

*Canada Pension Plan*

**Miss LaMarsh:** No, it is \$104. The transition does not count here. He gets 75 per cent of the maximum pension. Assuming he is at \$5,000 the maximum pension would be \$104 and he would get 75 per cent of that plus the \$25 flat rate.

**Mr. Chatterton:** Let us say he becomes disabled five years after the Canada pension plan starts, five years after January 1, 1966. He will get 75 per cent of what?

**Miss LaMarsh:** Of \$104, plus the \$25 flat rate.

**Mr. Chatterton:** If he has worked for five years only his pension would be \$52, would it not?

**Miss LaMarsh:** Would the hon. member look at page 40 of the bill, line 21, subsection 3 (b). You divide by 60. For this purpose the 10 year transition is not taken into account.

**Mr. Chatterton:** So the civil servant would get that, even though he would get a pension under the Civil Service Act also? He would get his disability pension under the P.S.S.A. as well as the pension under the Canada pension plan?

**Miss LaMarsh:** Yes, just like anyone else. If he happens to have five or six other private plans he gets those too.

**Mr. Chatterton:** But in this case, this is an integration of the P.S.S.A. with the Canada pension plan, so it is an integrated plan. It is not the same in the other cases where there is a private pension plan.

**Miss LaMarsh:** The hon. member is asking what he gets. He gets what I have explained under these provisions, and if he happens to have an annuity provision or a savings plan or a private pension scheme which may have been left over from earlier employment he will presumably get those also.

**Mr. Aiken:** Mr. Chairman, I do not want to hold up the passage of clause 54 and I do not see why it should not go through before five o'clock. Clauses 54 to 58 inclusive deal with the supplementary benefits that are being introduced by way of amendment. It is just about a year ago that I injected myself into the debate on the speech from the throne at the beginning of this long session in order to speak on the Canada pension plan. At that time I made a somewhat critical analysis of it. After having worked on the matter for a year, I suppose I might be permitted a little self-praise at this time.

One of the things that I and several others said at that time was that the Canada pension plan as then proposed was completely inadequate without supplementary benefits. We are very pleased now that, one year having passed and a good deal of work having been done by the minister, by her department and by others, we now have these clauses in the bill. I think all members of the house have reason to congratulate themselves that as the result of what has taken place during the past year we now have a pension plan with benefits in it for disabled people, widows and orphans. With those few remarks I will take my seat as I do not wish to hold up the passage of clause 54.

**Miss LaMarsh:** I wonder if my hon. friend would permit a question. I do not want to take away from my hon. friend's pleasure in having played a part in the provision of this plan, but I am sure he will readily admit that from the very first white paper the government expressed its intention to include such benefits just as soon as the co-operation of all the provinces was received and the necessary amendment was made to the British North America Act.

**Mr. Aiken:** I will admit this, if the minister will admit that what I did had something to do with the change.

**Miss LaMarsh:** With 265 of us in the chamber I will be glad to give my hon. friend at least one three hundredth of the credit.

**Mr. Chatterton:** Mr. Chairman, I have a further comment or two to make on this clause. May I call it five o'clock?

**The Chairman:** In order that the house can proceed to the consideration of private members' business it is my duty to leave the chair.

Progress reported.

**Mr. McIlraith:** Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the house would consider waiving private members' hour today in order that we might continue with the discussion of the Canada pension plan at the committee stage.

**Mr. Chatterton:** Mr. Speaker, I had no notice of this. Normally I might have been prepared to consent but I for one have an appointment. If we had had notice perhaps we might have agreed.

**Mr. McIlraith:** I thought I had given notice in the usual way and I wonder if hon. members would consider carrying the clauses?