

cil, dated July, 1875, all weights of less than one pound must be of solid brass or bronze, and over that denomination, of iron. Until the year 1880, measures of half a gallon and upward may be made of any material, but must be of the guage of DXX tin.

The Act was passed in 1873, and places all matters relating to weights and measures under the control of the Inland Revenue Department. It came into force, by proclamation, in July, 1875, but, until lately, very little was done, as the Department did not possess the requisite standards for verification. These have now arrived, and every effort is being made to complete the system of inspection.

All weights, measures, etc., except those not moveable, must be taken to the Inspector of the District to be stamped. For this service fees will be charged, and we may mention, incidentally, that the sum to be charged for the verification of a set of Apothecaries weights, ranging from half a Troy ounce to one-thousandth of an ounce, is one dollar. It is not likely that Inspectors will ever, of themselves, make such an examination, but it will be a convenience for druggists to have their dispensing weights verified.

Inspectors are required to make their rounds from time to time, and may, without previous notice, enter any store for that purpose. They are also required to make a yearly inspection.

There will, of course, be considerable difficulty in organising this system, but, from conversation with several of the chief officials in the Inland Revenue Department, we believe it to be the intention to carry out the Act in every detail.

MIDSUMMER EXAMINATION.

The eleventh examination was held as usual on July 31st and the day following. The attendance was quite up to any former occasion, but the proficiency shown was considerably under the average, as, of forty candidates, only nineteen succeeded in passing. There can be no doubt but this falling off may in great part be accounted for by the exceeding hot weather which has prevailed during the summer, and which has certainly been unfavourable to close study. With the thermometer between ninety and a hundred one cannot expect any strong evidences of mental vigor. We hope