

5. Application shall be addressed in the first instance to the Director of Prison and Borstal Services, 29 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh, 1, and shall be made on a form to be obtained from that Office. The Director will examine the candidate's credentials and will propose to the Civil Service Commissioners the names of such candidates as appear to be best qualified. The Civil Service Commissioners may, if dissatisfied with the number or quality of candidates for any vacancy, require further search to be made for suitable candidates. They may also, if they think fit, assist in the scrutiny of the application forms of the candidates.

6. Candidates must satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners that they have such experience and education as fit them for the post. In general, candidates should be men of sound general education, able to hold their own with all ranks and to fill a position of responsibility in which tact and judgment are required. They should have personal knowledge of the life of working-class lads. A keen interest in difficult reformatory work is essential.

7. Candidates who are proposed by the Director and are accepted by the Civil Service Commissioners as possessing the requisite qualifications will be summoned to an interview before a Selection Board consisting of representatives of the Scottish Home Department and of the Civil Service Commissioners, who will select for the vacancies existing those candidates who appear to them to possess the highest qualifications, provided they find so many suitable. 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 the candidates as having direct knowledge of their work in the past, and the personal qualities of the candidates as shown at this interview; and on their estimation of all the above evidence they will frame their decisions. The decision of the Selection Board will be final.

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, whether at school, at the university, in industry or business, in the Forces, or otherwise.

9. The appointment of selected candidates will be subject to their satisfying the Civil Service Commissioners as to their eligibility in respect of age, nationality, health, and character, and will not be confirmed unless and until they have passed

the prescribed period of probation to the satisfaction of the Director.

10. A selected candidate will be required to pay a fee of 7s. 6d. before the issue of the certificate of qualification for appointment.

Civil Service Commission,
25th June 1948.

The Minister of Transport, on the 19th June 1948, made the Railway and Canal Securities (Conversion Date) (No. 7) Order, 1948 (Statutory Instrument 1948, No. 1317), under paragraph 1 of Part II. of the Fifth Schedule to the Transport Act, 1947.

Copies of the Order are obtainable from H.M. Stationery Office at York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 13A Castle Street, Edinburgh, 2; 39-41 King Street, Manchester, 2; 1 St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; Tower Lane, Bristol, 1; or through any bookseller, price 1d. net.

COAL ACT, 1938, AND

COAL INDUSTRY NATIONALISATION ACT, 1946.

PURSUANT to paragraph 6 (2) of the Second Schedule to the Coal Act, 1938, the National Coal Board hereby give notice that they propose to exercise the right to withdraw support vested in them by virtue of paragraph 6 (1) of the said Schedule and the Coal Industry Nationalisation Act, 1946, so far as the said right applies in relation to any land within an area situate in the Parish/es of Muiravonside, in the County of Stirling, indicated on a Plan which is deposited and open for inspection at the Board's Estates Mining Engineer, 29 Walker Street, Edinburgh, 3.

Dated 23rd June 1948.

L. E. BOURKE, Secretary.

National Coal Board,
Scottish Division,
1 Eglinton Crescent,
Edinburgh, 12.

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DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS, 1894 TO 1937, AND AGRICULTURE ACT, 1937 (PART IV.).

GREAT BRITAIN.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

RETURN No. 11/1948. OUTBREAKS OF SCHEDULED (NOTIFIABLE) DISEASES WHICH HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE MINISTRY during the period 1st to 15th JUNE 1948.

Summary of Returns of outbreaks of certain scheduled (notifiable) diseases which have been confirmed by the Ministry during the period 1st to 15th May 1948.

Period.	Anthrax.		Foot-and-Mouth Disease.		Fowl Pest.	Parasitic Mange.*		Sheep Scab.	Swine Fever.	
	Outbreaks confirmed.	Animals attacked.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Animals slaughtered as diseased or exposed to infection.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Animals attacked.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Swine slaughtered.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Period 1st to 15th June 1948	3	3	—	—	9	—	—	—	1	—
Corresponding period in { 1947	5	5	9	892	117	—	—	1	1	—
{ 1946	2	2	2	456	—	—	—	—	13	3
{ 1945	4	4	2	259	—	—	—	1	37	19
Total 1st January to 15th June 1948	47	48	—	—	190	1	1	26	17	3
Corresponding period in { 1947	44	51	92	9,680	450	1	2	23	15	2
{ 1946	49	49	26	2,628	—	4	4	34	265	174
{ 1945	52	57	79	6,756	—	5	5	38	489	372

NOTE.—The figures for the current year are approximate only.

* Excluding outbreaks in Army Horses.

NOTE.—The following diseases were eradicated from Great Britain in the years indicated:—Cattle plague, or rinder-pest (*pestis bovina*) 1877; pleuro-pneumonia (*peripneumonia contagiosa bovum*) 1898; sheep pox (*variola ovium*) 1850; rabies 1922; epizootic lymphangitis (*lymphangitis epizootica*) 1906; and glanders (including farcy) (*mallois*) 1928. Dourine (*trypanosoma coitale paralyticum*) has never existed in Great Britain.

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries,
24th June 1948.