

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

SIR,—I have the honour 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.

Your obedient servant,

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

The Deputy Minister of Finance.

Appointments subject to changes in Superannuation Laws.

Order in Council, 18th November, 1896.—That all appointments made after 23rd June, 1896, or to be hereafter made, shall be subject to the understanding and conditions that the persons so appointed accept office subject to any changes which may be made in the Superannuation Laws of Canada; and that such appointees be notified of such understanding, and that a copy of this Minute, if approved, be forwarded to the deputy head of each department, and that each deputy head be requested to forward a copy thereof to each person to whom it may apply.

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

Civil Service Promotions.

Order in Council, April 12, 1893.—His Excellency, in virtue of the provisions of section 39 of “The Civil Service Act,” as amended, and by and with the advice of the Queen’s Privy Council for Canada, is pleased to make the following regulation:—

Hereafter no clerk on the staff of any department of the Public Service, who was in the service or employment of the Government on the 1st day of July, 1882, and has since been continuously engaged therein, shall as a condition of promotion be required to pass an examination in any other subject than the duties of the office to which he seeks promotion, unless in any special case the Deputy Minister by a report concurred in by the head of the department submits to the Board of Examiners other subjects of examination as a test of fitness for such office.

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

Salaries: Date of Payment.

Order in Council, Jan. 13, 1887.—The Committee of the Privy Council have had a memorial from the members of the Civil Service laid before them by the Right Honourable the Prime Minister, praying for relief of their financial embarrassment in reclaiming the advance of salary.