

to measure up to the assistance minimum standard, which is \$30 monthly for the breadwinner, \$15 for his wife and \$5 for the two children the interest in the Government's investment is greatest for the lowest social class.

3. Sickness Benefits (cash, contributory, Dominion administration, related to unemployment insurance) - slowly assimilated to unemployment benefit scheme (approximately half normal wages).

4. Maternity Benefits (contributory, Dominion administration, related to unemployment insurance) - one week for women in wage earning employment only; rates closely related to unemployment benefit scheme, subject to possibility of minimum rate being established for this class of benefit as a special measure.

5. Industrial Disability, Trade Accidents, Sickness (contributory by employers, provincial administration through work men's compensation board) - exceptionally generous, although extended and more standardized as between provinces.

Financial Contributions Government borrowed amount of \$1,000,000,000 for the first year.

Defective scheme of cost of production social security items (other than employment insurance) about \$100,000,000 a year. Not all of this would be covered by contributions and \$100,000,000 is estimated from various contributions and from employers, and some \$100,000,000 would be required from tax sources. Some part of this would be raised by levying duties on public waterworks, alcohol, and other sources, etc. It is the expectation of the Government with contributory schemes or procedures that the bulk of the cost of the scheme can be covered by social security contributions.

Approximate and average calculations are as follows:

Farmers, rural towns - 75 to 80 cents a week
Employees of various kinds - 75 to 80 cents a week
Employers - average about 50 cents a week per employee

(x) On July 24, 1943, in the House of Commons, Finance Minister Lloyd announced that the Dominion would increase the maximum pension payable under the Old Age Pension Act from \$20 to \$25 a month. The Dominion pays 75% of the pension, and the provinces the other 25%.