

OTTAWA, 21st October, 1882.

(CIRCULAR LETTER TO THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS.)

SIR—I am directed by the Honourable the Treasury Board to inform you that in consequence of the many applications forwarded to the Board for re-consideration of the cases of public servants placed on the retired list, it was deemed advisable to obtain from the Department of Justice an opinion as to whether when a retired allowance was once sanctioned, the case could be reopened. The Deputy Minister of the Department has replied in the negative, as shown in the copy of letter enclosed.

I am now requested to inform you that in consequence of this decision, the Board desire that in future, reports for superannuation be forwarded with full recommendations.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) J. M. COURTNEY,
Secretary.

Allowance for Travelling Expenses.

COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 6th May, 1876.

The Committee have had under consideration a Report of a Sub-Committee of Council to whom were referred the Returns from the several Departments respecting the rates paid to Government employés for travelling expenses and subsistence disbursements, and they respectfully submit their concurrence in the said Report, and accordingly recommend that such sums be allowed to employés of the Inside Civil Service (whose work is strictly Departmental), and when sent on special outside duties, for travelling expenses and disbursements, as shall be shewn and certified to the satisfaction of the Head of the Department to have been actually, necessarily, and *bona fide* paid out for hotel bills and other travelling expenses, the same to be dealt with under the Act respecting contingent charges of the Departments of the Public Service; that no allowance be made to such employés beyond the travelling expenses and disbursements above mentioned, and that the Order of the 8th September 1871, or any other existing Order sanctioning an allowance, except in case of the Major-General in command of Militia, be rescinded.

The Committee further recommend that the Heads of those Departments which employ officers whose duties necessitate frequent travelling, such as Engineers, Inspectors, and Militia Officers, submit to Council for approval a scale of rates for disbursements over actual moving expenses, adapted to the rank of the Officer so employed, and the locality in which his services may be required, the maximum for such disbursements not to exceed \$3.50 per day, and on days of leaving and arriving only one-half day to be allowed.

W. H. HIMSWORTH,
Clerk, Privy Council.