

There are limits to the amount of income that a pensioner can receive but they are reasonable and generous limits. For example, a single man can receive a total of pension and other income of up to \$50 a month while a married couple can receive up to \$90 in combined pension and other income.

There are other provisions but to indicate the amount of money that a pensioner in Newfoundland might have I cite a few instances:

- A single pensioner can have \$2,595 in the bank and still draw full old age pension of \$30 a month;
- A married couple, both over 70, can have \$4,297 in the bank and still draw old age pension; amounting to \$60 a month;
- A single man has to have over \$6,000 in cash or liquid assets before he is completely disqualified for partial pension.
- For a married couple, when both are over 70, this amount reaches \$11,777.

I am sure that the members of the C.C.F. Party still remember with dismay that of all the provincial governments, only two -- Mr. Drew's government in Ontario and the C.C.F. government in Saskatchewan -- reduced provincial expenditures for aged and blind pensioners after the amendment I piloted through the House in 1947 to increase Federal expenditures. Fortunately, the opposition in Saskatchewan to this retrograde C.C.F. action was so great that the pensions were soon restored to their proper level. In Ontario, the figure of \$40 was used to obscure the true fact -- that the Drew Government was actually spending less on pensions.

(b) Unemployment Insurance:

The next great measure for social security was Unemployment Insurance passed in 1940. This measure now protects 3,350,000 workers with a great reserve of well over half a billion dollars. It might be recalled that the Progressive-Conservative Party, which on occasion is quite vocal about provincial rights, tried to pass -- at the very pre-election end of its last disastrous period of government in Canada -- an act for this purpose, but the attempt failed miserably as it so clearly violated provincial rights!!

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