The other night the minister said that it would be possible to take out an annuity payable to one person during his lifetime, and then have it transferred to some other person for his lifetime. Is there any restriction upon the class of persons that might be included in such a contract? I had some other questions but they relate more to the interest rates and to what consideration might have been given that matter. In view of the suggestion made by the parliamentary assistant I shall leave these until later.

Mr. Macdonnell (Greenwood): Would the parliamentary assistant repeat what he said about the reduction in the premium which would be occasioned by the old age pension coming into effect at age 70? I understood him to say that it would involve a one-third reduction in the premium.

Mr. Cote (Verdun-La Salle): I placed on *Hansard* a table which showed in concrete form the effect on the premiums of this co-ordination of the old age security scheme, which is to come into effect on January 1, and an annuity contract. It gives the premiums and the proportion of reduction in premiums in three categories of annuities, $75, $100 and $125 per month.

Mr. Johnston: Taken out at what age?

Mr. Cote (Verdun-La Salle): Each is reduced by $40 at age 70. In these categories the premium of course is much lower than if the annuitant took an ordinary life annuity of $75, $100 or $125.

Mr. Johnston: But they all start at the age of 20 years.

Mr. Cote (Verdun-La Salle): Yes, those are the figures I am giving.

Mr. Johnston: They will not come into effect for years.

Mr. Cote (Verdun-La Salle): I have others starting at ages 30 and 40.

Mr. Johnston: They will not become effective for another fifty years. What about those people who are 40 or 45 years old? It will cost them a lot more than you indicated a moment ago.

Mr. Macdonnell (Greenwood): Did the parliamentary assistant say that they were using mortality tables of 1948?

Mr. Cote (Verdun-La Salle): I referred to the mortality tables which were put into effect in April 1948 when the changes in the cost of annuity contracts were made.

Mr. Knowles: With respect to the matter that has just been under discussion, is it clear that these reduced rates, one-third less or one-quarter less, will be level rates for the whole time a person is buying an annuity? In other words, when you take out an annuity under this new plan you stipulate that you want the kind that will be reduced by a certain amount at age 70 and you pay a level premium across the years accordingly.

Mr. Cote (Verdun-La Salle): Yes, it will be so. The stipulation in the contract will provide that the higher amount of the annuity will mature at 65 and will be payable up to 70 from which time the annuity payable will be reduced by $40. I do not know exactly how that will be put in writing in the contract but that will be the meaning of any phraseology that will be adopted.

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in.

Mr. Fournier, Hull (for Mr. Gregg) thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 23, to amend the Government Annuities Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

PUBLIC PRINTING AND STATIONERY ACT

AMENDMENT PROVIDING FOR ADVANCES TO KING'S PRINTER FOR PURCHASE OF MATERIALS, ETC.

The house resumed, from Tuesday, October 30, consideration of the motion of Mr. Bradley that the house go into committee to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to amend the Public Printing and Stationery Act in relation to advances authorized to be made to the king's printer for the purchase of materials to execute orders and requisitions and payment of wages, and to provide that the total amount of such outstanding advances shall at no time exceed the sum of four million dollars.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Dion in the chair.

Mr. Knowles: The other night, when this resolution was under discussion at the stage with Mr. Speaker in the chair, a few remarks were exchanged between the hon. member for Temiscouata and myself. I am sorry he is not present. Perhaps my saying that will result in word getting to him and he will appear. Then we can have some more exchanges and that will make it more interesting. At any rate, since that debate the hon. member for Temiscouata has received a letter signed by the president and the secretary of the Ottawa typographical union. The letter includes a paragraph in which the officers of the union indicated to the hon. member for Temiscouata that they were sending me a copy of the letter. To continue the story of this courtesy, I may say that when the hon. member for Temiscouata