

24. The number of clerks of each class, messengers, packers and sorters in each Department shall be, from time to time, determined by Order in Council; and appointments thereto up to the number so determined, and all vacancies, however occurring, shall be made or filled in the manner herein provided.

Number of clerks and employees; appointments and vacancies

25. Except as herein otherwise provided, no appointment shall be made to either Division of the Civil Service unless the person appointed shall have passed a qualifying examination; and every qualifying examination for any such appointment shall be preceded by a preliminary examination for the purpose of ascertaining whether the candidate possesses such knowledge of orthography and elementary arithmetic, and whether his handwriting is such, as will justify his admission to the qualifying examination.

Previous qualifying examination, and preliminary one.

26. No person shall be admitted either to the preliminary or qualifying examination until he has satisfied the Board,—

Requirements previous to examination.

(a.) That at the time appointed for such examination he will be of the full age of eighteen years, and if for the Inside Departmental Division, that his age will not then be more than thirty-five years;

Age.

(b.) That he is free from any physical defect or disease which would be likely to interfere with the proper discharge of his duties;

Health.

(c.) That his character is such as to qualify him for employment in the Service.

Character.

27. The preliminary and qualifying examinations shall be held under such regulations not inconsistent with this Act as may be, from time to time, made by the Governor in Council and published in the English and French languages in the *Canada Gazette*.

Regulations as to examination.

28. The examination shall be open to all persons who shall comply with the requirements of this Act as to proof of age, health and character, and conform to the regulations made as herein provided, upon payment of such fees as may be determined by the Governor in Council; and all examinations under this Act shall be held in the English or French language or both at the option of the candidate.

Examination open to all.

May be in either language.

29. Notice of every examination to be held under this Act for first entrance into the Civil Service shall be published in the English and French languages in the *Canada Gazette* at least one month before the date fixed for the examination, and the notice so published shall state—

Notice of examination, and what to state.