

PART V.—THE BOARD OF APPEAL.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

67. As soon as possible after the 1st day of April, 1913, and thereafter at the same period in every third year, there shall be prepared by the Commissioner three separate lists of officers in the Public Service on the preceding 31st day of March, viz. :—

- (a.) The officers in the Postal Branch of the Post and Telegraph Department.
- (b.) The officers of the Telegraph Branch of the Post and Telegraph Department.
- (c.) The remaining officers of the Public Service.

Such lists shall be called the "electoral lists." They shall be retained by the Secretary, and shall be open to inspection.

68. Only officers whose names are on any such lists shall be entitled to vote: Provided that the validity of any election shall not be questioned on the ground that a name wrongly appears on a list or has been omitted therefrom.

69. In the case of an officer employed at a combined post and telegraph office, and performing combined duties, the officer must elect on or before the first Saturday in April with which branch he will vote, and his name shall be placed on the electoral list accordingly. If any officer does not make such election he shall be placed on such list as the Returning Officer thinks fit.

70. The Chief Clerk of the Education Department, Wellington, or if from sickness or other unavoidable cause he is unable to act, then the person for the time being performing his duties, shall be the Returning Officer for the election of the member to act on the Board of Appeal in all appeals affecting officers of the Postal Branch of the Post and Telegraph Department. The same officer shall be the Returning Officer for the election of the member to act on the Board of Appeal in all appeals affecting the Telegraph Branch of the Post and Telegraph Department.

71. The Chief Clerk of the General Post Office, Wellington, or if from sickness or other unavoidable cause he is unable to act, then the person for the time being performing his duties, shall be the Returning Officer for the election of the two members to act on the Board of Appeal in all appeals affecting officers of the Public Service other than the Post and Telegraph Department.

72. The scrutineers for the election of members of the Post and Telegraph Branches shall be the Chief Clerk of the Department of Internal Affairs at Wellington, and the Chief Clerk of the Lands and Survey Department at Wellington. If from sickness or other unavoidable cause either or both are unable to act, the officer for the time being performing the duty of either shall take his place.

73. The scrutineers for the election of the members from the other Departments of the Public Service shall be the Assistant Postmaster of the Chief Post-office at Wellington and the Assistant Superintendent of the Telegraph-office at Wellington. If from sickness or other unavoidable cause either or both are unable to act, the officer for the time being performing the duty of either shall take his place.

74. Candidates for election shall be nominated in writing by not less than three officers entitled to vote, and the nomination must reach the Returning Officer in Wellington not later than noon on the first Saturday in April. The consent of the candidate to nomination must appear on the face of the nomination-paper, and be signed by him.

75. If from any cause there shall be no nomination by officers of the Postal Branch of the Post and Telegraph Department the Governor shall appoint one of their number to act as a member of the Board.

76. If from any cause there shall be no nomination by officers of the Telegraph Branch of the Post and Telegraph Department the Governor shall appoint one of their number to act as a member of the Board.

77. If from any cause there shall not be more than one nomination by officers of the Public Service (other than the Post and Telegraph Department) the Governor shall appoint two of their number to act as members of the Board: Provided that if one officer has been nominated he shall be one of the two members so appointed.

78. Should the number nominated not exceed the number to be elected, the officer or officers nominated shall be declared duly elected.