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allowance of thirty-five fiftieths may be granted, but no addition shall be made for any service beyond thirty-five years; If the service has not been continuous, the period or periods during which such service has been interrupted shall not be counted, and the Order in Council made in such case shall be laid before Parliament at its then or then next Session.

Persons entering the service after the usual time as having peculiar or professional qualifications.

2. The Governor in Council may, in the case of any person who entered the Civil Service after the age of forty years, as being possessed of some peculiar professional or other qualifications or attainments required for the office to which he was appointed, and not ordinarily to be acquired in the public service, add to the actual number of years service of such person, such further number not exceeding ten, as may be considered equitable, for reasons stated in the Order in Council made in the case; and such additional number of years shall be taken as part of the term of service on which the superannuation allowance of such person shall be computed, the Order in Council in any such case being laid before Parliament, at its then or then next Session.

Abatement on salaries towards making good such allowances.

3. Towards making good the superannuation allowances hereinbefore mentioned, an abatement shall be made from the salary of each person in the Civil Service to whom this Act will apply, at the rate of four per cent. per annum on such salary, if it be six hundred dollars or upwards, and of two-and-a-half per cent. per annum thereon, if it be less than Six hundred dollars, and the sum so deducted shall form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund; but such abatement shall be made only during the first thirty-five years of service.

Diminution of allowance to persons who have not paid the abatement during less than ten years.
Exception.

4. The full superannuation allowance aforesaid shall only be granted to persons who have been subject to the said abatement during ten years or upwards; the superannuation allowance of any person who has not paid it, or has paid it for a less period, being subject to a diminution of one twentieth for every year less than ten during which he has not paid it, except that, in the case of any person retiring within three years after the passing of this Act, such diminution shall not exceed twenty per cent. of the allowance which might otherwise be granted to him, with power to the Governor in Council to reduce it to any amount not less than ten per cent.

Effect of offer of allowance. Conditions on which granted, &c. Right of removal reserved.

5. Retirement shall be compulsory on any person to whom the superannuation allowance hereinbefore mentioned shall be offered, and such offer shall not be considered as implying any censure upon the person to whom it is made; nor shall any person be considered as having any absolute right to such allowance, but it shall be granted only in consideration of good and faithful service during the time upon which it is calculated, and nothing herein contained shall be understood as impairing or affecting the right of the Governor to dismiss or remove any person from the Civil Service.