

Female candidates must be unmarried or widows, and will be required to resign their appointment on marriage.

Until further order, and other things being equal, preference will be given by the Selection Board to candidates who are debarred from active employment by a physical impairment due to the War, and not of a nature to interfere with the discharge of the duties of the post.

7. Candidates who pass the scrutiny under Regulation 5 will be admitted to (a) an interview before a Selection Board and (b) a written examination in English. A Selection Board shall be nominated by the Commissioners in consultation with the authorities of the Department, who shall be represented upon it, and if practicable one of the Commissioners shall be the Chairman. The Selection Board will take into consideration the candidates' record of experience and education, any recommendations that they may receive from persons named by the candidates as having direct knowledge of their work in the past, and the candidates' scientific knowledge and their personal qualities as shown at the interview; and on their estimation of all the above evidence the Board will frame their decisions, which will be final. The Selection Board will arrange the candidates in order of merit, and the vacancies will be filled by the appointment of the candidates in order from the list, subject to their passing the examination and satisfying the Commissioners that they are eligible in all respects.

8. 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 work, whether at school, at the University, in the Forces, or otherwise.

9. A fee of £5 will be required from each candidate attending the Competition.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

FORMATION OF THE STEPNEY UNION.

PARISHES OF LIMEHOUSE, SAINT GEORGE IN THE EAST, AND WHITECHAPEL, AND HAMLET OF MILE END OLD TOWN.

Whereas the Metropolitan Borough of Stepney comprises the Parishes of Limehouse, Saint George in the East, and Whitechapel, and the Hamlet of Mile End Old Town, and the laws for the relief of the poor are administered by a separate board of guardians for each of the Parishes and for the Hamlet aforesaid;

And whereas a representation having been made to the Minister of Health that the Parishes and the Hamlet aforesaid should be united for the administration of the laws for the relief of the poor, so as to form a union conterminous with the Metropolitan Borough of Stepney, the Minister directed a local inquiry to be held and a report has been made to the Minister on the inquiry:

Now, therefore, the Minister of Health, in pursuance of Section 26 of the Poor Law

Amendment Act, 1834, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby Orders as follows:—

PART I.

SHORT TITLE, INTERPRETATION AND COMMENCEMENT.

1. This Order may be cited as the Stepney Union Order, 1925.

2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires—

“ Officers ” includes servants;

“ Orders ” means orders, rules and regulations issued by the Minister of Health, and his predecessors;

“ The appointed day ” means the 1st day of April, 1925;

“ The Borough ” means the Metropolitan Borough of Stepney;

“ The existing Parishes ” means the Parishes of Limehouse, Saint George in the East, and Whitechapel, and the Hamlet of Mile End Old Town;

“ The new Union ” means the Stepney Union formed by this Order.

3. This Order shall come into operation on the 1st day of April, 1925:

Provided that this Order shall operate as from such day earlier than that day as may be necessary for the following purposes, viz.:—

(1) the proceedings relating to the election of guardians directed by this Order;

(2) the proceedings preliminary to the first meeting of the guardians of the new Union and to the transaction of the business to be performed at that meeting; or

(3) the preparation of any precept or contribution order to be made on or after the 1st day of April, 1925.

PART II.

FORMATION OF THE NEW UNION AND CONSTITUTION, &c., OF BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

4. On the appointed day—

(1) The existing Parishes shall be united for the administration of the laws for the relief of the poor, and shall form a union to be called the Stepney Union;

(2) The new Union shall form part of the Metropolitan Asylum District, and shall be represented on the board of management of that District by four elective members.

5.—(1) The number of elective guardians of the new union shall be forty, of whom twenty-two shall represent the Parishes of Limehouse and Whitechapel, as united by this Order for the purposes of the election of guardians, six shall represent the Parish of Saint George in the East, and twelve shall represent the Hamlet of Mile End Old Town.

(2) For the purposes of the election of guardians—

(a) The Parishes of Limehouse and Whitechapel shall be united;

(b) Those united parishes, the Parish of Saint George in the East and the Hamlet of Mile End Old Town shall be divided into wards, each of which shall be conterminous with and bear the same name as each of the wards into which the Borough is divided for the election of councillors of the Borough;