

158. No person shall be eligible for appointment to any Department in the Public Service if, when the question of his eligibility arises, three or more persons belonging to his family are already officers in such Department. The expression "family" shall be held to include father and mother, and their children.

159. Except in special cases to be approved by the Commissioner, a father and child shall not be employed in the same office of any Department.

160. Professional cadets will be appointed in the following Departments only :—

The Public Works Department—Architect's Branch, Engineer's Branch,

Lands and Survey Department—Survey Branch,

Mines Department—Geological Survey Branch,

Department of Internal Affairs—Analyst's Branch,

Post and Telegraph Department—Electrical Branch,

and such other Departments as the Commissioner may from time to time determine.

161. Appointments to the Professional or Clerical Division shall in the first place be to the First Subdivision of Class F in the Second Schedule to the said Act, or Class VIII in the Third Schedule, as the case may be: Provided that holders of university degrees, or of approved certificates from any university college that the candidate has attained special knowledge in any scientific subject, may be admitted in such subdivision of Classes F or E, or VIII or VII, as the Commissioner thinks fit, subject to the provisions of section 40 of the said Act. No one shall be appointed unless his age at the time of appointment is not less than fifteen or more than twenty-five years.

162. A person who has attained the age of fourteen years may be a candidate for appointment to either the Professional or Clerical Division of the Public Service, and may sit for the Entrance Examination, and if successful in passing such examination his name shall appear in its proper place in the order-of-merit-list. He shall not, however, be eligible for appointment until he has attained the age of fifteen years. On attaining that age he shall, if the list of candidates who are above him in order of merit has been exhausted, be entitled to the offer of appointment to the next vacancy, but if there are still candidates on the list who are above him in order of merit he shall take his proper place in such list.

PROMOTION FROM GENERAL DIVISION TO OTHER DIVISIONS.

163. An officer who is a member of the General Division, and who desires promotion to the Clerical or Professional Division, may sit for the Entrance Examination notwithstanding that he may be beyond the prescribed maximum age, and, if he succeeds in passing such examination, shall be qualified for promotion to the Clerical Division. If in such examination he also passes in the subjects required for entrance to the Professional Division he shall be qualified for promotion to that division. Promotion from the General to the Clerical or Professional Division, or from the Clerical to the Professional Division, shall carry seniority from the date of promotion only.

LIMITATION OF CHOICE OF APPOINTMENTS.

164. Appointments will be made according to the order of merit in the list of applicants who have passed the Entrance Examination: Provided that if any candidate is available and otherwise eligible who has at any time passed the Civil Service Senior Examination, or the examination hereinafter called the Senior Examination, he shall take precedence over candidates who have passed the Entrance Examination only. Every applicant for examination shall state in his application whether he is willing to accept appointment—

(a.) In any part of New Zealand in which a vacancy may occur, or only in some particular part of New Zealand:

(b.) In any Department of the Public Service in which a vacancy may occur, or only in some particular Department or Departments.

165. If the candidate is willing to accept appointment in some particular Department or Departments only, and there is a vacancy in such Department or Departments, the appointment shall in the first place be offered to any candidate who is higher on the list according to order of merit in the Entrance Examination, and who has in