



residents may become entitled to partial Canadian old age security benefits. In addition, disability and survivors' benefits under the Canada Pension Plan will become available to those former Italian residents who qualify for them under the Agreement. Likewise, a number of former Canadian residents now living in Italy will also benefit from the Agreement.

In the future, people moving between the two countries will find their social security position improved as a result of the Agreement since they will be able to combine periods of residence or contribution to meet the minimum requirements stipulated under each country's programmes. At present, when persons in this situation retire, become disabled or die, they or their families sometimes cannot claim benefits because they have not contributed or resided for the minimum period in either country. The amount of the benefit will be based upon their contributions or length of residence in the country paying it. Some people may be eligible for partial benefits from each country.

In addition, the Agreement will affect those people who wish to receive the old age security pension outside Canada but who have not lived here the minimum 20 years. A person's residence in Italy may be added to his length of residence in Canada to meet this requirement.

In order to qualify for any benefit, a person must have contributed to a particular plan or resided in the paying country for a minimum of one year.

The Agreement will also work to prevent duplication of coverage. Under current legislation, some people sent from Canada to work in Italy, or vice versa, find themselves having to contribute to both Canadian and Italian programmes. It will also protect those people, who because of the nature or location of their employment, were ineligible for coverage by either country.

Finally, Canada and Italy have provided for coverage, under the Agreement, of social security programmes administered by provincial governments, such as the Quebec Pension Plan and Workmen's Compensation. Inclusion of such programmes could be effected through the signing of subsidiary administrative agreements.

Several thousand Italian residents living in Canada will now become entitled to receive Italian pensions in Canada based on the partial credits earned through contributions paid to the compulsory Italian programmes while they worked in Italy. Furthermore, an estimated \$200 former Italian