

- (c.) That it would be for the public interest that the examination herein provided for should, as regards such vacancy, be wholly or partially dispensed with ; and—

Selection and appointment, how made in such case.

2. If the Head of the Department concurs in such report, the Governor in Council may, without reference to the age of the person, select and appoint such person as may be deemed best fitted to fill the vacancy, subject to such examination as may have been suggested in the report ; and such appointment shall be made from the Civil Service if any be found available.

Exceptions in certain departments.

3. City Postmasters and Collectors and Preventive Officers in the Customs and Inland Revenue Departments may be appointed without examination and without reference to the rules for promotion herein prescribed.

And as to certain persons now temporarily employed.

4. The qualifying examination may be dispensed with in the case of temporary or supernumerary officers or servants actually employed at the time this Act comes into force, if the Deputy Head, with the concurrence of the Head of the Department, reports that the officer or servant has the requisite qualifications for the place to be filled by him. [As amended by 46 Vic., c. 7, s. 6.]

Case of vacancy in office of Auditor-General.

35. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Auditor-General, such report shall be made by that officer to the Minister of Finance, who shall lay it before the Governor in Council ; and in any case in which the Auditor-General deems it necessary to report for the information of the Governor in Council, such report shall be made through the Minister of Finance.

Promotion to be by examination.

“36. Promotion in either Division of the Civil Service shall be by examination, under regulations made by the Governor in Council :

To whom examination open

“2. Except as herein otherwise provided, such examination shall be open to any person employed in the Department in which the vacancy to be filled by promotion exists, in either Division of the Service, who holds a position below that to which the promotion is to be made ; and—

Subjects of examination.

“3. Shall be in such subjects as, after consultation with the chief officer of the Department in which the promotion is to be made, may be decided upon by the Board as best adapted to test the fitness of the candidates for the vacant office.

Limit as to age of candidate from

“4. Where the vacancy to be filled by promotion exists in the Inside Division the examination shall not be open to