This Public Bill originated in the Legislative Assembly, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 1 October, 1913.

# New South Wales.



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# Act No. , 1913.

An Act to provide a State provident fund for persons employed by the State or by certain public bodies, and for the families of such persons; to provide a system of voluntary saving by such persons; to amend and repeal various Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

#### PART I.

#### PRELIMINARY.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Superannuation Short title Act, 1913," and shall commence and come into opera-and commence tion on the first day of January, one thousand nine 10 hundred and fourteen.

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2. This Act is divided into Parts, as follows:—
PART I.—Preliminary—ss. 1-3
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PART VI.—THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT—88. 63-77.

PART VII.—GENERAL PROVISIONS—88. 78-86.

3. In this Act, unless inconsistent with the context Interpretation.

"Board" means the State Provident Fund Management Board constituted by this Act.

"Contributor" means employee who is contributing under this Act.

25 "Department" or "Department of the State" means any Department under the administration of a Minister of the Crown.

"Employee" means person employed by an "employer," and who is by the terms of his employment required to give his whole time to the duties of his employment, but does not include a judge of the Supreme Court or of the Industrial Court, or a District Court judge, or persons in the employ of the University of Sydney at the commencement of this Act, or a professor of such University whether employed at or after such commencement.

"Employer"

"Employer" means the Crown acting in the Government of New South Wales, the Commissioners of the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales, Pastures Protection Board, the Municipal Council of Sydney, the Board of Fire Commissioners of New South Wales, the University of Sydney, and the trustees of the Sydney Grammar School.

"Salary" means salary or wages and includes value 10 of allowances such as rent, house allowed rent free, light, fuel, rations, and fees allowed regularly as emoluments of office, but does not include bonuses, overtime payments and allowances for forage, equipment, climatic disadvan-15 tages, or travelling expenses.

"Service" means service under or employment by one or more employers.

"The Fund" means the State Provident Fund established under this Act.

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#### PART II.

#### THE STATE PROVIDENT FUND.

4. (1) There shall be a "State Provident Fund" Income and into which shall be paid the contributions of employers expenditure of Fund. and of their employees under this Act; and from which 25 shall be paid the benefits provided for in this Act.

(2) Interest derived from the investment of the Interest-Fund shall form part thereof.

(3) The income of the fund shall not be subject to Income not taxation.

5. The Fund shall as far as practicable be invested Investment of Fund. by the Board-

(a) in securities of the Government of New South

(b) in loans to the councils of shires or municipalities, or the municipal council of Sydney;

(c) upon mortgage of land in the State of an estate of inheritance in fee simple or on mortgage of leasehold interests in such land; or

- (d) in any other manner for the time being allowed by Act of Parliament or by the rules of court for the investment of Trust Funds.
- 6. Moneys held uninvested by the Board may be Moneys be lodged either at call or on fixed deposit, or partly at call uninvested to and partly on fixed deposit with the Colonial Treasurer bank. or with any bank, and while in such bank shall be held to be moneys of the Crown.

7. Cheques drawn on any account in any bank shall How cheques 10 be signed as prescribed by the regulations.

8. The accounts relating to the Fund shall be Audit.

audited by the Auditor-General.

9. The Board may borrow for, and the Colonial Borrowing. Treasurer may lend to, the Fund moneys not exceeding 15 two-thirds of the amount, and on the security, of moneys of the Fund invested in Government securities.

# Quinquennial valuation and revision of tables of contributions.

10. (1) An investigation as to the state and Quinquennial 20 sufficiency of the Fund shall be made at the expiration investigation of each period of five years commencing on the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

(2) Such investigation shall be made by not less by two or

than two actuaries appointed by the Board.

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25 (3) Such actuaries shall report to the Board the Actuaries result of their investigation and shall state whether any to report reduction or increase is necessary in the rates of contributions payable to the Fund.

#### PART III.

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#### CONTRIBUTIONS.

#### Contributions by employees.

11. (1) Every employee shall (except as elsewhere when to in this Act provided) contribute to the Fund from the commence. first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and 35 fourteen, or from the date of the commencement of his employment, where such employment commences after

after the said first day of January: Provided that the Governor may by proclamation in the Gazette exclude any class of persons casually employed for less than six months from the operation of the above provisions.

