

If anyone in the Parts II and IV groups is re-employed he has the choice on subsequent retirement of one annuity, related to the highest ten-year average salary and the total service, or of two annuities, one on the five year average basis for the old service and one on the highest ten-year average basis for the new service.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Although medical examinations would continue to be required under the Civil Service Act as in the past, no medical examination will now be required before a person starts to contribute to the Superannuation Account for current service. With the exception of immediately prior civil service, a medical examination must be taken before a contributor can elect to contribute for prior service unless he has been a contributor under Part I of the Civil Service Superannuation Act or has had five years of substantially continuous service in the public service on the coming into force of the new Act.

If the election is for service for which the contributor had had no opportunity to elect before, he starts to contribute immediately but if he fails to pass the medical examination he acquires no annuity benefits until he has served five years from the time of the medical examination.

If, on the other hand, the proposed election is for service for which he could have elected before but failed to do so, then he cannot elect or contribute until he has passed a medical examination.

RETIREMENT FUND

The retirement fund will be continued for the benefit of those who are contributing to it when the new Act comes into force and do not immediately become contributors to the Superannuation Account as well as for those prevailing rate and seasonal employees with an annual rate of salary of \$900 or more who are not designated as contributors to the Superannuation Account. The Governor in Council may, however, exempt persons individually or as a class from these contribution requirements. When a person who has been contributing to this fund becomes a contributor to the Superannuation Account the amount to his credit in the fund, that is, the retirement fund, will be automatically transferred to the account.

Contributions to this fund are at the rate of 5% of salary unless the employee concerned is also insured under the Unemployment Insurance Act in which case contributions are 4%. These contributions earn interest at the rate of four per cent per annum on the total amount to the employee's account on December 31 each year. When a person with a credit in the retirement fund ceases to be employed in the public service or is exempted from contributing to this fund and does not become a contributor to the Superannuation Account, any amount to his credit in the fund is payable to him or to his estate if he has died.

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

The new Act will carry on as rights the benefits which were granted under the Civil Service Superannuation Act. Even though the new Act will not come into force immediately on being given Royal Assent the new benefit provisions will apply to contributors under Part I of the Civil Service Superannuation Act where the event which gave rise to the granting of the benefit