

- (12.) All applications shall, prior to the examination, be forwarded by the Secretary of the Board to the Inspector of Mines of the district for inquiry as to *bona fides*.
- (13.) No candidate shall be permitted to attend for examination without an authority signed by the Secretary of the Board.
- (14.) Certificates, whether by examination or without examination, shall be in such of the forms numbered 94 to 96 in the Eighth Schedule hereto as are applicable.
- (15.) The Board shall keep a register of all certificates issued by it.

DREDGEMASTERS' CERTIFICATES.

With respect to the Board of Examiners for Dredgemasters' Certificates, the following provisions shall apply:—

The Board.

136. In each mining district where dredging is carried on the Board of Examiners shall appoint a certificated dredgemaster of experience and good repute, and a Harbourmaster, who, together with the Inspector of Mines for the district, shall conduct the examinations at such times and places as may be determined by the Board.

137. Every Examiner so appointed by the Board shall receive by way of travelling-expenses the sum of £1 11s. for each day's absence from his place of abode for the purpose of conducting the examinations, including the day of his leaving his place of abode, but not the day of his return thereto.

138. He shall also be repaid all sums properly expended by him for fares by railway, coach, or steamer in travelling for the purpose of attendance at such examinations.

Certificates by Examination.

139. Every candidate for examination shall, at least one month before the date fixed for the examination, and in the Form No. 97 in the Eighth Schedule hereto, make application in that behalf to "The Secretary of the Board of Examiners under the Mining Act," at Wellington, and shall forward therewith a fee of £1.

140. Every candidate for examination shall be not less than twenty-four years of age, and shall forward, together with his application, satisfactory evidence of sobriety and good character, and of at least three years' employment on a dredge or dredges. Two years of such employment must have been served on a dredge or dredges working in deep or swift-flowing streams, and in respect thereto certificates shall be furnished by the candidate in the Form No. 99 of the Eighth Schedule hereto.

141. No candidate shall be permitted to attend for examination without an authority signed by the secretary of the Board.

142. The examination shall comprise the following subjects:—

- (a.) On laying lines and the methods of running lines for working a dredge.
- (b.) On moving a dredge up and down stream.
- (c.) On mooring a dredge and protecting same against floods, &c.
- (d.) On boats and the working of same under conditions incidental to dredging operations.
- (e.) On a knowledge of the requirements of the Mining Act and its amendments, and regulations relating to dredging.
- (f.) On such other matters relating to the safe working of dredges as the Board may deem desirable, including a knowledge of machinery and the strength of ropes.

143. The certificate issued under these regulations shall be in the Form No. 98 in the Eighth Schedule hereto, as the case requires.

144. The Board shall keep a register of all certificates issued by it.

145. The owner of every dredge shall from time to time notify in writing to the Inspector the name of the dredgemaster employed thereon, together with the number of his certificate, and shall also at all times cause such name to be kept posted in some conspicuous place on the dredge.

146. Every person employed or acting as dredgemaster, or in control of a dredge, shall produce his certificate to the Warden or the Inspector of Mines whenever required so to do.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

As to Service.

147. In any case where, in connection with proceedings before the Warden or in the Warden's Court, notice of any application, objection, counter-claim, appeal, or any other document is to be served by one person or party on another person or party, then such service may be effected (a) by delivering a copy thereof to such other person or party, or his solicitor, or his registered agent, personally, or (b) by leaving the same at the usual place of business or abode of such other person or party in the Dominion, or at his address for service, with some person appearing to be not less than fourteen years of age and to be an inmate thereof, or in charge thereof, or employed therein; or (c) by posting the same in a duly registered letter addressed to such other person or party at his address for service.

148. If service cannot conveniently be effected in any of the ways provided for in the last preceding clause hereof, it may, if the Warden or the Clerk of the Court so directs, be effected in any of the following ways:—

- (1.) By affixing the copy in some conspicuous position upon the site of his last known place of business or abode in the Dominion, or upon the site of his address for service, or, if the proceedings relate to any mining privilege or ground held, claimed, or applied for by the person or party to be served, then upon such privilege or ground; or