5 (2) Such contributions shall cease to be paid when the contributor ceases to be employed by the employer, or reaches the age of sixty years, whichever first happens:

#### Provided that-

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- (a) where a woman contributor elects to contribute at the rate prescribed for retirement at age fifty-five, she shall cease to contribute when she reaches that age, or retires, whichever first happens;
- (b) where a woman contributor does not elect to contribute at the rate prescribed for retirement at age fifty-five, the contributions payable by her shall be continued until she retires or reaches the age of sixty years, whichever first happens;
  - (c) where a contributor ceases to be employed by one employer and subsequently enters the employment of any other employer, he may resume the payment of his contributions as if there were no break in his employment on paying into the fund—
    - (a) all moneys received by him from the fund;
  - (b) the contributions which would have been payable by him and by his employer into the fund if he had continued in his employment; and
    - (c) interest on such moneys or on the amount of such contributions at the rate of three and a half per centum per annum, compounded annually.

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If he does not forthwith make such payments and resume such contributions as aforesaid he shall contribute according to his age at the time of the commencement of his employment by such other employer.

### Scale of units.

12. Such contributions shall be in respect of units Scale of units of pension; and the number of such units shall vary in relation to salary in accordance with the following 10 scale:—

	Where the salary of the employee is equiva- lent to the annual rate of—	The employee shall contribute the amount necessary to provide units of pension as under.		
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15]	From 1 to 130 inclusive	. Two units, or 52		
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	,, 157 to 208 ,,	. Three units, or 78		
	,, 209 to 260 ,,	Four units, or 104		
	,, 261 to 312 ,,	Five units, or 130		
20	,, 313 to 364 ,,	Six units, or 156		
	,, 365 to 416 ,,	0		
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25	,, 573 to 624 ,,	TIL 11 000		
	,, 625 and over	Twelve units, or 312		

#### Provided that-

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(a) if an employee's salary be increased after he No compulhas reached the age of forty years, it shall not sory additional unit be compulsory for him, but he may elect to after age 40. contribute for additional units in respect of such increase.

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(b) any employee who, when commencing to con-Option for tribute, is of or over the age of thirty years may, employees over thirty within twelve months after so commencing, years of age elect to take the benefit of this proviso, and when comthereupon the following provisions shall apply contribute.

(i) He shall not in any case be compelled to contribute for more than two units.

(ii) He may contribute for two and a half or three or four units (according to his salary as set out in this section) at the rates prescribed for the age of thirty.

(iii) He may, if under the age of fifty-five years, elect to contribute for additional units in accordance with the prescribed table according to salary at rate for age, but not in any case exceeding a total of six units.

(c) Any employee who can satisfy the Board Exemption from that adequate provision has been made for him-more than 252 self and family may be exempted from contributing for more than two units of pension buting for more than two units of pension.

(d) Any employee may elect to contribute for Employee such number of units of pension as is prescribed may elect to for the salary-group next higher than that to for pension of which, according to the table prescribed in next higher salary-group. this section, he belongs; and in such case the employer shall contribute in respect of the like number of units.

13. Where the salary of a contributor is reduced, Employee 30 the number of units for which he is compelled to con-reduced in salary. tribute shall be reduced accordingly; and any contributions in respect of units in excess of such reduced number previously paid by and in respect of such contributor shall be credited as a single payment for 35 an additional pension to be actuarially calculated.

#### Scale of contributions.

14. The amount of contribution to be paid by each Contributions employee shall, except where otherwise in this Act according to provided, be based upon the number of units of ated by age at commencepension ment.

pension for which such contributor contributes, upon sex, upon the age at which such contributor commences to contribute for each unit, and, in the case of a woman contributor, upon whether she contributes for a pension 5 payable at age fifty-five or age sixty, and shall be in accordance with the tables of contributions hereinafter prescribed.

15. (1) During the five years commencing on the first Tables of day of January, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, contributions in Schedule I. 10 and until other tables of contributions are prescribed as hereinafter provided, the tables of contributions for men and women according to ages set out in Schedule I shall be in force, and shall apply to both employers and employees.

15 (2) As soon as practicable after the end of each Quinquennial quinquennial period, dating from the first day of January, adjustment of rates. one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, the Governor may, if the Board so recommend, prescribe tables of contributions, which shall take effect from a date to be 20 proclaimed, and shall be in force until other tables are prescribed.

Contributions by employers.

16. (1) Each employer shall contribute to the Fund Particulars regular payments at prescribed periods in respect of and table of contributions 25 each contributor employed by him, based (except where of employers. otherwise in this Act provided) upon the number of units of pension for which such contributor contributes, upon sex, upon the age at which such contributor commences to contribute for each unit, and, in the case of a woman 30 contributor, upon whether she contributes for a pension payable at age fifty-five or age sixty; and such payments shall be in accordance with the tables of contributions prescribed.

