

Government Annuities Act

in his place in the house at the moment, will make an effort to see that, before the end of this session, some other legislation is brought down which will give the promised assistance to old age pensioners.

Mr. Paul E. Cote (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I do not intend to speak at any length at this stage. My first reason for not doing so is that I have the assurance that the discussion will be more fruitful when a copy of the bill amending the Government Annuities Act is in the hands of hon. members. In the second place—and this is particularly in reply to one of the questions put this afternoon by the hon. member for Hamilton West (Mrs. Fairclough)—it is the intention of the Minister of Labour, to recommend that the bill be referred to the standing committee on industrial relations immediately after it has received its second reading. For these reasons I think that tonight I should deal only with a few of the questions which have arisen during this debate. In the first place—and this will meet the expectation of the three hon. members who have spoken on this resolution—with the approval of the house I should like to place on *Hansard* a table giving a few examples showing the monthly premium required to purchase a level annuity for life commencing at age 65 for males and age 60 for females, compared with the monthly premium necessary to produce annuities of the same amount but which reduce at age 70 by the amount of the old age security, namely \$40 a month. This will put in concrete form the change which will be made by the amending bill to provide co-ordination of the government annuities with the old age security scheme.

Before placing this table on *Hansard* I wish to mention that in the case of a male annuitant, in a contract providing for \$75 pension a month at age 65, reducing at age 70 by the amount of the old age security, \$40, the premium will be reduced by one-third over the premium which is payable on an ordinary life annuity contract. In the second category given by the table the amount of the annuity is figured at \$100 a month, commencing at 65 and reducing to \$60 at age 70. In this case the reduction in the premium will be roughly 25 per cent. In the third category, in the case of a contract providing for an annuity of \$125 a month at age 65 and reducing by \$40 at age 70, the reduction in the premium will be roughly 20 per cent.

Mr. Johnston: What would that annuity cost a year?

Mr. Cote (Verdun-La Salle): Well, in the first category where the monthly annuity is figured at \$75, the cost of the premium at age 20 would be \$6.19 a month. In the case of a \$100 monthly annuity, the cost would be \$9.28 a month; and in the third category, the annuity of \$125, the monthly cost would be \$12.37, and so on. Perhaps my hon. friend would be interested in looking at this table which is a fair illustration of what was meant by the minister when he announced a new type of annuity, the term annuity contract, which would co-ordinate with the old age security plan.

The table follows: