(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 naturalized 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.

3. Health and Character.

Successful candidates must satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners as to their health and character. They must be at least 5 feet in height.

4. Examination.

The subjects of examination and the marks they will carry are as follows :-

(1)	Arithmetic	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	100
	Spelling	•••	•••	•••	•••		25
	English	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	100
(4)	General Pa	per	•••		•••	•••	100

Separate competitions will be held for each Head Post Office area, and candidates for each area will be arranged in order of merit on their aggregate of marks in the examination as a whole. No candidate may compete for a vacancy in more than one area at the same time, but if after the results of the examination have been published the number of qualified candidates in any area is insufficient to fill the vacancies in that area appointments may be offered, in order of their total marks, to candidates who have been unsuccessful for appointments in other areas in the same Post Office Region. Even if there are unfilled vacancies, no candidate will be appointed who does not obtain an aggregate which satisfies the Civil Service Commissioners.

5. Candidates Trained as Teachers.

Candidates who have been trained as teachers and upon whose training 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.

A fee of 7s. 6d. is payable by all candidates. This must be sent with the application form, and is not returnable in any

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice that concurrent open competitive examinations will be held on 6th May 1952, under the above Regulations to fill vacancies in the London Area and in certain Provincial Towns.

No person will be admitted to examination from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received on or before the 20th March 1952, an application on the prescribed form which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

SUPPLIES AND SERVICES. COAL DISTRIBUTION.

The Minister of Fuel and Power hereby gives notice that The Minister of Fuel and Power hereby gives notice that he has made the Coal Distribution (Amendment) Order, 1952, —8.I. 1952, No. 338, copies of which may be purchased direct from H M. Stationery Office at the following addresses:—York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 13a Castle Street, Edinburgh, 2; 39 King Street, Manchester, 2; 2 Edmund Street, Birnningham, 3; 1 St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; Tower Lane, Bristol, 1; 80 Chichester Street, Belfast; or through any bookseller.

Ministry of Fuel and Power, 7 Millbank, London, S.W.1, 22nd February 1952.

Ministry of Materials, Horse Guards Avenue, London, S.W.1, 23rd February 1952.

FLAX SEED-REMOVAL OF CONTROL.

The Ministry of Materials have issued the Control of Flax Seed (Revocation) Order, 1952 (S.I. 1952, No. 343).

This Order revokes all existing Orders which control the disposal of flax seeds of a variety used in growing flax for the production of fibre.

SHERIFF COURT OF AYR AND BUTE AT KILMARNOCK.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1947.

A PETITION has been presented to the Sheriff of Ayr and Bute, at Kilmarnock, by James Morrison, Master Baker, Woodside, High Road, Stevenston; James Forde, Engine Driver, 33 Greenhead Avenue, Stevenston; the Reverend J. Mackay Nimmo, Livingstone Manse, Stevenston; Joseph Clark, Pawnbroker, 16 Caledonian Road, Stevenston; Joseph Clark, Pawnbroker, 16 Caledonian Road, Stevenston; Thomas Maxwell, Process Worker, 18 Elm Place, Stevenston; James Clements, Process Worker, 52 Alexander Avenue, Stevenston; the Reverend Father Hugh Mimnagh, St. John's Manse, Stevenston; John Rushton, Retired Schoolmaster, Craig Downings, High Road, Stevenston; James Lawson Auld, Chemist, Crithia, High Road, Stevenston; Alexander Duff, Retired, 1 Moorpark Road West, Stevenston; John Bothwell, Grocer, 29 Boglemart Street, Stevenston; and Mrs. Elizabeth Hendry Morrison, Kermor, High Road, Stevenston; being twelve local government electors for the area after referred to, craving the Court to hold a Local Inquiry, in terms of Section 133 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1947, and following upon and Inquiry, and upon any further investigations that the Court may deem necessary, to find that the area comprising the Town of Stevenston in the Parish of Stevenston and County of Ayr, described in the said Petition and as delineated within the boundaries coloured red on the Plan lodged therewith, is suitable for being formed into a Burgh, and thereafter to have the statutory procedure carried out so that the said area may be declared a Burgh; in which Petition the Sheriff has pronounced the following Deliverance:— PETITION has been presented to the Sheriff of Ayr Petition the Sheriff has pronounced the following Deliverance :

ance:—
"Kilmarnock, 14th February 1952.—The Sheriff having
"considered the foregoing Petition, appoints a copy thereof
"and of this Deliverance to be served upon each of the
"Clerk to the County Council of the County of Ayr, the
"Clerk to the District Council of the Saltcoats District
"of said County, and the Clerk to the Town Council of
"the Burgh of Saltcoats; further appoints intimation of
"the import of the Petition and of this Deliverance to be
"made by advertisement for two consecutive weeks in the "made by advertisement for two consecutive weeks in the Edinburgh Gazette and in the Ardrossan and Saltcoats "Herald newspaper; allows all parties having an interest "and desiring to be heard, to lodge a Note of their Objections with the Sheriff-Clerk at Kilmarnock, within seven days from the last date of said advertisements; appoints "the Petition and relative plans to remain in the office of the said Sheriff-Clerk till the further orders of Court, "for inspection by all concerned; and meantime remits to "for inspection by all concerned; and meantime remits to "Mr. Henry L. Lawson, County Assessor, County Buildings, Ayr, to ascertain the population and the amount of rateable valuation of the area referred to in the crave of "the Petition and to report quam primum thereon.
(Sgd.) "J. F. Gordon Thomson."

Of which Petition and Deliverance intimation is hereby made.

A further copy of the Plan lodged with the Petition having the said area delineated thereon may be inspected within the District Offices, New Street, Stevenston, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays, and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

> JAS. CAMPBELL & Co., W.S., Saltcoats, Law Agents for the Petitioners.

15th February 1952.

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF ABERDEEN.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 1930-Section 46.

ROAD AND RAIL TRAFFIC ACT, 1933-Section 29.

NOTICE is hereby given that on the fifteenth day of February 1952, the Minister of Transport confirmed the Council of the County of Aberdeen (Roads Restriction) Order, 1950 (which may be inspected at the office of the undersigned).

The effect of the Order is to prohibit the driving of any vehicle

(a) the weight of which whether laden or unladen exceeds 5 tons; or
(b) at a speed exceeding 5 miles per hour
on so much of the Kintore-Hatton of Fintray Road (Route B.977) as is carried by the Don Bridge over the River Don

Dated this twenty-second day of February 1952.

CHAS HORNAL, County Clerk.

County Buildings, 22 Union Terrace, Aberdeen.