

Mr. McILRAITH: Surveyors, yes, and a forestry branch. Was that not the difficulty?

Mr. TAYLOR: That would be between the five and ten year term.

Mr. McILRAITH: That is right.

Mr. ROGERS: Will they have to sign another election form now?

Mr. TAYLOR: You mean being regular civil servants?

Mr. ROGERS: Yes.

Mr. TAYLOR: No, the six year average rule will apply to all persons who are contributing now under the act and who retire after the coming into force of the amendment.

Mr. McILRAITH: In your history you omitted the 1944 act. I do not know whether that was a conscious omission or not, but I had always understood that it let a great number become eligible to come under the act, because of the changed basis of the rate to contribute on the basis of stated annual salary,—that is, the ones with that qualification; so that when they were paid a stated annual salary they could become eligible to contribute. That was particularly important for employees in the printing bureau where they were paid a stated weekly or hourly salary.

Mr. H. D. CLARK (*Director of Pensions and Social Insurance Section*):—In the review which Mr. Taylor gave he was stressing changes in contribution rates and benefit formulæ. There were quite a number of other amendments in 1927 and in 1940, and in 1947 as well. It is perfectly true that the amendment in 1944 permitted the broadening of the act to include permanent employees in the category which you mention, to permit them to come under the act. But in the interest of brevity I think Mr. Taylor did not mention it.

Mr. McILRAITH: I understood it was one of the amendments which enlarged the area of coverage more than probably any of the other amendments.

Mr. TAYLOR: I did say there were numerous other technical amendments.

Mr. McILRAITH: It covered several hundred employees in the printing bureau at the time, as well as many others.

Mr. RICHARD (*Ottawa East*): How many civil servants now are receiving pensions under the plan?

Mr. H. D. CLARK: It is close to 30,000 now, including widows, orphans, and children.

Mr. TAYLOR: There are about 30,000 persons who are getting some benefits; that includes children, widows, and retired civil servants.

Mr. RICHARD (*Ottawa East*): But as to source you could not break it down?

Mr. TAYLOR: It would be in the annual report which was tabled. I do not have a copy with me.

Mr. RICHARD (*Ottawa East*): Thank you. I can get one.

Mr. McILRAITH: If there are no other questions, I have a small point, an individual case, and perhaps this would be as good a place as any to deal with it. But I do not want to interrupt the line of questioning which has been going on, unless all the other members are finished.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any other questions of a general nature, on the act or on the amendments in the bill? Are there any further questions of Mr. Taylor?

Mr. HICKS: What is the definition at the moment of temporary employees?