

Mr. Kenneth W. Taylor, Deputy Minister of Finance, recalled:

The WITNESS: It is because the majority of females will have no dependents who would qualify for dependent benefits. There would be married women whose children could get benefits, but the husband of a married woman civil servant would not qualify for a pension on her death.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions under "pensionable service"?

By Mr. Cameron:

Q. Will this improve the situation of a man who joined the service but gave his wrong age, was granted a pension and it was taken away from him on the grounds had they known his right age he would not have been pensionable at the time he joined the service?—A. There is no change in that. He will still have to produce a birth certificate some time or other.

Q. Does this Act improve the situation of the members of the Department of Soldiers Civil Re-establishment who feel they have been left out of the other Act?—A. I think the minister covered that on the second reading of the bill.

Q. They are in now?—A. The discussion had been whether they should be on a five-year average or a ten-year average. Had they been civil servants within the meaning of the Act prior to July 1924 they would have gone out on a five-year average rather than a ten-year average.

Q. That has been taken care of?—A. No.

Mr. BALCOM: Is this the place to discuss that point?

The WITNESS: Now or later on. It would really come later on. It is at the bottom of page 7.

The CHAIRMAN: I have several requests from associations wanting to speak on that point. Perhaps it might be well for the committee to reserve questions on that point until the delegations are here and then the one session will do it all.

Mr. McCUSKER: No delegations will be here this evening?

The CHAIRMAN: No.

I thought we would do very well if we finished with the deputy minister this evening.

Are they any further questions on pensionable service?—If not, "government contributions".

Mr. FRASER: On pensionable service, with reference to the simple interest at 4 per cent, in a case where his contribution is for some reason or other returned to him is the interest also returned?

The WITNESS: No. Right through the Act it provides if any contributions are returned they are returned without interest.

Mr. QUELCH: At the top of page 3: "If the contributor does not satisfy any of these pre-war employment requirements then the contributions are 12 per cent". Is that not almost prohibitive?

The CHAIRMAN: I think we should leave that over until we have the delegations here, then we will go into that entire matter at that time.

"Government contributions": Any further questions on government contributions?

"Elections and manner of payment."

The WITNESS: On that point might I say that we have found in going over it very carefully that there is a small error in the drafting. The bill as it is now drawn would deprive a certain part time employees who under the present Act would have the right to elect on the basis of that part time service. The general policy and principle of this new bill is that we are not taking away any