

IMPROPER CONDUCT OF OFFICERS.

33. If any officer is convicted by any Court of any offence involving improper conduct on the part of such officer, the officer in charge of the branch in which the officer is employed shall immediately suspend the officer and report the circumstances by telegraph.

INSOBRIETY.

34. If an officer in charge or subcharge observes at any time that any one under his supervision is unfit to perform his duties by reason of indulgence in intoxicating liquor or drugs, he shall suspend him from duty and immediately report the matter.

INTOXICATING LIQUOR.

35. Any officer found introducing or causing to be introduced intoxicating liquors into official premises or railway travelling post-offices shall be deemed to be guilty of misconduct.

COMPLAINTS.

36. Any officer who has cause to complain of the conduct of another officer or member of the public must make his complaint to the head of the branch within two days of the date on which such conduct is alleged to have occurred. Such complaint, if of a serious nature, shall be immediately forwarded to the Secretary.

PART IV.—APPEAL BOARD, AND PROCEDURE OF APPEAL.

37 (1.) In this part of these regulations "the Board" means the Post and Telegraph Appeal Board.

(2.) The elective members of the Board shall be elected by ballots to be taken on the 25th day of June, 1919, and on the same day in every third year thereafter. Such members shall hold office until their successors come into office.

(3.) As soon as possible after the 1st April, 1919, and thereafter at the same period in every third year, there shall be prepared by the Secretary two separate alphabetical lists of officers in the Department on the preceding 31st March, viz. :—

(a.) The officers in the Postal Branch of the Department.

(b.) The officers in the Telegraph Branch of the Department.

Such lists shall be called the "electoral lists." They shall be retained by the Secretary, and shall be open to inspection.

(4.) Only officers whose names are on any such list shall be entitled to vote: Provided that the validity of any election shall not be questioned on the ground that a name wrongly appears on a list or has been omitted therefrom.

(5.) In the case of an officer employed at a combined post and telegraph office, and performing combined duties, the officer must elect on or before the first Monday in June with which branch he will vote, and his name shall be placed on the electoral list of that branch accordingly. If any officer does not make such election he shall be placed on such list as the Returning Officer thinks fit.

(6.) The Returning Officer for the election shall be the Chief Clerk of the Department, Wellington, or the person for the time being performing the duties of such Chief Clerk. There shall be two scrutineers—namely, the Assistant Postmaster, Wellington, and the Assistant Superintendent of the Telegraph Office, Wellington, or the person or persons performing the duties of either or both of those officers.

(7.) Candidates for election shall be nominated in writing by not less than three officers entitled to vote, and nominations must reach the Returning Officer at Wellington on or before the first Wednesday of June in each election year. The consent of the candidate to nomination must appear on the face of the nomination-paper and be signed by him.

(8.) Should there be only one nomination for either branch, the officer nominated shall be declared duly elected.

(9.) Should there be more than one nomination for either branch, the Returning Officer shall cause ballot-papers to be printed and