Office, on the result of a general competition for situations as Typists in the Civil Service, will be regarded as established Typists for the purpose of these regulations although not serving under the certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners.

2. Candidates must be not less than 19 years of age on the first day of the examination; and candidates who have only temporary service or service in the Trinity House, Office of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, or the Metropolitan Police Office, or service of two or more of these kinds, must not be more than 40 years of age on the first day of the examination.

No exception on any grounds will be made to this rule.

- 3. Candidates will be required to satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners—
  - (a) that they are unmarried or widows;
  - (b) that they are duly qualified in respect of health and character.

No person will be eligible who is not a naturalborn British subject, and the daughter of a father also a natural-born British subject; provided that exception may be made in the case of a person serving in a civil situation to which she was admitted with the certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners.

- 4. The Examination will be in the following subjects, viz.:—
  - (1) English Composition.
  - (2) Precis Writing.
  - (3) Shorthand.
- 5. No candidate will be regarded as qualified who does not pass to the satisfaction of the Civil Service Commissioners in Shorthand and in the aggregate number of marks obtained in the examination as a whole.
- . 6. It will rest with the Civil Service Commissioners to determine the Departments to which the successful candidates shall be assigned. In making the assignments the Commissioners will be guided by the requirements of the public service and will consult, so far as possible, the wishes of Departments for the assignment of particular candidates who have served under them. Subject to these conditions, the wishes of candidates will, where possible, be respected.

7. Persons upon whose training for the occupation of teacher public money has been spent cannot be appointed until the consent of the appropriate education authority has been notified to the Civil Service Commissioners.

8. Application for permission to attend an Examination must be made at such times and in such manner as may be fixed by the Civil Service Commissioners.

9. A fee of 12s. 6d. will be required from every candidate attending the examination.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice that a Competitive Examination will be held under the foregoing Regulations in Belfast, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Leeds, London, Manchester and Portsmouth, commencing on the 17th May, 1927.

No person will be admitted to Examination from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before the 24th March, 1927, an application, in the Candidate's own handwriting, on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT, 1924.

Notice is hereby given under the Rules Publication Act, 1893, that it is proposed by the Minister of Health, after the expiration of at least 40 days from this date, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon him by the National Health Insurance Act, 1924, to make regulations repealing Part IX of the National Health Insurance (Insurance Committees) Regulations, 1924

Copies of the draft regulations can be purchased, either directly or through any bookseller, from H.M. Stationery Office, Adastral House, Kingsway, London, W.C. 2.

Dated this thirty-first day of December,

Ministry of Health, S.W. 1.

DESTRUCTIVE INSECTS AND PESTS ACTS, 1877 AND 1907.

IMPORTATION OF ELM TREES (PROHIBITION)
ORDER OF 1926.

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries has made the above Order under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, 1877 and 1907. The effect of the Order is to prohibit the landing in England and Wales of any living elm tree from any European country other than Scotland, Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. The Order comes into force on the 15th January, 1927.

Copies of the Order may be obtained on application to the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, 10, Whitehall Place, London, S.W. 1.

ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

(DATED 29TH DECEMBER, 1926.)

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in him under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1925, and of every other power enabling him in this behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

Application of Part I of Sheep (Double Dipping) Order of 1920.

1.—(1) Part I (Restriction on Movement of Sheep out of a Movement Area) of the Sheep (Double Dipping) Order of 1920, hereinafter referred to as "the Principal Order" is hereby applied to the Area described in the Schedule hereto, which shall be a Movement Area for the purposes of that Order.

(2) This Article shall come into operation on the twenty-eighth day of January, nineteen

hundred and twenty-seven.

Application of Part II of Sheep (Double Dipping) Order of 1920.

2. Part II (Double Dipping of Sheep in a Double Dipping Area) of the Principal Order is also hereby applied to the Area described in the Schedule hereto, which shall be also a Double Dipping Area for the purposes of that Order.