

- (4.) The party shall send to the local authority or association a monthly report setting forth in detail the value and extent of the work done during the month, and the amount earned by the party.
- (5.) The work shall be inspected from time to time by a person appointed in that behalf by the local authority or association, and no payment shall be made to the party by the authority or association, nor by the Minister to the authority or association, unless and until the person so appointed has examined the work, and certified that it has been satisfactorily performed, and that the amount to be paid has been properly earned.
- (6.) The subsidy may be discontinued by the Minister on one month's notice to the authority or association, and in such case the assistance to the party may be discontinued by the authority or association on notice expiring simultaneously with the Minister's notice.
- (7.) Irrespective of the foregoing provision for discontinuance, the authority or association may discontinue its assistance at any time on one month's notice.

105. (1.) When the subsidy has been paid by the Minister in aid of the purchase of boring appliances, the appliances shall not be lent or sold by the authority or association except with the previous consent of the Minister, and in case of sale a duly proportionate part of the proceeds (having regard to the total cost and the amount of the subsidy) shall be refunded to the Minister on behalf of Her Majesty, and the sum so refunded shall be paid into the Public Account as part of the Consolidated Fund.

(2.) In every case where any subsidy has been paid by the Minister in respect of the construction of any shaft, tunnel, or adit-level, the Warden may, upon such terms and conditions as he thinks equitable, grant to any person being the lawful holder of any claim adjacent thereto the right to use the same for the purpose of working the claim.

THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS AND CERTIFICATED MINE-MANAGERS AND BATTERY SUPERINTENDENTS.

The Board.

106. With respect to the Board of Examiners the following provisions shall apply :—

- (1.) At all meetings of the Board the quorum shall be four, and the Chairman appointed by the Governor shall preside : Provided that if at any meeting the Chairman is absent, the members present may appoint one of their number to act as Chairman at such meeting in his stead, and, whilst so acting, the person so appointed shall have all the powers of the Chairman.
- (2.) Each member of the Board who is not otherwise employed in any department of the public service shall receive by way of travelling-expenses the sum of £1 11s. for each day's absence from his place of abode for the purpose of attending at a meeting of the Board, including the day of his leaving his place of abode, but not the day of his return thereto.
- (3.) He shall also be repaid all sums properly expended by him for fares by railway, coach, or steamer in travelling for the purpose of such attendance.

Certificates by Examination.

107. The examinations for certificates as mine-managers or battery superintendents shall be held at such times and places as are appointed by the Board, and with respect to such examinations the following provisions shall apply :—

- (1.) For the better conduct of the examinations the Board may appoint supervisors, with such functions and powers as the Board thinks fit.
- (2.) Every candidate for a certificate by examination shall, at least one month before the date fixed for the examination, make application in that behalf to the Secretary of the Board at Wellington.
- (3.) The application may be in the form numbered in the First Schedule hereto.
- (4.) For the purpose of enabling the Board to determine whether the candidate possesses the requisite practical experience, his application shall specify with sufficient particularity for identification and reference the respective mines in which he has been employed, and the period and nature of his employment therein, including, in the case of a battery superintendent's certificate, the nature of the chemical process used in the mine, and appliances connected therewith.
- (5.) For the purposes of section 190 of the Mining Act the requisite practical experience of a candidate for a battery superintendent's certificate shall be actual employment for not less than twelve months in the working of the chemical process used in the mine, and of the machinery and appliances connected therewith.
- (6.) The evidence in writing from previous employers in proof of the nature and extent of the candidate's practical experience, to be supplied to the Board as required by section 190 of the Mining Act, shall be so supplied at the same time as the application is forwarded, or as soon thereafter as is possible.
- (7.) The subjects of examination for certificates as mine-managers shall consist of four Parts, as follows :—

Part I.—Quartz and Alluvial Workings.

- (a.) The laying-out and construction of shafts, chambers, main drives or levels, adits, uprisers, and stopes.
- (b.) The timbering of shafts, adits, main drives or levels, passes, stopes, and generally the systems of timbering mines and filling up old workings.
- (c.) Pumping appliances and the drainage of mines.