

Canada Pension Plan

and is not dead he goes on until he is 65 and gets his pension.

Mr. Barnett: And if his widow or orphaned children have collected any benefits no attempt would be made to cause them to reimburse the department for what they have received?

Miss LaMarsh: That is right.

Mr. Knowles: Are these years when Mr. A was dead counted against his dropout years?

Clause agreed to.

The Chairman: Clause 91 stands.

Clauses 92 and 93 agreed to.

On clause 94—*Administration of act.*

Mr. Knowles: I have one little question, Mr. Chairman. I am thinking of the public at large who will learn that quite a few departments are involved in the administration of this legislation. In fact, in these two or three clauses we have references to the Department of National Health and Welfare, the Department of National Revenue, the comptroller of the treasury and the unemployment insurance commission. Is it a fact that so far as the public at large is concerned the main department our people will be dealing with will be the Department of National Health and Welfare, and will there be a special division in addition to the present old age and family allowances division, or will the administration of the Canada pension plan be taken over by some division we now have?

Miss LaMarsh: So far as the public are concerned, on the one side it will be the Department of National Revenue in which they will be interested, but on the good fairy side it will be my department. It is not anticipated that there will be a new section. The administration will be handled along with old age security.

Mr. Knowles: Mr. Chairman, may I ask the minister if the division will be renamed? It seems to me that the tasks involved in administering the Canada pension plan will be much more complicated than those involved in administering old age security and family allowances.

Miss LaMarsh: Perhaps when my hon. friend has very little to do during the long vacations between sessions, he will be able to think up a suitable name for the expanded department. If he does, we will be glad to

[Miss LaMarsh.]

consider it as one more of his contributions to the Canada pension plan.

Mr. Knowles: I thank the good fairy for her kind words.

Mr. Monteith: Has any consideration been given to splitting the department into two, health as one and welfare as the other, and having two departments?

Miss LaMarsh: No, sir, not while I am here. If I may borrow a phrase from Mr. Churchill, I did not take this portfolio in order to preside over its dissolution.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 95 and 96 agreed to.

On clause 97—*Record of earnings.*

Mr. Chatterton: This clause requires that the minister shall cause to be established records of earnings, and the information must be such that the amount of benefit must be established at the time of retirement. Do these records have to be kept on the basis of the monthly contributions of the individual?

Mr. Benson: Perhaps I could answer this question. Initially, the record of contributions and earnings will be established by the Department of National Revenue. At the end of the year, we will turn them over to health and welfare.

Now, something else that happens is that the Department of National Revenue ordinarily does not keep monthly records of these contributions. If we follow the same sort of scheme as we follow for the submission of an employee's tax deductions under the T-4 system, an employer pays the lump sum monthly but at the end of the year the T-4 supplemental breaks this information down. There should be two new sections on the T-4, one to indicate for each employee his contributory earnings and the other the pension plan contributions. Then, this will be picked out at the end of the year and the information turned over to the Department of National Health and Welfare.

Mr. Chatterton: There is a provision whereby a person has up to four years in which to question his contributions. If more than four years have elapsed he would not have the right to question his contributions. Would you not be required, in any event, in order to meet that provision of a four year lapse to keep the records by the month?