

ILL HEALTH RESULTING FROM MISCONDUCT.

63. No leave on account of illness shall be granted with pay if the sickness or ill health has been caused by the misconduct of the officer. In order to satisfy himself on that point the Permanent Head may send a medical practitioner to attend on and examine such officer at his residence. A fee not exceeding £1 1s. shall be paid to the medical practitioner for his attendance and report; and if such report is, in the opinion of the Permanent Head, not favourable to the officer concerned, the amount of the fee so paid shall be deducted from any money which is or becomes payable to the said officer by the Government. The same practice may be followed where an officer is suspected of absenting himself from duty without sufficient cause.

INEFFICIENCY THROUGH ILLNESS.

64. If in the opinion of the Permanent Head any member of the staff is inefficient through repeated illness, such inefficiency shall be reported to the Commissioner, who may take steps to have such person examined under the provisions of the Public Service Superannuation Act, with a view to his retirement from the Public Service as being medically unfit for further duty.

SPECIAL LEAVE ON RETIREMENT.

65. Special leave of absence will be granted to officers retiring from the Public Service, on the following conditions: Provided that the sick or other leave in the twelve months preceding retirement has not exceeded three months, and that the interval between the ordinary and special leave is at least three months.

- (a.) Officers retiring on superannuation, or compensation in lieu of superannuation, three months.
- (b.) Officers of under ten years' service retiring for their own purposes, other than medical unfitness, no leave.
- (c.) Officers of ten years' service and under twenty years' service retiring for their own purposes, other than medical unfitness, one month.
- (d.) Officers of at least twenty years' service retiring for their own purposes, other than medical unfitness, six weeks.
- (e.) Officers retiring on medical certificate, three months.
- (f.) Officers dispensed with through no fault of their own before reaching the retiring age—
 - If under five years' continuous service, one month.
 - If five years and under ten years, two months.
 - If ten years or over, three months.
- (g.) Women retiring to be married: Over five years' service, one month; over ten years' service, two months; over fifteen years' service, three months.

HOLIDAYS.

66. The following days, or any days specially authorized by the Governor in Council instead thereof, shall be observed as holidays in the Administrative, Professional, and Clerical Divisions of the Public Service, except in the public branches of the Customs, Post and Telegraph, Tourist and Health Resorts Departments, or in the Prisons, Mental Hospitals, and other Departments to which special regulations apply, namely:—

25th, 26th, and 27th December.

1st and 2nd January.

The Anniversary Day of each provincial district. (This holiday is confined to offices in the particular district.)

Good Friday to Easter Monday (inclusive).

Dominion Day—Fourth Monday in September.

Labour Day—Fourth Monday in October.

17th March—St. Patrick's Day.

23rd April—St. George's Day.

30th November—St. Andrew's Day.

3rd June—King's Birthday.

Officers who cannot be granted such holidays may be granted equivalent time, provided it is taken within fourteen days of the holiday.