

Of female contributor.

**23.** If any female contributor voluntarily retires from the Civil Service, or dies, before becoming entitled to a retiring allowance under this Act, she or her legal representatives, as the case may be, shall be entitled to a refund of the whole amount actually contributed by her under this Act, with interest thereon at the rate of four per centum per annum, compounded yearly.

May ask refund.

2. On the retirement of any female contributor she shall, at her election, be entitled, in lieu of a retiring allowance, to a refund of the whole amount actually contributed by her under this Act with interest thereon at the rate of four per centum per annum, compounded yearly.

Election final.

3. Any such election by a female contributor shall be final, and shall be deemed to be made when the first payment in that behalf is received and accepted by her.

#### ENQUIRY.

Enquiry by Treasury Board.

**24.** Before granting a retiring allowance or other benefit allowance to any person under the provisions of this Act the Treasury Board shall ascertain, whether the retirement is due to reaching the age or service limit, incapacity or abolition of office or to promote efficiency and economy in the public service; and also whether the retirement is voluntary, and, when the person to be retired has not reached the age limit, whether the retirement will result in an improvement in the service, and is, therefore, in the public interest.

#### GENERAL.

Non-transferable and non-seizable.

**25.** In no case shall any retiring allowance or other benefit that may be payable under this Act be in any way assigned or charged or pass to any other person by operation of law; nor shall any moneys paid under this Act before or after the death of a contributor be seizable or liable for the payment of his debts or liabilities.

Rights of dismissal unimpaired.

**26.** Nothing herein contained shall be understood as impairing or affecting the right of the Governor in Council to dismiss or remove any person from the Civil Service, or as impairing or affecting the rights and privileges of either House of Parliament in respect to the appointment or removal of its officers and servants.

C. S. Superannuation Account.

**27.** An account, to be called the Civil Service Superannuation Account Number Three, shall be kept of all moneys received or paid out under the provisions of this Act and of the assets and liabilities appertaining to or resulting from the