

- for the same; that it was knocked down to plaintiff; and that plaintiff thereafter executed a license thereof, whereby it was leased to him in his own name for ten years." Then, the next paragraph simply states that the plaintiff is a man of small means; that he had no real interest in the transactions; that he never paid any rent for the same, or took possession thereof; all of which facts point to the presumption that he acted as trustee or agent merely.
- 2 Then, the defendants admit that they paid the first half-yearly instalment | and the plaintiff's plea avers this fact, and says that they occupied the run and managed it, and treated it as their own. They admit also occupation for a short time, but say it was in pursuance of some arrangement. The next paragraph is, "The defendants, when they requested the plaintiff to take the said run for them, promised to undertake the whole responsibility for the said run, and to indemnify him against all liability in respect thereof, provided he from time to time submitted all correspondence to them, and received and acted on directions from them, as to his actions respecting the same, all of which he has done." That paragraph, your Honour, is denied. The next paragraph is, "In the month of May, 1891, the plaintiff was prosecuted, and ultimately fined £15, and 3s. for costs, for failing to
- 3 destroy the rabbits | on the said run to the satisfaction of the Inspector; and the plaintiff was defended by solicitors nominated by the defendants; and the defendants promised, in consideration of the plaintiff then paying the amount of the said fine and the costs of the defence, amounting to £5 5s., and sundry disbursements for telegrams and otherwise in connection with the said matter, that they would repay the same to him, which sums the plaintiff accordingly paid." They admit the prosecution and fine, but deny everything else. The ninth paragraph is, "It was thereafter arranged between the plaintiff and the defendants that no money should for the time being pass in respect of the said fine, and the expenses of the said defence and other disbursements, and such arrangement was entirely for the convenience and protection of the defendants, and was made at their request." That is denied. The next | is, "On the 4th and
- 4 31st days of March, the 18th day of May, and the 3rd day of June, 1891, the Chief Inspector of Stock for Canterbury gave the plaintiff notice to destroy the rabbits on the said run, and that, in the event of his failing to do so, the said run would be poisoned, which notices the plaintiff handed to defendants, requesting them to attend to the same; and the same is not now in the plaintiff's possession." They admit all excepting the words "requesting them to attend to the same." These are struck out and the rest admitted: "The defendants did not take the requisite or sufficient measures to destroy the rabbits on the said run," and so on. That is admitted. The next is, "On the 5th day of October, 1891, the said Chief Inspector,
- 5 pursuant to |

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INSTRUCTION TO SUPERVISORS.

1. Inform candidates before the time for taking up this subject that they may use pen or pencil as they please for taking notes, which should be written on ruled paper, but that they must transcribe those notes into longhand with pen and ink.

2. Inform candidates that when once you have commenced to dictate you cannot stop until the passage is finished.

3. Dictate the passages at the following rates of speed:—

- (a.) 50 words per minute.
 (b.) 80 " "
 (c.) 100 " "

N.B.—It will be well to practise reading these aloud some time beforehand, looking at a watch or clock, so as to accustom yourself to reading at the exact rate indicated.*

4. Candidates are at liberty to take down one, two, or three passages, as they choose. All the passages required by candidates are to be dictated before any one begins to transcribe; and there should be as little delay as possible between readings.

5. Inform candidates that rapidity in transcribing notes into longhand is essential, and note carefully on the transcribed copy the exact time taken in transcription. Candidates must not look at their notes while a passage that does not concern them is being read.

6. Inform them also that the clearness and accuracy of the shorthand notes (which must in every case be sent in attached to the transcript) will be taken account of by the examiner; and that they must not alter the shorthand notes after the dictation is finished.

PASSAGES FOR DICTATION.

- (a.) At the rate of 50 words per minute. Takes 10 minutes.

Whitehall, 27th January, 1892.

THE following letter from the Queen has been received by the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

“Osborne, 26th January, 1892.

- 1 “I must once again give expression to my deep sense of the loyalty | and affectionate sympathy evinced by my subjects in every part of my Empire on an occasion more sad and

* The matter to be read is marked off into sections, each of which is to occupy a minute. The Supervisor will perhaps find it advisable to mark it off into smaller sections, each containing the number of words to be read in fifteen seconds, and to read one section in every quarter of a minute. As the candidates hear the passage read only once, the reader's articulation ought to be very clear, and the candidates ought to be so placed as to be able to hear well.