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## GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers :—

## I

G.O., No. 414, Educational, dated 17th June 1905.

ABSTRACT.—Approving revised syllabuses of the Government Technical Examinations in certain commercial subjects and directing their publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

## II

G.O., R. No. 429, Educational, dated 11th August 1905.

Read—the following paper :—

Letter—from Messrs. SAMUEL & Co., Madras.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—the 1st August 1905.

Referring to Government notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette* regarding the syllabus under the head Typewriting, we beg permission to draw your kind attention to the following.

The notification in question restricts the examination in typewriting to proficiency on the Yost and Remington machines.

The practical result of this restriction is to set a premium on the sale of the above machines, with which, however, we are not now concerned. It affects, in a marked degree, the sale of other machines. The typewriting institutions are in a manner compelled under the notification to use the two machines specified above, to the exclusion of others irrespective of their merits. No student who cares to go through the examination will consent to be taught and to practise on any other than the machines allowed for use at examinations.

The available qualified typists hereafter will only be those who have passed, and are experienced on the Yost and Remington machines, and as the probable buyers of typewriters will, quite naturally enough, regulate their preference according to the class of operators available, business in any other than the class of machines admitted for examination is almost out of the question.

The reason for the invidiousness disclosed in the notification is not quite apparent.

The "New Century" typewriter which we represent as sole agents, is a double key board machine resembling the Yost in various particulars, and the Remington in the others, with their shortcomings absent. It is, honestly, a better machine than either of the two typewriters referred to. To add to these advantages we are offering it at a lower price than that demanded for its rivals. On the score of inferiority, or high price, there would be no justification for excluding the New Century from the list of machines which may be admitted at examinations.

We quite recognize that Government have the option to prefer any machines it chooses for use in its offices, and from this it follows that it is necessary to devise measures for a supply of efficient typists on such machines being available. If this alone were all that would result from the notification in question, we certainly would not take exception to it. It is the exclusion of our machines from the notification that is our grievance, especially as it is quite obvious that its inclusion will not in any way defeat the object of Government or conduce to its interests suffering thereby.

Taking the popular mind as it is and not as it ought to be, the exclusion of our machines from the list of machines allowed at examinations, is rightly or wrongly likely to be popularly viewed as evidence of its inferiority. In fact one of our salesmen informed us that a party who had almost made up his mind to purchase our machine gave it up making the allegation indicated above.

We are sure that Government had no idea when the notification was issued that it would so seriously interfere with competition in business, and now that we have brought the matter to your notice, you will, we venture to hope, endeavour to remove the hardship caused by it.

A plausible excuse for limiting the class of machines at examinations may be that it will be difficult to find examiners sufficiently conversant with the mechanism of the various machines in the market to enable them to examine candidates. This at best is but a poor excuse for excluding other machines. An intelligent examiner well up in the mechanism of one machine could with a little effort easily master the details of the mechanism of other machines. What machines would be brought up by students at the examination could be ascertained at the time of registering applications and arrangement could be easily made between the different examiners as to the machine or machines on which he would examine candidates. This would allow each examiner sufficient time for studying the mechanism of any new machines proposed to be introduced at examinations.

We beg to apologize for the length of this letter which was inevitable owing to our having had to discuss possible objections to the inclusion of our machine (the "New Century") as now prayed for.

To enable Government to form some idea of our machine we beg to forward a pamphlet containing illustration of and printed matter relating to same.

Order—R. No. 429, Educational, dated 11th August 1905.

Messrs. Samuel & Co. should apply to the Director of Public Instruction to arrange to have their machines tested and to recommend them to Government for recognition if found suitable.

(True Extract.)

H. D. TAYLOR,  
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To Messrs. Samuel & Co., Madras.

Copy to Director of Public Instruction.

## III

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. A. G. BOURNE, D.Sc., F.R.S., Director of Public Instruction.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Madras, the 9th November 1905.

No.—Ref. on Cur. No. 7339.

I have the honour to state that I have tested the New Century typewriter sent to me for examination by Messrs. Samuel & Co., with reference to G.O., R. No. 429, Educational, dated 11th August 1905, and I find that it combines to some extent the advantages of the Yost and Remington.

Applications have also been made to me for the recognition of the "Densmore," the "Smith Premier" typewriter and the "Empire" for the Typewriting Examination and I think that all the three machines might be used. There appears to be no reason why two particular machines should be used for the examination when there are other types that seem to be quite as good. The "Empire," I further understand, is one of the machines approved by Government for use in public offices. In these circumstances I recommend that the "New Century," "Smith Premier," "Densmore" and the "Empire" typewriters may be approved for use in the Technical Examinations in addition to the Yost and Remington.

The intention was to exclude machines of inferior type and those now recommended to be added to the list do not belong to that category.

