

4. What is the amount of pension to non-commissioned officers and men of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police?

5. Does this pension go to the widow and family?

6. Is it the intention of the Government to revise the Royal Northwest Mounted Police Pension Act, in order to provide a better allowance for the men who have served long periods in that force?

Mr. HUGH CLARK:

1. There are 21 retired officers of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police drawing pensions.

2. The pensions to officers and men of the R.N.W.M. Police are governed by the provisions of the Mounted Police Act—Chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes of 1906—Parts II and III, respectively.

Section 43 of the above mentioned Act provides that an officer who is retired compulsorily for any cause other than misconduct, or inefficiency, after twenty years' service, shall be entitled to a pension for life, not exceeding one-fiftieth of the pay and allowances of his rank or permanent appointment at the time of his retirement for each completed year of service.

Section 44 provides that an officer who retires voluntarily after twenty-five years' service shall be entitled to a pension for life, twenty per centum less than he would be entitled to if he were retired compulsorily.

Section 45 provides that an officer who retires voluntarily after thirty-five years' service shall be entitled to the same pension as if he were retired compulsorily.

Section 46 enacts that no addition shall be made to such pension for any service beyond thirty-five years.

3. In the case of the death of a retired officer his pension is not continued to his wife and children, but sections 51 to 54 of the Mounted Police Act provides that the Governor in Council may grant a pension to the widow and a compassionate allowance to each of the children of any officer, who, having completed 20 years' service, was at the time of his death either on full pay or in receipt of a pension.

The amounts of pensions to the widows of officers are as follows:

(a) In the case of the commissioner, \$500 per annum.

(b) In the case of an assistant commissioner, \$450 per annum.

(c) In the case of a superintendent or surgeon, \$350 per annum.

(d) In the case of an inspector, assistant surgeon or veterinary surgeon, \$250 per annum.

The compassionate allowances to children are as follows:

(a) In the case of the commissioner or an assistant commissioner, \$80 per annum.

(b) In the case of a superintendent or surgeon, \$70 per annum.

(c) In the case of an inspector, assistant surgeon or veterinary surgeon, \$65 per annum.

(2) If the child is motherless and in great need, the allowance may be doubled.

4. The pensions to non-commissioned officers and constables of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police are governed by Part III of the Mounted Police Act.

Section 66 of the Mounted Police Act provides that the pension to a constable (or non-commissioned officer) on retirement shall be according to the following scale:

(a) If he has completed 15 but less than 21 years service, an annual sum equal to one-fiftieth of his annual pay (not including allowances, as in the case of officers) for each completed year of service.

Note.—Unless a constable or non-commissioned officer is incapacitated by infirmity of mind or body, he is required to serve for 20 years before becoming entitled to a pension.

(b) If he has completed 21 but less than 25 years service, an annual sum equal to twenty-fiftieths of his annual pay (not including allowances), with an addition of two-fiftieths of his annual pay for every completed year of service above twenty years.

(c) If he has completed twenty-five years service, an annual sum equal to thirty-fiftieths of his annual pay (not including allowances) with an addition of one-fiftieth of his annual pay for every completed year of service above twenty-five years; provided that the pension shall not exceed two-thirds of his annual pay at his retirement.

Note.—“Annual pay” as referred to above is deemed, for the purposes of pension for a non-commissioned officer or constable, to be the average amount of pay received by him for the three years preceding retirement, exclusive of extra pay or allowances.

5. In the case of the death of a retired non-commissioned officer or constable, the pension is not continued to his wife and family. No provision is made in the above-mentioned Act for the widow and family of a deceased non-commissioned officer or constable who, at the time of his death, was in receipt of a pension.

6. As already explained above, the pension of an officer of the force is calculated