

Commissioner, who shall forward them to the examiners. The examiners shall, as soon as practicable, return them to the Commissioner, together with a return duly signed showing the marks obtained by each candidate in each subject, and, in the case of candidates who have obtained the prescribed number of marks in each subject, the order of their passing. Each return shall also contain a certificate, signed by the examiner, that he has himself personally examined each paper, and has allotted the marks assigned thereto.

CANCELLATION OF ENTRIES IN REGISTER OF CANDIDATES.

185. Immediately after an examination has been held all the entries in the Register of Candidates shall be cancelled, and a new series of entries shall be commenced for each succeeding examination.

PUBLICATION OF RESULTS.

186. As soon as possible after an Entrance Examination has been held the Commissioner shall publish in the *New Zealand Gazette* a list of the names of the candidates who have passed the examination, arranged in the order of their merit, which order shall be wholly determined by the marks assigned to the several candidates by the several examiners.

REGISTRATION AND APPOINTMENT.

187. The Commissioner will cause the names of all candidates who have qualified for appointment by passing the required standard of examination to be entered in their order of merit in a book to be called the "Register of Persons qualified for Appointment." The date of the examination, and the number of marks obtained thereat, shall also be entered. If two or more candidates obtain the same number of marks, the order of merit shall be determined in the Professional Division by the number of marks severally obtained for (1) arithmetic and (2) elementary mathematics; in the Clerical Division, by the number of marks obtained for (1) English and (2) arithmetic; and if these numbers be also the same, then by ballot.

188. New appointments to the Professional and Clerical Divisions shall be made from the last list only of candidates who have passed the Entrance Examination; but if it should happen in any year that such list has been exhausted and there are still vacancies to fill, the Commissioner may in his discretion either hold a special examination at such times and places as he may appoint, or he may take the list for the previous year or years and treat them as a continuation of the exhausted list, the more recent list being always exhausted before an earlier list is resorted to: Provided always that girls shall receive offers of appointment to such vacancies only as in the opinion of the Commissioner are suitable for girls.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE GENERAL DIVISION.

189. New appointments to the General Division shall be made from among those persons whose names are registered in the Register of Persons qualified for Appointment, and shall be according to the order of their registration for vacant offices, combined with fitness in each case for the particular office to be filled.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1913.

190. The Civil Service Junior Examination held in the month of November, 1912, shall be deemed to have been the Entrance Examination for the year 1913, and the list of candidates who have passed such examination and the order of merit in which they appear shall be accepted for the purposes of the said Act and these Regulations until the results of another examination are known; and in the event of that list being exhausted before all vacancies are filled, the lists for the previous year may be resorted to in the same manner as is prescribed by the regulation No. 188.

191. Every candidate who has passed such examination and who on or before the first day of April forwards to the Commissioner a written application for appointment shall be deemed to have been an applicant for appointment in the Public Service, but any such candidate may, if he so desires, limit his application in the manner hereinbefore provided—that is to say, either to any particular Department or Departments or to some particular