

(2) Women will normally be required to resign their appointments on marriage, but in exceptional cases they may be retained, with the permission of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

7 No person who is undergoing a course of study with the aid of a grant from public funds shall be eligible to compete before the completion of the course, unless he has previously obtained permission to do so from the authority which administers the grant.

PART II

APPLICATION AND EXAMINATION.

8—(1) Every candidate must apply on the appropriate form within the time and in the manner of which notice is given by the Commissioners.

(2) Every candidate shall pay an application fee of £1 when the Application Form is sent in.

9—(1) Those candidates who on their Application Forms and the resulting enquiries are found to be *prima facie* eligible will undergo a qualifying written examination, consisting of papers in English and Arithmetic, a General paper, and a test of General Intelligence.

(2) There will also be a qualifying oral test in a foreign language approved by the Commissioners; but the Commissioners may dispense with this in the case of a candidate who satisfies them that he possesses adequate ability to speak a modern foreign language.

(3) If a candidate who has qualified in the written examination in either the Reconstruction Competition or in the Normal Open Competition of 1948, but has not been successful in the competition, applies to compete under these Regulations, he need not undergo the written examination again. Similarly, an unsuccessful candidate who has satisfied the Commissioners in the qualifying oral test at the Reconstruction Competition whether or not he has also passed the written examination, need not undergo that test if he competes under these Regulations.

10—(1) Candidates who reach the qualifying standard in the written examination and satisfy the Commissioners of their linguistic ability will be summoned to undergo a series of tests of personal qualities at a residential centre and to appear before an Interviewing Board which will award each candidate a mark for his intelligence, personal qualities and record, provided that (a) the Commissioners may hold the tests of personal qualities and the interviews at or about the same time as the written examination and may provisionally admit all the candidates to the tests and the interview, reserving the right to disqualify any who fail to reach the qualifying standard in the written examination; (b) the Commissioners may at their discretion summon those candidates who are placed low on the qualifying list to a preliminary interview before one or more Examiners, and may on the latter's report decide which of these candidates, if any, shall be summoned to further tests under (a), and which shall be declared unsuccessful forthwith.

(2) The order of merit of the candidates in each Section shall be determined by the marks awarded by the Interviewing Board. In the event of a tie, the Commissioners' decision shall be final.

PART III

APPOINTMENT.

11 The number of vacancies to be filled by candidates in each Section shall be determined by the Commissioners. Not more than five shall be allotted to women candidates.

12 It is the intention that, of the total number of vacancies to be filled from this Competition and the Reconstruction Competition taken together—

(a) men Service candidates shall receive not less than three-quarters, and

(b) of the vacancies allotted to women candidates, women Service candidates shall receive not less than the proportion yielded by the ratio of their applications to the total number of applications from all women candidates; provided that in either case a sufficient number of Service candidates reach the required standard.

13 For the purposes of these Regulations candidates shall be regarded as Service candidates if they have rendered whole-time Service during any period after the 25th day of May, 1939, in

(a) the Armed Forces of the Crown;

(b) the Mercantile Marine or the Merchant Navy; or

(c) any of the Women's Services, that is to say, any of the capacities mentioned in the First Schedule to the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act, 1944.

Elsewhere in the Regulations words importing the masculine gender or the male sex denote either sex unless specific exception be made in the context.

14 The list of successful candidates at each examination shall be determined by the Commissioners having regard to the intention expressed in Regulation 12 and to the number and ability of the competitors.

15 Of the candidates next in order of merit to those declared successful in any examination a certain number at the discretion of the Commissioners may be classified as reserve candidates and considered for appointment in the event of further vacancies arising.

16 (a) 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, or the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland) has been notified to the Commissioners.

(b) The approval of the Secretary of State is required before a successful candidate who is married takes up appointment.

17 Any attempt on the part of a candidate to enlist support for his application through Members of Parliament or other influential persons, except as referees to be named by him in his Application Form, will disqualify him for appointment. The Interviewing Board will disregard recommendations from persons who are not personally acquainted with the candidate's work, whether at school, at the University, in the Forces, or otherwise.

The Minister of Transport on the 15th July 1948 made the Railway and Canal Securities (Conversion Date) (No. 9) Order 1948 (Statutory Instrument 1948 No. 1653) 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; 80, Chichester Street, Belfast, or through any bookseller. Price 1d net.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

LAND DRAINAGE ACT, 1930

South West Sussex Rivers Catchment Board

South West Sussex Internal Drainage District.

Notice is hereby given that the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries has made an Order under the Land Drainage Act, 1930, confirming the Order made on the 19th February, 1948, in relation to the Scheme prepared by the South West Sussex Rivers Catchment Board, under Section 4 (1) (b) of the Act, making provision for the following matters:—

1. The constitution of a new internal drainage district to be called the South West Sussex Internal Drainage District.

2. The constitution of an Internal Drainage Board for the said South West Sussex Internal Drainage District.

3. The abolition of the Commissioners of Sewers for the limits of the Western part of the County of Sussex.

4. Certain matters supplemental to or consequential upon the matters aforesaid.

A copy of the Order may be seen at all reasonable hours at the office of the Clerk of the Catchment Board, County Hall, Chichester, and also at the office of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Somerset House, St. Andrew's Place, Regent's Park, London, N.W.1.

By Part III of the Second Schedule to the said Act, it is provided that if any person aggrieved by an Order desires to question its validity on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Act or that any requirement of the Act has not been complied with, he may, within six weeks after the publication of this notice, make an application for the purpose to the High Court, and if any such application is duly made, the Court, if satisfied that the Order is not within the powers of the Act, or that the interests of the applicant have been substantially prejudiced by any requirements of the Act not having been complied with, may quash the