If my recommendation is approved I request that the accompanying notification submitted in duplicate may be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

## ENCLOSURE.

## Notification.

In the note to the revised syllabuses in the Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced grades of the Typewriting Examination, published in notification No. 85, dated 17th June 1905—

After the words "the Remington" omit the words "or the", and after the word "Yost" add "New Century, Smith Premier, Densmore and Empire."

## Order—No. 793, Educational, dated 4th December 1905.

The Director's recommendation is accepted.

2. The following notification will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* :—

## NOTIFICATION.

For the notes to the syllabuses in the Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced grades of the Typewriting examination, published in notification No. 85 on pages 415-422 of Part I-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 4th July 1905, substitute the following :—

*Notes to the syllabuses in the Elementary and Intermediate Examinations.*—"Candidates will have to provide their own machines and carbon papers. Candidates will be examined in the oral and practical examination only on the Remington, Yost, New Century, Smith Premier, Densmore or Empire machine or such other machines as may be adopted by Government for use in public offices or as may be approved by the Commissioner for Government Examinations. Only one type of machine shall be used by each candidate throughout all sections of the examination."

*Note to the syllabus in the Advanced Examination.*—"Candidates will have to provide their own machines and carbon papers. They may also be examined on machines provided by the examiners. They will be examined only on the Remington, Yost, New Century, Smith Premier, Densmore or Empire machine, or such other machines as may be adopted by Government for use in public offices or as may be approved by the Commissioner for Government Examinations."

(True Extract.)

H. D. TAYLOR,  
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.  
*Gazette.*

Copy to Messrs. Samuel & Co., Madras (order only).

## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 793, EDUCATIONAL,  
DATED 4TH DECEMBER 1905.

[SUBJECT.—*Recognition of certain type-writing machines for use in the Technical examinations.*]

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 9th November 1905, No. 7339.

The Board of Examiners who drew up the revised syllabus in commercial subjects approved in G.O., No. 414, Educational, dated 17th June 1905, remarked with reference to type-writing that "candidates have sometimes made use of machines of very inferior type which soon get out of order. The Remington and Yost machines are at present recommended. If agents for other machines wish their machines to be included in the list of recognised machines, they should send to you (Director of Public Instruction) at their own risk for inspection and experiment a couple of machines with the necessary books of instructions."

2. Applications having been accordingly made by agents to the Director of Public Instruction for recognition of certain type-writers, he now recommends that the four machines mentioned may be approved for use in technical examinations. Submitted that the recommendation may be accepted. The draft placed below is submitted for approval.

R.N.—15-11-05.

P. T. THARYAN—15-11-05.

A. GALLETTI—16-11-05.

This had better go to Financial for acceptance or remarks as, so far as Government offices are concerned, orders regarding type-writing machines issue in that department. The present order does not, however, limit the scope of the syllabus to machines required for Government offices only.

H. D. TAYLOR—17-11-05.

To the Financial Department for remarks.

## FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Submitted that this department need not object. The "Remington", "Yost" and "Empire" are the only machines prescribed so far for use in Government offices.

C. M. SCHMIDT—22-11-05.

Accepted.

M. HAMMICK—29-11-05.

To the Educational Department.

## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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H. D. TAYLOR—1-12-05.

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Subject.

Submitting for favour of approval and publication in the Fort Saint George Gazette a notification for the recognition of certain Typewriters for the Government Technical Examination in Typewriting.

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Station Madras, Dated the 9<sup>th</sup> November 1905

From (Name) The Hon'ble Mr. A.G. Bourne, D.Sc., F.R.S.

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,  
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The S. P. O.  
 Gazetted  
 Copy to Messrs Samuel  
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Part I. B of the Fort St George Gazette d. 1  
4<sup>th</sup> July 1905, substitute the following:-  
<sup>note to the syllabus in the</sup>  
Elementary & Intermediate examinations.

" Candidates will have to provide their own  
" machines and Carbon papers. Candidates  
" will be examined in the oral & practical  
" examination only on the Remington, York,  
" New Century, Smith Premier, Densmore or  
" Empire <sup>machine</sup> or such other machines as may be  
" adopted <sup>in govt</sup> for use in public offices or as may be  
" approved by the Comm<sup>r</sup>. for govt examinations.  
" Only one type of Machine shall be used by  
" each Candidate throughout all sections of the  
" examination".  
<sup>note to the syllabus in the</sup>  
Advanced Examination.

" Candidates will have to provide their  
" own machines and Carbon papers. They may  
" also be examined on machines provided by  
" the examiners. They will be examined only  
" on the Remington, York, New Century, Smith  
" Premier, Densmore or Empire machine, or  
" such other machines as may be adopted <sup>in govt</sup> for  
" use in public offices or as may be approved by  
" the Comm<sup>r</sup>. for govt examinations."

For 15/11/5 M 61 M  
C. X. D.

