural produce.

The Seeds Act, 1920.

(2) The Ministry's Regulations for grants-in-aid of Agricultural Education and Research.

ELECTRICITY COMMISSION.

ELECTRICITY (SUPPLY) ACTS, 1882 to 1922.

MID-LANCASHIRE ELECTRICITY DISTRICT.

In pursuance of a notice issued by the Electricity Commissioners on the 27th May, 1920, of the Provisional determination by them of the above-named district, the Commissioners hereby give notice that they will hold a Local Inquiry at the Town Hall, Preston, on Tuesday, the 20th February, 1923, at 10.30 a.m. and following days, with reference to the area to be included in the proposed district and the objections and representations which have been made on account of the inclusion in or exclusion from the said district of certain areas, and to consider (a) a Scheme which has been submitted jointly by the Corporations of Blackburn and Preston for effecting an improvement of the existing organisation for the supply of electricity in the said district and for the formation of a Joint Electricity Authority, and (b) a Scheme which has been submitted by the North East Lancashire Electricity Committee for effecting an improvement of the existing organisation for the supply of electricity in the said district and for the formation of an Electricity Board.

Copies of the respective Schemes may be obtained (a) from the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Preston, at a cost of 5s. each, and (b) from the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Burnley, at a cost of 5s. each. There will also be available prior to the date of the inquiry (a) copies of supplementary financial particulars in support of the first mentioned Scheme at a reasonable charge, on application to the Town Clerk, Preston, and (b) copies of supplementary particulars in support of the second mentioned Scheme at a cost of 5s. each, together with the map and diagram referred to therein at an additional cost of 5s. and 7s. 6d. each respectively, on application to the Town Clerk, Burnley.

Any body or person interested may attend