

## EXPLANATORY NOTES.

1. The purpose of this Bill is to authorize Pensions granted under the Militia Pension Act to the widows of officers, and the compassionate allowances to the children of the deceased officer, being paid in equal monthly instalments in arrear instead of yearly in advance at the commencement of each fiscal year as the Act now requires.

Section 32 of the Militia Pension Act proposed to be repealed, reads as follows:—

“**32.** Pensions and compassionate allowances to officers' wives and children shall be paid from the day following that of the officer's death to the end of the current fiscal year; and subsequent payments shall be made yearly in advance from the beginning of the next fiscal year.”

Under this section if an officer's widow dies or remarries during the fiscal year in respect of which payment of Pension has already been made, no recovery can be effected of the portion of the pension covering the period of the fiscal year subsequent to such death or remarriage, and it is considered desirable that provision ought to be made whereby all pensions and compassionate allowances shall be paid in equal monthly instalments, which is in fact the practice with respect to the pensions granted to officers and other ranks, and which would conform to the procedure followed with respect to the payment of superannuation allowance under the Civil Service Superannuation Act.