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SCIENTIFIC
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19 43.

No. 48/43.

Director of Agriculture.

SUBJECT.

1943.

26th March.

Previous Paper.

TRAINING OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVERS.

MINUTES.

1. Minute from Director of Agriculture of 26th March, 1943.

Supr. Ed.

I should appreciate your views.

K.B.
1/4

(3).

Hon.C.S.

I think the suggestion put forward by Dr Gibbs is worth taking up.

2. Arrangements have already been made with the meteorological officer whereby two senior pupils a week will make daily weather records, using the met. office instruments. The data obtained will be used in connection with the School geographical work. In addition to this the officer concerned is going to give a few talks on weather, instruments used for recording etc.

3. I have discussed with the met. officer the possibility of training a local youth as observer, he states that the person appointed could be fully trained to do observation and map plotting in nine months. On completion of training the youth could be attached to the Agricultural Dept. when his time would be fully taken up with recording and clerical work in connection with map plotting.

4. It appears that a university standard of education is required with specialist knowledge of Physics and Mathematics for weather forecasting - as the standard of education provided in the Government School is inadequate I suppose we will have to be satisfied with an observer.

Subsequent Paper.

E/Cg.

(4).

1.5.5. 2/4/43.

This is a good idea. Please include provision in your draft estimates for H.E.'s consideration. I do not think the idea of attaching him to the F.I.D.F.

will be practicable because of the age difficulty but
no doubt some way can be found of overcoming this
point. The M.O.C. might help.

KB.
2/4

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H.L. notes for

3/8/43

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The Consideration to be postponed to 1945.

KB
20/9/43

B.U.
1/9/44

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The matter reopened. see M.P. 135/44. Provision
made in draft estimates.

KB
2/10/44

B.U.
4/1/45
6/1/45

Spindle from Director of Agriculture 22. 12. 44.
Public Notice of 28. 12. 44

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10. See

11. P/321.

12.

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14.

Letter from Mr. E. Nicholson of 3. 1. 45.

" " Mr. C. Skilling of 2. 1. 45.

" " Mr. L. Halliday of 2. 1. 45.

" " Mr. J. Whitney of 5. 1. 45.

" " Mr. J. Newing of 3. 1. 45.

Letter to Mr. E. Nicholson, C. Skilling, J. Whitney of 11. 1. 45

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P.H.

Letter from Mr. E. Harvey of 15. 1. 45.

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Public Notice of 25. 2. 47.

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Full
3/3/47

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Apph. Clau.

to consist of :-

S.E.

Chairman

S.E.T.

Int. Officer

A.B.
11. 3. 47

Requre letters
12/10/47

S/Ed.

19.

Ref. (17) & (18) will you pl. proceed

J.S.
11.3.47.

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Record.

The appointments Committee met this afternoon, with Mr. McNaughton present as a guest. A final decision was postponed until:

(a) The most favoured applicants (Robert John³ Allan, John² Allan, and Jack Melasen) had been interviewed at the Met. Office by Mr. Hawkins;

(b) Persons already in the Govt. service had had a chance to apply for the post, on a transfer basis.

H.L.B.,
14.3.47.

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Minutes to all Heads of Depts. of 17.3.47.

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Any more of (2)?

Abe
30.3

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Memo. from Dept of Education of 20.3.47.

B.L.
19/4/47

H.B.L.,

The appointments Committee met again this afternoon, after three more applications had been received as a result of the circular of 17th. Mch. (no. 21). The Committee wishes to recommend Jack Melasen for the post.

H.L.B.,
25/4/47.

What does he do, who is he?

26.

ABL
29.4

McLaren

McLaren is 15 yrs of age & this wd. be his first job R.

AB
29/4

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Appa. — on probation of course. Let me see suggested terms of appa.

(action on P/384 "J. McLaren")

ABL
29.4

Letter from Robbie Skilling Esq. of	28. 2. 47.	
Letter " K. Mills, Esq. of	1. 3. 47.	28
" " R. J. Allam, Esq. of	3. 3. 47.	29
" " J. Allam, Esq. "	3. 3. 47.	30
" " R. Goss, Esq. "	17. 3. 47.	31
Memo " In Ag. Chief Constable of	18. 3. 47.	32
Letter " J. Whitney, Esq. "	20. 3. 47.	33
" " S. G. Aldridge, Esq. "	2. 4. 47.	34
" To Unsuccessful Applicants, Junior Met. Observer of	13. 5. 47.	35
" " R. Goss, Esq. of	13. 5. 47.	36

Public Notice of 27. 5. 47

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Letter from Met. Office of 4. 6. 47 (39 to 0008/G)

A.I.

