

Amendments to the Act have increased these tax rates: on individual incomes to 4 per cent effective January 1, 1964 (maximum tax \$120 increased to \$240 effective January 1, 1967); on corporation incomes to 3 per cent effective January 1, 1959; and on sales to 3 per cent effective April 10, 1959.

The Old Age Security Act was amended effective January 1, 1972 to provide for the repeal of these taxes and for the crediting to the fund of an amount estimated to be equal to what would have been credited to the fund had those taxes not been repealed.

Pension rates also have increased by amendments to the Act to \$75 per month effective October 1, 1963, to \$76.50 per month effective January 1, 1968, to \$78 per month effective January 1, 1969, to \$79.58 effective January 1, 1970, and to \$80 effective January 1, 1971.

The Act was further amended to authorize pension payments effective January 1966 to all persons who had satisfied the residence requirements of the Act who had attained the age of 69 years on or before January 1, 1966; the age limit being reduced by one year on January 1st

of each subsequent year until 1970. A further amendment in 1966-67 authorized the payment of a monthly guaranteed income supplement to eligible pensioners. The amount of the supplement that may be paid to a pensioner for a month is 40 per cent of the amount of the pension that may be paid to him for that month dependent upon the amount of his income for the preceding year. The most recent amendment in 1970 fixed the maximum basic supplement at \$55 per month for 1971 but provided that this maximum would be increased each year so that the combination of the universal payment of \$80 and the supplement would be increased by the same percentage as the index under the Canada Pension Plan.

During 1971-72 pension payments of \$2,206 million exceed receipts of \$2,120 million by \$86 million reducing the balance in the account to \$642 million at March 31, 1972. Receipts consist of \$670 million from sales tax, \$1,237 million from the tax on personal incomes and \$213 million from the tax on corporation income. In 1970-71 receipts of \$1,914 million exceeded payments of \$1,907 million.

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(in millions of dollars)

OLD AGE SECURITY FUND	Fiscal year ended March 31				
	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972 (preliminary)
Receipts—					
Sales tax.....	544.5	528.1	577.4	573.8	670.0
Personal income tax.....	800.1	915.0	1,026.5	1,132.5	1,237.0
Corporation income tax.....	150.0	183.0	227.1	207.9	213.0
	1,494.6	1,626.1	1,831.0	1,914.2	2,120.0
Disbursements—					
Pension payments.....	-1,153.3	-1,296.8	-1,467.0	-1,634.2	-1,681.0
Guaranteed income supplement.....	-234.8	-244.5	-263.5	-273.0	-525.0
	-1,388.1	-1,541.3	-1,730.5	-1,907.2	-2,206.0
Excess of receipts over disbursements.....	106.5	84.8	100.5	7.0	-86.0
Balance in fund brought forward.....	429.6	536.1	620.9	721.4	728.4
Balance at credit of fund.....	536.1	620.9	721.4	728.4	642.4