SUPPLIES AND SERVICES.

COAL DISTRIBUTION.

The Minister of Fuel and Power hereby gives notice that he has made the Coal Distribution (Amendment) Order, 1953—S.I.1953 No. 286— copies of which may be purchased direct from H.M. Stationery Office at the following addresses: —York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 12a, Castle Street, Edinburgh 2; 39, King Street, Man-chester 2; 2, Edmund Street, Birmingham 3; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; Tower Lane, Bristol 1; 80, Chichester Street, Belfast; or through any book-seller. seller.

Ministry of Fuel and Power,

Thames House South, Millbank, London, S.W.1

26th February, 1953.

PETROLEUM (PRODUCTION) ACT, 1934.

The Minister of Fuel and Power hereby gives notice that in accordance with the provisions of that Act and the Petroleum (Production) Regulations, 1935, he has granted a prospecting Licence to D'Arcy Exploration Co. Ltd., Britannic House, Fins-bury Circus, E.C.2, covering about one hundred and forty-six square miles in the County of Dorset. A description of the area was published in the London Gazette of 23rd November, 1948, and a map showing its boundaries can be inspected on application to the Ministry of Fuel and Power, Petro-leum Division, Thames House South, Millbank, S.W.1.

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March, 1953.

Civil Service Commission, 3rd March, 1953.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that the following Regulations are published with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of H.M. Treasury, viz. :--

REGULATIONS FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF CARTO-GRAPHICAL DRAUGHTSMEN IN THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND MUSEUM UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH.

Candidates must be at least 16 years of age on 1st March, 1953. There is no upper age limit.

2. Sex.

(i) Both men and women are eligible.

(ii) Married women who have formerly been established civil servants and have drawn marriage gratuity (other than those who resigned compulsorily on marriage and whose resignation took effect before the 15th October, 1946, or who are widows or divorced, or who are separated from their husbands, or whose husbands suffer without hope of recovery or whose husbands suffer without hope of recovery from total physical or mental incapacity) will not be eligible unless they undertake to refund on appoint-ment the marriage gratuity paid. Provided that this undertaking will not be required if the break between the first period of service (including any period of unestablished service immediately following the period in respect of which the gratuity was paid) and the date of re-establishment is more than seven years vears.

3. Nationality

Candidates must be British subjects. They must also satisfy one of the following conditions:—

(a) If natural-born British subjects, they must either

(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 naturalised 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 para-graph, 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.

4. Health and Character

Successful candidates must satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners as to their health and character.

5. Qualifications

Candidates must

(a) have obtained the School Certificate with at least four credits; or the Senior Leaving Certificate ; or

(b) have obtained the General Certificate of Education or the Scottish Leaving Certificate with passes in English Language and at least three other subjects; or

(c) produce a statement from the Scottish Educa-tion Department that they have attained a standard at least as high as that required under (a) or (b)above; or

(d) have passed an examination accepted by the Commissioners as of an academic standard at least as high as that required under (a) or (b)above.

Exceptionally, candidates without the above qualifications may be admitted if they have at least two years' service as a Temporary Cartographical Draughtsman in the Geological Survey and Museum, and provided that a Certificate of Competence is furnished by the Survey at the time of their application application.

6. Examination

Candidates who appear from their applications to be suitably qualified (see Regulation 5) will be examined in: -

100 marks 1) Lettering (1) Lettering (2) Map Colouring 100 marks

Candidates must attain in each subject a standard satisfactory to the Commissioners; the final order of merit of the candidates will be determined by their total marks in the two subjects.

7. 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 appro-priate 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.

8. Fee

An application fee of 7s. 6d. is payable by all candidates. This must be sent with the application form, and is not returnable in any circumstances. A further fee of 12s. 6d., being the balance of the prescribed fee of £1, must be paid by each candidate on admission to the examination.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice that an Open Competition will be held under the above Regulations commencing on 19th May, 1953.

No person will be admitted to the Competition from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Com-mission has not received on or before 26th March, 1953 an application on the prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

Civil Service Commission, 3rd March, 1953.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that the following Regulations are published with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of H.M. Treasury, viz.:-

REGULATIONS FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF ASSISTANT TRAFFIC SUPERINTENDENTS (MALE AND FEMALE) IN THE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE OF THE POST OFFICE.

1. Age.

Candidates must be at least $17\frac{1}{2}$ and under $23\frac{1}{2}$ years of age (a half-year equals six calendar months) on 1st March 1953. But

(a) a candidate who has served or is serving on a regular (including a regular short-service) engage-ment in H.M. Forces may deduct the period of such service from his actual age;