

Increase to Canal Employees.

Announcement was made last week that an increase amounting on an average to 10% would go into effect from April 1, last, for the employees on the various canal systems of the Dominion. Full details of this increase will be published in *The Civilian* as soon as the information is officially available.

gan," I venture to point out that I voice the opinions of the railway mail clerks in London district, and they will be anxiously watching for a favorable reply.

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A RECENT EXAMINATION FOR FIRST CLASS EXAMINING OFFICERS OF CUSTOMS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Set III.—Time, Two and One-Half Hours.

1. (a) Explain the segment line on the head rod. (b) With a head of 21 and bung 26.6, find by the pen the M.D. of a cask of spirits. From this, if the L. be 31.8, deduce the content. Give ullage, if vacuity is 2.2. (c) As a practical gauger, what factors would you consider when estimating thickness in the wood of casks, and what instruments would you use to assist and verify your judgment?

2. When tobacco is deposited for drawback, state to what extent and

the conditions under which the sampling regulations may be modified.

3. Describe the process of testing a sample of brandy for obscuration.

4. Give a full list of goods entitled to Customs drawback and their rates.

4. (a) What do you understand by the term "infected"? (b) As Quarantine Officer how would you deal with the following:—(1) A sailing ship at Bahia, the master of which reports death from yellow fever on the homeward voyage; (2) a man-of-war, with a case of cholera on board; (3) a cargo steamer at Marseilles with smallpox (4) a yacht at the Mediterranean, on which the steward is suffering from choleraic diarrhoea.

Report.—(Not subject to time limit, and to be written after reference.)—Give the table of allowances on casks spirits in Warehouse. State reasons for your opinion as to their adequacy or otherwise. Discuss losses in Warehouses from a Revenue point of view.

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