

Mr. FULFORD: She would get alimony from her husband.

The CHAIRMAN: At the foot of page 5 you refer to an actuarial reduction which is made with respect to a widow who is 20 years or more younger than her husband. What is that actuarial reduction?

Mr. CLARK: Mr. Humphrys, the actuary, is the one who carries out those calculations.

The CHAIRMAN: Does it bring her pension down to 20 years, or does it reduce it below 20 years?

Mr. CLARK: The reduction commencing when the difference is more than 20 years.

The CHAIRMAN: To what period is it reduced?

Mr. CLARK: It would depend on how much more than 20 years she was the younger. If she was just 21 years younger, it would be a very small amount.

The CHAIRMAN: It would be a one year reduction?

Mr. CLARK: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions on "Re-employed persons"?

The WITNESS: Before we leave widows and children, I am told there is some ambiguity in the present draft which we would like to clear up. We would like to make it clear that the widower of a married woman employee is not entitled to a pension on her death.

The CHAIRMAN: You answered that.

The WITNESS: But our lawyer tells me there is some ambiguity there and we will be bringing forward an amendment to cover that point.

The CHAIRMAN: Right. Are there any further questions on "Re-employed persons"? If not, then are there any questions on "Special cases"?

*By Mr. Ashbourne:*

Q. I presume this covers section 21, and the transfer of pensionable Newfoundland employees. I want to know if Mr. Taylor would care to comment on the position of Newfoundland civil servants under the new Act as at present, or whether he would perhaps like to have it stand until later?—A. It is my understanding that the Act was extended to take in the Newfoundland civil servants who were performing functions which were taken over by the federal government. I am not aware of any significant complaints from civil servants in Newfoundland. I have, in another capacity, heard certain comments in relation to railway pensions, but that had nothing to do with this Act, of course. So far as our pension is concerned, I am not aware of any representations of substance. There have been inquiries for information, but no representations of substance with regard to the treatment of civil servants of the former government of Newfoundland who were taken over by the federal government, when the federal government took over their functions.

Q. I have received none myself, but at the present time have received quite a bit of correspondence from trade unions such as the Commercial Telegraphers Union and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and local unions in regard to the situation which you intimated. Reference was made to the railway and also to the postal telegraph employees and I was wondering whether or not on account of the present mail service between St. John's and Ottawa, and also on account of the present fog down there this matter might stand, just in case there were any representations to be made to the committee.

The CHAIRMAN: We are working on a very tight timetable, Mr. Ashbourne. Our next very important assignment is the co-operative bill and I understand that there is an application for incorporation under that bill after we pass it. So you can understand that if it is humanly possible we must clear this bill up by Thursday night.