due to the War and not of a nature to interfere with the discharge of ordinary administrative duties.

- 8. Candidates who have been admitted to and have passed the Qualifying Examination or have been exempted from that examination will be summoned to an interview before a Selection Board, who will recommend for the vacancies existing those candidates who appear to them to possess the highest qualifications, and their decision will be final. The Selection Board shall be nominated by the Commissioners in consultation with the authorities of the Department who shall be represented on the Selection Board. The Selection Board will take into consideration the candidate's record of experience and education, any recommendations that they may receive from persons named by any candidate as having direct knowledge of his or her work in the past, and the personal qualities of the candidate as shown at the interview; and on their estimation of all the above evidence they will frame their decisions.
- 9. 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.

10. Every Candidate before entry to the Qualifying Examination shall pay the regulation fee of £6; candidates exempted from the Qualifying Examination, if selected for appointment, shall pay the fee before the issue of certificates of qualification in their favour.

India Office, 9th May, 1925.

The Secretary of State for India in Council has appointed Messrs. Edgar James Merry and Charles Augustus Osborne to superintend the transfer of lascars or other persons, and to grant the certificate required under section 125 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 (57 and 58 Vic., cap. 60).

The fee to be paid for every lascar, or other person, in respect of whom such certificate is applied for is limited to three shillings and in no case is the total amount of fees in respect of one crew to exceed five pounds.

LIGHT RAILWAYS ACTS, 1896 AND 1912. RAILWAYS ACT, 1921.

The Minister of Transport has recently made the undermentioned Order:—

The Sunderland Corporation Light Railways Order, 1925, authorising the construction of Light Railways in the Borough of Sunderland.

Copies of the Order will shortly be obtainable at H.M. Stationery Office.

Ministry of Transport, 6, Whitehall Gardens, Westminster, S.W. 1. 8th May, 1925.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS, 1894 to 1922.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

Notice is hereby given, in pursuance of section 49 (3) of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, that the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries has made the following Order:—

Date.	Subject.
1925. 7th May	Five Elkhound puppies, the property of Mr. William Holmes.

Copies of this Order may be obtained at 7, Whitehall Place, London, S.W.1.

STAMP DUTIES.

Whereas Section 12 (2) of the Finance Act, 1899, provides, inter alia, that His Majesty's Commissioners of Inland Revenue may substitute, as respects any foreign or colonial currency mentioned in the Schedule to that Act, any rate of exchange for that specified in the Schedule and that such Act shall be construed as if any rate of exchange for the time being substituted were contained in the said Schedule, and as if the rate of exchange for which the new rate is substituted were omitted from that Schedule. And whereas by notices, duly advertised pursuant to the said section in the months of August, 1920, June, 1922, June, 1923, March, 1924, and March, 1925, the said Commissioners substituted certain rates of exchange for those specified in the said Schedule: Now the said Commissioners do hereby give notice that they substitute the following rates of exchange for those specified in the Schedule to the Finance Act, 1899, as varied by the above-mentioned notices now in force under the said Act:-

Florin ... Twelve to one pound.
Guilder ... ,, ,,
Gulden ... ,, ,,
Lira ... One hundred and twenty
to one pound.

Dated this 8th day of May, 1925.

F. A. Barrett, Secretary.

INCOME TAX.

Whereas it has become necessary to renew the list of persons to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners appointed to act in the division of Middle Temple, in the County of London, as Commissioners for the General Purposes of the Acts of Parliament relating to Income Tax and Inhabited House Duties: Now we, two of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, in pursuance of the powers vested in us in that behalf, do hereby convene a Meeting of the Land Tax Commissioners having jurisdiction with regard to Land Tax within the division aforesaid being respectively qualified to act as such Commissioners, to be holden at the Parliament Chamber, Middle