

(3.) A technical examination in the simpler uses of electricity as applied to telegraphy and in the use and management of telegraphic apparatus.

These three together make the Cadet's Telegraph Examination.

(4.) Telegraph cadets at combined offices shall be required to pass the telegraph examination.

64. Officers in the Seventh Class will be required to pass a test of efficiency (to be called the "First Examination") before they may receive increments beyond £165 per annum. The scope of such examination shall be as follows :—

For Postal Officers.—Examination in postal rules and regulations. Officers continuously employed for five years prior to the examination in postal duties will be examined principally on postal work, but will be required to show reasonable knowledge of the work of other branches.

The efficiency test in this examination will consist principally of practical work.

For Telegraph Officers.—(1.) Examination in operating, sending and receiving, fifteen minutes each way, at the rate of thirty words a minute. Not more than 1 per centum of errors will be allowed. Excellence in receiving will be regarded as compensating for slight failure to attain the required speed in sending.

(2.) In telegraph rules and regulations, in which officers will be required to show some practical knowledge of coding and charging telegrams. Telegraph counter clerks, despatch clerks, &c., will be required to pass a practical examination in their duties.

65. All such officers, before receiving increments beyond £200 per annum, will be required to pass to the satisfaction of their immediate controlling officers an oral test of efficiency in the work usually performed by the examinees.

66. Telephone-exchange clerks, in order to qualify as senior or second exchange clerks at Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, or Wellington, or as senior exchange clerk at another centre, must pass the Senior Technical (Check Clerk's) Examination.

67. With the object of ascertaining the fitness of officers to fill vacancies in the Clerical Division below the First Class, they may be examined in such technical and departmental subjects as are deemed by the Commissioner essential for the vacant positions, at such times and places and in such manner as may from time to time be determined by the Commissioner.

68. The following shall be the syllabus of the examination for probationary entrants to the Engineering Branch as technical clerks and technical cadets, and the syllabus of the further examinations necessary to be passed before receiving promotion to the other positions named below.

The passing of the examinations shall give no claim for promotion ; but only officers passing these examinations shall become eligible for promotion. Promotion shall depend on the occurrence of vacancies. Officers already performing the duties of assistant engineers or electricians must pass the examination in the subjects set for those positions. Candidates for the entrance examination must be capable Morse operators, and be under thirty-five years of age. Officers who possess the necessary qualifications and who may be selected for service in the Engineering Branch shall in all cases be subject to a period of probation, not more than nine months, to determine their fitness for permanent appointment.

TECHNICAL CLERKS AND TECHNICAL CADETS (ON PROBATION).

1. Public Service Senior Examination, including following subjects, as set in the syllabus for the late Civil Service Senior Examination : Arithmetic and algebra, geometry and trigonometry, mechanics and hydrostatics, magnetism and electricity.
2. Senior Technical Examination : Pass marks, 50 per cent.
3. Telephone Exchange Clerk's Technical Examination : Pass marks, 50 per cent.

SUB-ENGINEERS AND ASSISTANT ELECTRICIANS.

- A.* Public Service Senior Examination (as for Technical Clerks).

* Officers already holding the Public Service Senior certificate or the Civil Service Senior certificate will be considered as having qualified under heading A. Officers holding partial passes must take the remaining subjects from those described in heading 1 (Technical Clerks, &c.).