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Mr. CLARK: Certainly, we could supply you with those on Monday.

The Co-CHAIRMANS (*Mr. Richard*): Does that cover the main section which you have picked out of the superannuation act and which is general to all acts?

Mr. BELL (Carleton): There is the death benefit on which we should have a little further explanation.

Mr. KNOWLES: Before you get to that, is the provision in section 12 regarding death within one year after marriage an instance of bringing the Public Service Superannuation Act into line with the Canada Pension Plan?

Mr. CLARK: If you read it closely you will see that we did a little improvement on the Canada Pension Plan, but substantially it is the same.

Mr. KNOWLES: Surely it has to be an improvement.

Dr. DAVIDSON: You don't have to be quite as dead under this plan.

The Co-CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Are there any other questions on this?

Mr. McCLEAVE: You can take it with you if you don't go.

The Co-CHAIRMAN (*Mr. Richard*): Does Mr. Clark want to make any other comments on the application of the Public Service Superannuation bill as it affects the armed forces at this time?

Mr. CLARK: No, not in relation to these parts.

The Co-CHAIRMAN (Mr. Richard): Are there any other questions?

Mr. BELL (*Carleton*): Mr. Chairman, I would like to have a general statement from Mr. Clark or Dr. Davidson as to the changes in death benefits so far as the Public Service Superannuation Act is concerned.

Mr. CLARK: Mr. Bell, really the only change of great substance is the removal of the present ceiling of \$5,000, so that after this act comes into force it will effectively be either the salary of the employee, if the salary is the multiple of \$250, or the multiple of \$250 next above the salary. In other words, if an employee's salary were \$7,100 it would go up to \$7,250, and so on. This, of course, will mean that the contribution which the employee pays at the rate of 40 cents a thousand would go up from \$2 to, in that particular case, \$2.90.

Mr. CHATTERTON: For the first \$5,000?

Dr. DAVIDSON: No, \$7,250.

Mr. KNOWLES: There is no change in the 40 cents?

Mr. CLARK: No, not in so far as the civil servants are concerned. This has led to a number of consequential changes, but the principal changes are related to the dropping of the members of the regular forces from this part of the act and providing a separate provision of their own. Once again, there are one or two little anomalies that are being cleared up in relation to automatic coverage on retirement, but this is a remedial provision.

Mr. TARDIF: This provision applies to one who dies while in the service or somebody who dies while on pension?

Mr. CLARK: The increased protection or the higher level of benefit and contribution does not apply to a person who has already retired. However, I should explain—