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(39) for comments, pl

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B.W. 39/47

for letter to the

41. Letter from R. Skilling, Esq. of 28. 5. 47
 42. Memo. from Supt. of Education. of 3. 7. 47

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H.E.

(38) The only likely applicant
 is (42) who is a pity.

2. If G.E. approves the transfer —
 I so recommend — it shd. !
 which he is £60 p.a. see §
 3 of (42). He has had a
 year's experience with G.O. at
 £60 — would be due for £70 on
 1.5.47. But the experience is
 of no meteorological significance
 and he would be v. adequately
 made if he received £50 p.a.
 in (38) + 1 increment: with 6
 marks' probation.

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Case
 8.7

Agree.

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1 has discussed with SE. Sect. Officer.

The choice lies between waiting till end of school year or making the transfer now. As Mr. Hoskins wants the services of Mr. Bonner early, & as his retention by the Education Dept. could scarcely conduce to efficiency once the transfer is effected, it shd. be made as soon as is convenient.

ABL
(14.7)

S/E

(43) onwards - ~~would~~ ^{will} you pl. say when you can conveniently release Bonner

for CS
14/7.

H.B.S.,

Mr. Bonner will start at the Met. Office tomorrow (16th.).

H.B.S.
S/E.
15/7/47.

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17/7

MINUTE.

No. _____

26th March 19 43.

From Director of Agriculture.

To The Honourable,

~~THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,~~

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

May I bring to your notice the present exceptional opportunities for training meteorological observers through the facilities which I believe could be made available by the Naval Meteorological Office.

As you know the Department of Agriculture is responsible for keeping the daily records of meteorological phenomena in Port Stanley and the summarised data is dispatched at monthly intervals to the Meteorological Office in London. To date, the data has been taken by untrained men who have no knowledge of the significance of the data they record.

I have made preliminary inquiries of the Base Meteorological Officer, and, subject to the approval of the N.O.I.C., he agrees to train a suitable youth as an observer. He believes that the average standard of education of the local children is too low to train them as forecasters, but is convinced that forecasting could be much improved after the war when reports from passing ships could be obtained to supplement the data received from South America.

In wartime there is a difficulty in training a civilian into his office on account of the secret codes etc. that must be handled, but he suggests that this could be overcome if the lad were attached to the F.I.D.F.

My suggestion is that the matter be considered and, if approved, that provision for the training of a suitable lad could be made in the 1944 estimates.


Director of Agriculture.

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MINUTE.

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(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute the above Number and the date may be quoted.)

22nd. December, 19 44.

To The Hon. The Colonial Secretary,

From

The Director of Agriculture,

Stanley,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Falkland Islands.


I submit hereunder a draft advertisement for a meteorological observer trainee drafted after consultation with the Base Meteorological Officer for your approval and guidance.

Wanted youth as trainee for the position of Meteorological Observer. The successful applicant must have clear neat handwriting, and be accurate with figures.

Preference will be given to conscientious youths who are keen to learn, and have some prowess in handwork or carpentry.

The successful applicant will be required to stand watches in the naval Meteorological Station during his training.

Applications in the applicants handwriting, should reach the Colonial Secretary before


Director of Agriculture.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

Applications are invited for the post of junior meteorological observer in the Agricultural Department. The appointment will be at an initial salary of £50 per annum in Grade V and will be on probation for six months in the first instance.

The successful applicant must have clear neat handwriting and be accurate with figures.

The successful applicant will be required to stand watches in the Naval Meteorological Station during his training.

Applications should be addressed to the Chairman, Appointments Board, Secretariat and should be received by the 5th January, 1945.

The Secretariat,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

28th December, 1944.

100 Davis Street,
Port Stanley,
Balkland Islands.
5th. January, 1945. (13)

The Chairman,
Appointments Board.

Sir,

I wish to apply for the situation advertised in this week's News, of Junior Assistant in the Meteorological Department. I have had two years in the Continuation Class in the Government School and would refer you to Mr. Baker, Supt. of Education.

