

Auditor General's Report

ration, and generally such information as will enable the Board to determine whether the Superannuation asked for should be granted.

The Board further recommend that if the above meets with the approval of Council, a copy of the Order in Council founded hereon be furnished the several departments for their guidance.

JOHN J. MCGEE, *C.P.C.*

Special Qualifications.

TREASURY BOARD, OTTAWA, Nov. 13, 1883.

SIR,—I have been directed by the Hon. the Treasury Board to call your attention to the 5th subsection of section 7 of 46 Victoria, chapter 7 (C. S. Act), wherein it is stated that "In the case of attorneys, barristers, engineers, architects, actuaries and land surveyors, the examination may be dispensed with on a report from the deputy head, concurred in by the head of the department, that it is not necessary;" and in connection therewith I have to call your attention to the "Hansard" of last session, page 1035, when in reply to an observation from Mr. Ross, of Middlesex, Sir Hector Langevin stated that these gentlemen are employed in the service in the practice of their profession, and therefore an examination would not be required, as they had already passed technical examinations before their admission into the ranks of their professions.

I have now to ask whether, in case any of these professional gentlemen are employed in a department where their professional attainments are not required, as for instance, a barrister in the Finance Department, the spirit of the Act would allow of the examination being waived?

Your obedient servant,

The Deputy Minister of Justice.

J. M. COURTNEY, *Sec. Treasury Board.*

DEPT. OF JUSTICE, OTTAWA, Nov. 15, 1883.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 13th instant, in which you call attention to subsection 5 of section 7 of 46 Victoria, chapter 7, wherein it is stated that "In the case of attorneys, barristers, engineers, architects, actuaries, and land surveyors, the examination may be dispensed with, on a report from the deputy head, concurred in by the head of the department, that it is not necessary."

An opinion is requested as to whether, in case any of these professional gentlemen are employed in a department where their professional attainments are not required, as for instance, a barrister in the Finance Department, the spirit of the Act will allow of the examination being dispensed with.

I am of opinion that the spirit of the Act does not allow of the examination being dispensed with in the case mentioned, but that the examination can be dispensed with only in cases where the duties to be performed by the officer seeking promotion are those connected with his profession as an attorney, barrister, engineer, architect, actuary or land surveyor.

Yours obedient servant,

The Deputy Minister of Finance.

GEO. W. BURBIDGE, *D.M.J.*

Travelling Expenses.

Order in Council, Sept. 8, 1871.—The Committee of Council have had under consideration an extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Treasury Board held Sept. 7, recommending that the following rules be adopted for the payment of removal allow-