

Supplementary Order Paper.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, the 1st Day of August, 1913.

PENSIONS BILL.

AMENDMENTS proposed by His Excellency the Governor:—

Clause 2: To omit paragraph (c) of the definition of "Income," and substitute the following:—

(c.) Any money received by way of charitable relief, not exceeding fifty-two pounds in any year; nor

To add to the said definition the following words:—

nor

(h.) Any money or money's worth received by an applicant on the intestacy or under the will of the deceased husband or wife of the applicant; nor

(i.) Any payment by way of gift or allowance (not exceeding fifty-two pounds in any year) from any relative of the applicant.

Clause 10, subclause (1): To omit the word "fixed" in line 41 and also in line 43, and to substitute in line 43 the word "other."

To add the following subclause:—

(3.) The capital value of property on which an applicant for a pension or for the renewal of a pension permanently resides shall not be deemed to exceed the capital value of that property as appearing on the district valuation roll under the Valuation of Land Act, 1908, at the date of the establishment of the applicant's original claim.

Clause 12: To insert, after the word "income," in line 16, the words "or of the income of the husband or wife of the applicant"; and to omit all words after the word "may" in line 17, and substitute the words " , for the purpose of computing the income of the applicant, deduct from such income, or from the income of the husband or wife of the applicant, all personal earnings not exceeding at the rate of two pounds per week in the aggregate."

Clause 13, subclause (1): To omit the words "a pension-certificate," in line 25, and substitute the words "the renewal of a pension."

To insert at the beginning of paragraph (b) the words "The yearly income of each shall be deemed to be half the total yearly incomes of both: Provided that."

Clause 13, subclause (2): To omit this subclause.

Clause 14: To omit the words "the pensioner is maintained," in line 41, and substitute the words "a pensioner under Part I or Part III hereof is for the time being maintained."

To transpose the clause so as to stand after clause 47.

Clause 16: To insert, after the word "pensioner," in line 13, the words "under Part I or Part III hereof."

To transpose the clause so as to stand after clause 54.

Clause 18: To add the following words: "For the purposes of this Part of this Act the term 'child' includes a step-child, or a child legally adopted during the lifetime of the husband of the applicant."

Clause 19: To omit paragraph (c).

Clause 22: To omit from subclause one the words "(other than furniture and personal effects)"; and to add to the subclause the words "after deducting the value of any property upon which the widow and her children permanently reside, not exceeding the sum of three hundred and forty pounds, and also the value of any furniture and other personal effects."

To insert, after subclause (1), the following subclause:—

(1A.) In estimating, for the purposes of the *last preceding* subsection, the value of property upon which a widow and her children permanently reside, the value shall not be deemed to exceed the capital value of that property as appearing on the district valuation roll under the Valuation of Land Act, 1908, at the date of the establishment of the applicant's original claim.

Clause 29: To omit this clause, and substitute the following:—

Periodical payments to which applicant entitled to be computed as income.

29A. Where an applicant or the wife or husband of an applicant for a pension or for the renewal of a pension under Part I hereof is at the date of application entitled to receive from any source periodical payments, by way of personal earnings or otherwise, for his or her own use or benefit, or where an applicant for a pension or for the renewal of a pension under Part II hereof is at the date of application entitled to receive from any source any such payments for her own use or benefit, or for the use or benefit of any of her children to whom the said Part II applies, such moneys shall be included in the computation of the income of the applicant, although no part thereof may have been actually received by the applicant or by the wife or husband of the applicant, as the case may be.

Clause 54: To insert, after the word "pensioner," in lines 11 and 12, the words "or the wife or husband of a pensioner"; and to omit the words "to him" in line 13.

Clause 57: To omit this clause, and substitute the following:—

Commissioner may suspend pension-certificate in certain cases.

57A. If any pensioner under this Act is convicted of drunkenness or of any offence punishable by imprisonment for one month or any longer period and dishonouring him in the public estimation, or if he misspends, wastes, or lessens his estate, or wilfully injures his health, or endangers or interrupts the peace and happiness of his family, the Commissioner may direct that the instalments of his pension be paid to any clergyman, Justice of the Peace, or other reputable person, or may suspend the pension-certificate for such period as he deems fit.

Clause 60: To omit the words "suspended or" and the words "suspending or" in lines 5 and 6 respectively.

Clause 63: To insert, after the words "section fifty-three," in line 20, the words "or section fifty-five."

Clause 73: To omit this clause.