Hoping for a favourable reply,

I remain,

Yours respectfully,

James R. Whitney.

Note. I have had this application typed, as the boy has cut his hand badly and is unable to write at present.

H. L. Baker.

48/43.

11th January,

45.

Sir,

I regret to have to inform you that your application for the post of Junior Meteorological Observer was unsuccessful.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Eric Nicholson, Esq.,
Charles Skilling, Esq.,
James Whitney, Esq.,
STANLEY.

K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Applications are invited for the post of junior assistant in the Air Ministry Meteorological Office. This is a government appointment. The initial salary is £50 per annum in Grade V, on probation for six months prior to confirmation. The selected candidate will be required to become proficient in the reception of wireless messages.

Applications addressed to the Chairman, Appointments Board, Secretariat should be handed in by noon on Monday the 3rd of March, 1947.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley,
25th February, 1947.

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17th March, 19 47.

To All Heads of Departments,

From

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Applications For the Post of Junior Meteorological Assistant.

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I am directed by the Governor to ask you to inform your staff that there is no objection to their applying for the post of Meteorological Assistant advertised in Public Notice of the 2nd of February, 1947. In the event of an application being successful, salary would be at the rate already drawn by the officer concerned.

A. B. Matthews

Colonial Secretary.

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20th. March, 1947. 23

To Hon. Colonial Secretary.

Stanley.

From Supt. of Education.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

With reference to your circular of 17th. March. concerning the post of Junior Meteorological Assistant, I have the honour to report that I have shown the circular to all male members of the Education Department staff who are in Stanley. No one has shown interest in the post.

2. Our Travelling Teachers in the Camp could be informed quickly only by telegram ; I do not think it is worth while informing them in this way.

H. L. Baker,

Supt. of Education.



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Colonial Secretary's Office,
STANLEY.

13th May, 1947.

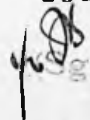
Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that
your application for the post of Junior Meteorological
Officer in the Air Ministry Meteorological Office
was unsuccessful.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

 A.B. MATHEWS

Colonial Secretary.

R. Skilling, Esq.,
K. Mills, Esq.,
R.J. Allan, Esq.,
J. Allan, Esq.,
S.G. Aldridge, Esq.,
J.R. Whitney, Esq.,
~~R.C. Goss, Esq.~~

See 28-~~28~~ 31. and 34-35.

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Colonial Secretary's Office,
STANLEY.

13th May, 1947.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that your application for the post of Junior Meteorological Officer in the Air Ministry Meteorological Office was unsuccessful.

2. Your reference is returned herewith.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. B. MATHEWS

Colonial Secretary.

R. Goss, Esq.,
STANLEY.

See 34.

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P U B L I C N O T I C E .

Applications are invited for the post of Junior Assistant in the Air Ministry Meteorological Office. This is a Government appointment. The initial salary is £50 per annum in Grade V, on probation for six months prior to confirmation. The selected candidate will be required to become proficient in the reception of wireless messages.

Applications addressed to the Chairman, Appointments Board, Secretariat, and endorsed "Junior Meteorological Assistant", should be handed in by noon on Saturday the 31st of May, 1947.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
27th May, 1947.

Stanley

1. 7. 47.

Sir,

I am writing to you, to see if it is possible for me to be transferred from Travelling Teacher in the Educational Department to the Meteorological Office, as I understand that the position in this office, which was advertised some time ago has not yet been filled.

I am

Sir,

Your obedient servant
R Bonner

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary
Thro' Superintendent of
Education.

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Wed. July, 1947. 42

To Hon. Colonial Secretary.

From Supt. of Education.

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to forward the accompanying letter, in which Mr. R. Bonner, Travelling Teacher, applies for a transfer to the Met. Office.

2. I am disappointed that Mr. Bonner is applying for a transfer, as he was promising well in his work as a teacher, and we have the greatest difficulty in obtaining suitable Camp teachers. Although I cannot be enthusiastic over his request, however, I do not wish to stand in his way.

3. With reference to conditions of transfer (if a transfer is approved), I wish to explain that the salary at which he was appointed last year (£60 per annum) was higher than the usual starting salaries of ordinary junior employees in the Government service, on account of the arduous nature of the Travelling Teacher's duties.

H. L. Baker,
Supt. of Education.