

RECAPITULATION.

1. Qualifying Examinations:

Number reported as having passed the prescribed examinations	604
Number reported as exempt under sec. 40, C. S. Act	21
Total reported as "qualified"	625

2. Promotion Examinations:

Number reported as having passed "promotion" examinations	190
do. do. to Junior 2nd Class only	79
Total reported as having passed promotion exams, presumably for grades higher than Junior 2nd Class	111

N.B.—This last number (111) is the result of the best information which can be obtained by the Executive of the Association, but may possibly be further reduced on reference to, the Records in the possession of the Civil Service Commissioners.

The announcement was made some time ago by the Earl of Crewe as to the intention of the Government to create an additional Secretaryship of State for the Colonies, and consideration has already been devoted to the subject of the allocation of work. The scheme for the complete administrative separation of the self-governing from the Crown Colonies has not yet been matured; but it is anticipated that it will be in full operation by the time the next Imperial Conference is held, in the spring of 1911. One result of

the creation of the new office, says the "London and China Telegraph," so far as the staff of the Colonial Office is concerned, is certain to be the abolition of the post of Principal Permanent Under-Secretary, now held by Sir Francis Hopwood. In that event, the probability is that another Assistant Under-Secretaryship will be created, the holder of which will take charge of the Crown Colonies, while Sir Charles Lucas will continue his supervision of the Dominions Department.

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