

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 will not, except under special circumstances, be eligible for consideration for appointment as an Inspector unless he shall have graduated as a Member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons at least one year before the date of the proposed appointment; and he will be required to show that since such graduation he has acquired practical experience in some recognised branch of the Veterinary profession.

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 application 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 will be probationary for a period of two years, and the retention of an Inspector beyond that period will be conditional on his passing a prescribed examination after the expiry of that period.

9. An Inspector after passing the examination is eligible for consideration for appointment 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.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS,
1894 to 1914.

RETURN of OUTBREAKS of SCHEDULED DISEASES in SCOTLAND which have been confirmed by, or notified to, the Ministry during the week ending 16th December 1922:

SWINE FEVER.

COUNTY.	Outbreaks Confirmed.	Swine Slaughtered as diseased or as having been exposed to infection.	
		No.	No.
Midlothian	1		2
TOTAL	1		2

ANTHRAX.

COUNTY.	Outbreaks Confirmed.	Animals Attacked.			
		Cattle.	Sheep.	Swine.	Horses.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Aberdeen	1	1	—	—	—
Ayr	1	1	—	—	—
Banff	2	2	—	—	—
Berwick	1	1	—	—	—
Dumfries	1	1	—	—	—
East Lothian	1	1	—	—	—
Lanark	1	1	—	—	—
Perth	1	1	—	—	—
TOTAL	9	9	—	—	—

PARASITIC MANGE.

COUNTY.	Outbreaks Reported.	Animals Attacked.
	No.	No.
Aberdeen	1	1
Lanark	3	3
TOTAL	4	4

SHEEP SCAB.

COUNTY.	Outbreaks Reported.
	No.
Berwick	1
Inverness	1
TOTAL	2

SHEEP SCAB MOVEMENT AREAS.

The following Areas in Scotland are now "Movement Areas" for the purposes of Part I of the Sheep (Double Dipping) Order of 1920:—

Inverness.—(1) An Area comprising the islands known as the Outer Hebrides (*except the islands of St. Kilda, Dune, Soay, and Boreray*), in the County of Inverness.

(2) An Area in the County of Inverness, comprising the islands known as Skye or Inner Hebrides.

Ross and Cromarty.—(1) An Area comprising the Island of Lewis, including the smaller island adjacent thereto, in the county of Ross and Cromarty.

(2) An Area in the county of Ross and Cromarty, comprising the parishes of Kintail, Glenshiel, Lochalsh, and the estate of Attadale, in the parish of Loch Carron.

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries,
19th December 1922.