

APPOINTMENTS, &c.

No. 727.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint EDWARD ALEXANDER IRVING to act as Registrar General during the absence on vacation leave of the Honourable Mr. ARTHUR WINBOLT BREWIN.

28th August, 1906.

No. 728.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint ALFRED GEORGE DYMOND to be a Sanitary Inspector under Section 7 of the Public Health and Buildings Amendment Ordinance, 1903, with effect from the 9th instant, *vice* DAVID MCHARDY.

30th August, 1906.

NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 729.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION FOR CLERKSHIPS IN THE HONGKONG CIVIL SERVICE.

1. An Examination of candidates for clerkships in the Hongkong Civil Service will be held by the Board of Examiners on Monday, 1st October, 1906.

2. Applicants for examination must not be under 16 or over 24 years of age.

3. Applications for examination must be sent to the Secretary, Board of Examiners, on or before the 15th September, accompanied by:—

(a.) A certificate of age, when the applicant was born in the Colony, or satisfactory proof of age when the applicant was not born in the Colony.

(b.) Certificates of character from the applicant's Schoolmasters or Employers, covering a period of three years before the date of application.

(c.) A medical certificate as to fitness for service obtained at the Government Civil Hospital.

(d.) An examination fee of \$10.

4. Applicants will be informed a week before the date of the examination whether they are accepted for it. If not accepted, the examination fee will be returned.

5. The subjects of examination will be the following:—

English.—Conversation, dictation, handwriting and composition.

Arithmetic.—Including vulgar and decimal fractions and simple problems.

Geography.

Candidates must obtain 66 per cent. of marks to qualify.

6. Of the candidates who qualify, a number, not exceeding ten, will be taken from the top of the list and accepted as Probationer Clerks. They will have seniority according to the order in which they pass.

7. Probationer Clerks will receive a salary of \$20 a month, and will be attached for duty to any department selected by the Governor.

8. The services of Probationer Clerks who do not give satisfaction will be dispensed with, and they will be debarred from again entering for examination.

9. Vacancies, if any, in Grade V of the Subordinate Civil Service (\$480 to \$660 by \$60 annual increments), existing at the time of the examination will be filled at once from Probationer Clerks, and other vacancies in this grade as they occur will be given to Probationer Clerks in the order of their seniority. If Probationer Clerks do not accept appointments offered to them, their services will be dispensed with.

10. Probationer Clerks receiving appointments will be required to give a full month's notice of their intention to resign, or to forfeit a month's pay.

11. Probationer Clerks on receiving appointments will serve a further term of probation in those appointments, which will usually be three months, but may be extended as the Governor may determine. If they do not give satisfaction during this term, their services will be dispensed with, and they will be debarred from again entering for examination.

12. When a Clerk is confirmed in a permanent appointment, the fee he paid for examination will be returned to him. In no other case will the fee paid by a candidate who has been examined be returned.

13. Clerks who are confirmed in permanent appointments will be subject to all Rules, Regulations, Orders and Instructions of the Hongkong Civil Service applicable to their appointments.

14. The Scheme of Salaries for subordinate clerical appointments as at present approved, but liable to modification from time to time, is as follows:—

GRADE.	SALARY.		INCREMENTS.
	MINIMUM.	MAXIMUM.	
	\$	\$	\$
VI,	240	420	60 annually.
V,	480	660	60 "
IV,	720	900	60 "
III,	960	1,200	120 biennially.
II,	1,320	1,560	120 "
I,	1,680	2,040	120 "
Higher,	2,160	2,700	180 triennially.

15. Grade VI comprises a small number of minor appointments not obtained by examination. Holders of these appointments, who obtain the qualifying percentage of marks at one of the half-yearly examinations, will be offered appointments in Grade V according to the order in which they appear on the list. Paras. 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of this notification do not apply to Clerks holding these appointments who qualify or attempt to qualify for a higher grade. If they fail to pass the examination they will remain in their previous position and if they fail to give satisfaction in their new appointment they will revert to their previous position.

16. Appointments to clerkships in higher grades than Grade V will as heretofore be made by selection and, except in special cases, from Clerks in the Service at the time the vacancies occur.

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Colonial Secretary.

28th August, 1906.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 730.—It is hereby notified that Messrs. COPE BROS. & Co., LIMITED, of 10, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool, England, and 85, Clerkenwell Road, London, England, Tobacco Manufacturers, have complied with the requirements of Ordinance 6 of 1898, for the registration in this Colony of their Mark No. 186 of 1906, as applied to Tobacco whether manufactured or unmanufactured, in Class 45; and that the same has been duly registered.

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Colonial Secretary.

24th August, 1906.