

period in respect of which the gratuity was paid) and the date of re-establishment is more than seven years.

3. Nationality.

Candidates must be British subjects. They must also satisfy one of the following conditions:—

(a) If natural-born British subjects, they must either

(i) have at least one parent who is, or was at death, a British subject; or

(ii) have resided in Her Majesty's dominions and/or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown for at least five years out of the last eight years preceding the date of their appointment.

(b) If naturalised British subjects, they must have resided in Her Majesty's dominions and/or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown for at least five years out of the last eight years preceding the date of their appointment.

(c) If not qualified under (a) or (b) of this paragraph, they must satisfy the Commissioners that they are so closely connected with Her Majesty's dominions either by ancestry, upbringing or residence, or by reason of national service, that an exception may properly be made in their favour.

4. Qualifications.

Candidates must have, or obtain in Summer, 1953, a University degree with First or Second Class Honours and must possess competent knowledge of two modern languages, other than English (preferably French and German).

When special additional qualifications are required for posts in particular Departments details will be given in the notice announcing the competition.

5. Those candidates who appear from their application forms to have the best qualifications will be summoned to appear before a Selection Board in London which will recommend to the Commissioners for appointment the candidates who appear to be most suitable. The Board will take into consideration the candidates' record of education and experience, any recommendation that they may receive from persons named by the candidates as having direct knowledge of their work in the past, and the personal qualities of the candidates as shown at the interview, and on their estimation of the above evidence they will frame their recommendations. The decision of the Commissioners will be final.

6. Successful candidates must satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners as to their health and character.

7. Persons upon whose training for the occupation of teacher public money has been spent cannot be appointed until the consent of the appropriate central education authority (e.g., the Ministry of Education, the Scottish Education Department, the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland) has been notified to the Commissioners.

8. Any attempt on the part of candidates to enlist support for their applications through Members of Parliament or other influential persons (except as referees to be named by them in their application form) will disqualify them for appointment. The Selection Board will disregard recommendations from persons who are not personally acquainted with the candidate's work.

9. A successful candidate will be required to pay a fee of £4 before the issue of a certificate of qualification for appointment.

NATIONAL INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF PRELIMINARY DRAFT REGULATIONS ENTITLED NATIONAL INSURANCE (MATERNITY BENEFIT AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) REGULATIONS, 1953.

IN accordance with section 77 of the National Insurance Act, 1946, the National Insurance Advisory Committee give notice that they have received from the Joint Authority (comprising the Minister of National Insurance and the Minister of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland) for consideration and report thereon the preliminary draft of regulations entitled the National Insurance (Maternity Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations, 1953.

A short explanatory note on these regulations is appended to this notice.

Copies of the preliminary draft of these regulations may be purchased directly (price 9d.) from Her

Majesty's Stationery Office at the following addresses:—York House, Kingsway, London W.C.2; 13a, Castle Street, Edinburgh 2; 39, King Street, Manchester 2; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 80, Chichester Street, Belfast; or through any bookseller.

The Committee will take into consideration any objection, made by or on behalf of persons affected, sent to them before 25th August, 1953. Having regard to the terms of the Act, which provides that objections must be made within a period of 28 days at most, the Committee are unable to allow a longer period within which objections may be submitted. If an objection is submitted within the prescribed time, however, the Committee will be prepared, if they are satisfied that sufficient grounds exist, to allow the later submission of evidence or explanation in support of the objection. Objections should be addressed to the Secretary, National Insurance Advisory Committee, 10, John Adam Street, London, W.C.2.

Will Spens, Chairman.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

These Regulations, which are made in consequence of the National Insurance Act, 1953, revoke and replace the National Insurance (Maternity Benefit) Regulations, 1948, and the amending Regulations of 1949. They provide for entitling a woman to a maternity grant in expectation of confinement and for the payment of more than one maternity grant in respect of multiple births. For the purpose of a home confinement grant (title to which depends on the accommodation in which the confinement occurs), they prescribe certain descriptions of accommodation. They contain provisions relating to the conditions for, and the duration of, a maternity allowance whether in expectation of confinement or by virtue of actual confinement. They make provision for enabling a woman in certain circumstances to satisfy the contribution conditions for a maternity allowance in part by the payment of contributions of any class. They provide for increasing the weekly rate of a maternity allowance in respect of a child or adult dependant and for entitling a woman in whose case the contribution conditions are partly satisfied to such an allowance at a reduced rate, and contain provisions for disqualifying a woman for the receipt of a maternity allowance in certain circumstances. The remaining provisions are of a minor or consequential character.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1947.

The Minister of Transport hereby gives notice that he has made an Order under s. 49 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, entitled "The Stopping up of Highways (Essex) (No. 3) Order, 1953," authorising the stopping up of a length of footpath at Wood Lane, Dagenham, Essex.

Copies of the Order may be obtained from H.M. Stationery Office, York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; or through any bookseller, price 2d. Copies may be inspected in Room 30, Ministry of Transport, Berkeley Square House, London, W.1, and at the Dagenham B.C. Offices, Civic Centre, Dagenham, at all reasonable hours.

Any person aggrieved by the Order and desiring to question the validity thereof, or of any provision contained therein, on the ground that it is, not within the powers of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, or that any requirement of that Act or of any regulation made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Order, may, within 6 weeks of the 28th July, 1953, apply to the High Court for the suspension or quashing of the Order or of any provision contained therein.

Aubrey Clark,
An Assistant Secretary of the
Ministry of Transport.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1947.

The Minister of Transport hereby gives notice that he proposes to make an Order under s. 49 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, authorising the stopping up of a length of Whiteleigh Lane, Plymouth, Devon.

Copies of the draft Order and relative plan may be inspected in Room No. 30, Ministry of Trans-