

The seniority of a Train Despatcher will date from the time he was first appointed a Trick Despatcher, unless by his own consent he takes another position in the service under which circumstances his seniority as a Train Despatcher will date from the time he was last appointed a Trick Despatcher. A Train Despatcher will retain his seniority standing in the ranks of the Agents and Operators.

Seniority  
Despatchers

Relieving Train Despatchers will be appointed from their respective Superintendents' districts if available in accordance with Clause (c) of this Article, and will be allowed sufficient time, without pay, to learn the work of Train Despatching under a regular Trick Despatcher, such time not to exceed two weeks, and they will remain on such district until they receive promotion to a steady trick, which may be claimed at any office on the General Division at which a vacancy occurs.

Relief  
Despatchers

All vacancies and permanent appointments in Despatchers' positions, or new Despatchers' positions created, will be immediately advertised over the General Division. Applications must be made within ten days of date of bulletin and vacancies will be filled within thirty days after it occurs by the appointment of the Despatcher entitled to it. If a Train Despatcher's position is abolished, he will be entitled to the position held by the junior permanently located Despatcher on the General Division.

Vacancy for  
Despatcher

(k) The right of promotion of Linemen (Telegraph and Telephone) will extend over each General Superintendent's Division (Railway) and will be governed by merit and ability, where these are sufficient, the senior man will be given preference. Linemen will be specially considered in line of promotion to the position of Foreman on the General Superintendent's Division (Railway) on which they are located.

Linemen  
promotion