

served one year as such:

(d) if a candidate for overman that the applicant, must in addition, be the holder of a Certificate of Competency as a mine examiner and have served one year as such;

(e) if a candidate for First Class certificate as Stationary Engineer that the applicant;

(1) is at least twenty-four years of age;

(2) is the holder of a Second Class certificate, and has served one year at mechanical work on mine machinery, and has for one year been in charge of a hoisting or haulage engine, or for two years in charge of a colliery engine other than the engine last above specified, or;

(3) is the holder of a Second Class certificate and has been Engineer in charge of a steam plant for twelve months, or has served at mechanical work in a machine shop for three years.

(f) If a candidate for a Second Class Certificate, that the applicant;

(1) is at least twenty-one years of age;

(2) is the holder of a Third Class certificate and has been employed as a Third Class Engineer for not less than one year.

(g) If a candidate for a Third Class certificate, that the applicant;

(1) is the holder of a license as a fireman, or has served not less than six months as a fireman; or

(2) has served at least twelve months as Engineer, Assistant Engineer, Pumpman, Oilier or Locomotive Engineer; or,

(3) has served at least 18 months at mechanical work in a machine shop.

(4) is not less than 18 years of age.

(h) If a candidate for Mine Examiner, that the applicant is a British subject of the full age of 21 years, has had at least three years experience in and about the practical working of a coal mine, is the holder of a Certificate of Competency as a coal miner, and has a practical knowledge of gas, explosives, ventilation and timbering;

(i) for the holding, if deemed advisable by the Board, as a part of the examination, of viva voce examinations in the several districts established by this Act, with a view to ascertaining the practical knowledge of applicants for certificates in each district being tested with reference to the local mining conditions, and requiring at least one of the Examiners in every viva voce examination to be a person possessing practical acquaintance with those conditions.

(3) Any person conducting the examination under the next preceding section shall not take any part in the examination of the papers, or in the viva voce examination of any applicant for a certificate, whom he has in any way trained or instructed in any of the subjects of the examination.

(4) Experience had outside of the Province may be accepted should the Board consider the same of equal value to the experience otherwise required.

(5) The Commissioner shall deliver to every candidate who is duly reported to the Board to have satisfactorily passed the requisite examination and to have given satisfactory evidence of his sobriety, experience, ability and general good conduct, such a Certificate of Competency as the case requires.

## Miners.

18. No person shall be permitted to cut, shear, mine, fire, blow, loosen or extract coal by hand, machinery or otherwise in any mine who is not in possession of a certificate of Competency as a coal miner.

19. (1) No person shall be given charge of a working face in a mine who is not in possession of a Certificate of Competency as a coal miner and in addition has been employed in a mine for at least one year as a coal miner.

(2) Every Owner, Agent or Manager of any mine who gives charge of a working face to any person contrary to the provisions of this section, and every person who obtains or seeks to obtain such employment by means of a false or fraudulent certificate, shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

(3) In the case of the introduction of any coal cutting machine not in use in the Province before the 11th day of March, 1898, any person may work such machine, if he is accompanied by a person capable of taking charge of a working face under this Act.

20. (1) The Commissioner may appoint Boards for granting Certificates of Competency to coal miners in such places as he deems expedient, who shall examine candidates for such certificates, and grant such certificates to persons found duly qualified.

(2) Such Boards shall consist of not less than three persons who shall be called the Local Board of Examiners, and shall consist of the following persons:—

(a) one, appointed by the Commissioner;

(b) one, with two alternatives, appointed by the Manager;

(c) one person who is a practical coal miner and actively engaged in coal mining in Nova Scotia, and who holds a Certificate of Competency as such, with two alternatives, to be nominated by the vote of the men employed underground.

(3) The members of such Boards shall hold office for two years to begin on the first day of January, in the year in which their appointment is made or until their successors are appointed.

(4) The Commissioner may make regulations for the guidance of Local Boards of Examiners in the performance of their duties, and may prescribe the times and places at which the examinations, shall be held.

(5) Such Boards shall report in writing to the Commissioner at the times and in the manner prescribed in the regulations, after each examination, the name, address and place of employment, if any, of every candidate to whom a Certificate of Competency is granted under this section.

(6) Members of such Boards are for the purposes of the examination authorized to administer oaths and affirmations.

21. Every person who gives any false certificate of employment, or other certificate to be used under the provisions of this Act, shall be liable to a penalty of not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars.

## Mine Examiners.

23. (1) In every mine there shall be appointed by the Manager, in writing, one or more com-