

158. Compass Deviation.—In answering questions on the tentative method of compass adjustment, the candidate will be tested by Beall's Compass Deviascope. (141.)

159. Sextant.—Particular attention should be paid to the sextant, the examination in which will be conducted orally and practically. Every candidate will be required to measure both vertical and horizontal angles, and will be examined practically as to his knowledge of the adjustments and the use of the various screws; he must be able to read correctly on and off the arc, and must also be able to find the index error both by the horizon and by the sun. (142.)

160. Rule of the Road.—In the examination on Rule of the Road the Examiner's duty will be to test the candidate's knowledge of the sense and intention of the Articles of the Collision Regulations. Mere ability to repeat the Articles word for word will not suffice to ensure the candidate's passing, nor will the lack of it necessarily entail failure provided the Examiner is satisfied that the candidate grasps the full significance, content, and practical application of the Articles. Examiners will ask for the content of the Articles not by their number, but by the subject with which they deal, and they will discourage the use by candidates of verses as aids to memorizing the Articles. Examiners will not place a candidate for a steamship certificate in the position of handling a sailing-ship, but will lay stress on the candidate's ability to recognize a sailing-ship's lights and on his knowledge of a sailing-ship's possible manœuvres according to the direction of the wind. (143.)

161. No Candidate to be examined in successive Weeks.—A candidate will not be allowed to undergo examination for the same grade of certificate twice in successive weeks, unless, under special circumstances, the Examiner should see fit to relax this rule. (144.)

162. Penalty for Breach of Rules.—Any candidate violating any of the regulations, or being guilty of insolence to the Examiner, or of disorderly or improper conduct in or about the examination-rooms, will render himself liable to the postponement of his examination, or, if he has passed, to the detention of his certificate for such period as the Marine Department may direct. (145.)

163. Examination-papers: How to be dealt with.—The envelopes containing examination-papers when received from Wellington must not be opened by any officer other than the Examiner, and by him only at the commencement of the examination. Should the envelope containing the examination-papers appear to have been opened or in any way tampered with on its arrival from Wellington the Examiner should, if he thinks necessary, defer the examination until the following day, and telegraph immediately to the Principal Examiner in Wellington for a fresh set of papers.

In the event of any case of this kind occurring a full report of the circumstances, and of the steps taken in the matter, should immediately be forwarded to the Principal Examiner.

After the envelopes have been opened, and until the examination-papers are again sealed up and despatched to Wellington, the Examiner must take special precautions to preclude the possibility of any person having access to them. The responsibility of ensuring that this is effectually done will rest with the Examiner. The examination-papers of candidates must in all cases be sent to the Principal Examiner in Wellington for his approval, together with the report of the examination on forms Exn.-14 and Exn.-34.

The envelopes in which the examination-papers are returned to the Principal Examiner must be carefully sealed with the official seal at both the top and bottom, and this must be done under the eye of the Examiner.