

his application stated his willingness to accept appointment in any Department; but if there is none such, or none such able and willing to accept the appointment, then it shall be offered to the candidate first mentioned.

166. If the candidate is willing to accept appointment in some particular part of New Zealand only, and there is a vacancy in such part of New Zealand, the appointment shall in the first place be offered to any candidate who is higher in order of merit on the list of candidates who have passed the Entrance Examination; and if there is none such, or none such able and willing to accept the appointment, then it shall be offered to the first-named candidate.

167. If any candidate declines the offer of any appointment which in his application he has stated his willingness to accept, he shall not be offered the appointment to any other vacancy until the whole list of eligible candidates who have passed the examination has been exhausted.

168. If any candidate fails to reply within seven days to any communication from the Commissioner respecting his nomination to the Public Service, addressed to him at his last known place of residence, he shall be deemed to have declined the offer of appointment.

169. Applicants for appointments in certain Departments only, or in certain parts of New Zealand only, shall be offered appointments to vacancies in such Departments or in such parts of New Zealand only; but if, before such a vacancy occurs, appointments have had to be made of candidates who were below them in order of merit they shall not thereby lose their priority when such a vacancy does occur, but shall be entitled to the offer of the appointment in the order of merit in which they appear on the list.

#### THE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

170. An Entrance Examination shall be held every year, in the month of November, December, or January, in every city or borough in which the Board of any education district has its office, and in any other places that may from year to year be appointed for the purpose by the Commissioner. Notice shall be given of the date and places of such annual examination in the manner provided by section 38 of the said Act.

171. When vacancies occur, for which it would be inexpedient to hold a general examination, the Commissioner may direct that a special examination be held in the locality where such vacancies exist. Due notice of such examination shall be given in a newspaper published in the district.

172. The syllabus and procedure for the Civil Service Junior and Senior Examinations are adopted and shall remain in force for all Entrance Examinations during the year 1913, and for all Senior Examinations until February, 1914.

#### APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO EXAMINATION.

173. Every candidate for the Entrance Examination must give notice of his intention to sit for examination. Such notice must be in the form prescribed, and must be sent so as to be delivered at the office of the Commissioner in Wellington on or before the 7th September in each year. With the aforesaid notice each candidate must send the names of the optional subjects chosen by him.

#### REGISTER OF CANDIDATES.

174. The name of every applicant who, in the opinion of the Commissioner, has complied with the requirements of these Regulations shall be entered in a Register of Candidates, together with the date of such compliance.

175. No person shall be allowed to compete at any examination unless his name is entered in the Register of Candidates as an applicant for appointment in the Public Service.

176. Candidates who for any reason are not entitled to have their names in a Register of Candidates for any particular examination will be so informed.

177. At every Entrance Examination every candidate shall be examined in the two subjects named below as constituting Group I, in one subject to be chosen by the candidate from Group II, and in