(2) Such contributions shall be paid as from the When to 35 first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and commence. fourteen, or from the date of commencement of an employee's service, where service commences after the said day, and shall cease when the contributor ceases to contribute to the fund.

40 (3) In the case of an employee over fifty-nine years of age at the commencement of this Act, twentyfour

four contributions in accordance with this Act shall be paid by the employer and the employee prior to the

employee's attaining the age of sixty years.

17. (1) Where a pension calculated in accordance Cost of 5 with this Act is less than the minimum prescribed, and increasing where this Act provides that such prescribed minimum the minimum. is to be paid, the cost of increasing such pension to the minimum shall be paid to the Fund by the employer by payments at prescribed periods on the requisition of 10 the Board.

(2) Where any employee is allowed to contribute Cost of as though he were younger than his real age, the differ-reducing contribution ence between the employee's contribution and the rate of employee for his real age according to the prescribed table shall be for age. 15 paid by his employer in addition to the contribution prescribed by the last preceding section, by payments at prescribed periods on the requisition of the Board.

18. (1) Where the employer is the Crown or a From what Fund employer Shall pay contribution shall pay contributions.

20 be paid from Consolidated Revenue.

(2) In the case of any other employer his contribution shall be paid from such fund of such employer as the Governor may from time to time by regulation prescribe, or, if no such regulation is made, from such 25 fund as the employer thinks fit.

# General provisions as to contributions.

19. In respect of any contributor who is on leave of Employees on absence, whether on pay or not, his contributions shall be leave of absence. paid during or in respect of such period of leave as for a 30 period of service, without reduction, and the Board may recover the amount of any such contributions in any court of competent jurisdiction.

20. The contributions of contributors shall be de-Manner of ducted by employers from the salaries of such con-payment-35 tributors at each payment of such salaries, and shall, from wages or together with the employers' contributions, be paid salaries. without deduction for postage, forwarding, or exchange, to the Board.

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#### PART IV.

#### PENSIONS AND BENEFITS.

#### DIVISION 1.—Retirement on pension.

#### Age retirement.

- 5 21. (1) Every man contributor who has served for Age of at least ten years with any one or more employers shall optional be entitled to elect to retire on pension from the service of his employer upon or after reaching the age of sixty years; and every woman contributor who has 10 so served shall be entitled to so retire upon or after reaching the age of fifty-five years.
- (2) Every contributor who has served for Age of at least ten years with any one or more employers compulsory may be compulsorily retired on pension by his employer 15 upon or after reaching the age of sixty years.
  - (3) Every contributor shall be entitled to elect Retirement to retire on pension on the completion of thirty-five years' after 35 years aggregate service.

#### Breakdown retirement.

- 20 22. (1) Any contributor who has served for at least Breakdown ten years with any one or more employers may be retired retirement. on pension from the service of his employer on the ground of invalidity or physical or mental incapacity to perform his duties.
- (2) The question whether such employee is an How invalid, or is physically or mentally incapable of perform-determined. ing his duties, and whether such invalidity or incapacity is or is not due to the fault of such contributor, shall be referred to the Chief Medical Officer of the Government, 30 and shall be determined by the Board in accordance with that officer's report.

Retrenchment

#### Retrenchment and discharge.

- 23. Compulsory termination by an employer of the Retrenchservice of a contributor expressed to be on the ground ment and
  that the employment of such contributor is not necessary

  5 or that his position is not to be refilled, or on the ground
  that the work for which such contributor was engaged
  is finished, or on the ground that the quantity of work
  has diminished and has rendered necessary a reduction
  in the number of employees—
- 10 (a) shall be deemed to be "retrenchment" if the contributor has served such employer for at least ten years, and if the Board be satisfied as to the bona-fides of such ground of termination of service; and
- 15 (b) shall be deemed to be "discharge" if the contributor has not so served, or if the Board be not so satisfied.

#### Dismissal.

24. Compulsory termination by an employer of the Dismissal. 20 service of a contributor, however expressed, other than a compulsory retirement on pension as in this Act provided, or retrenchment, or discharge, shall be deemed to be dismissal.

#### Resignation.

25 **25.** Voluntary termination of service (however Resignation. expressed) by a contributor who is not entitled to retire on pension shall be deemed to be resignation.

# DIVISION 2.—Grant of pensions and benefits.

#### Pension unit and minimum.

30 26. (1) The sum of twenty-six pounds per annum Pension unit. shall be the unit of pension.

(2) The minimum amount of any pension to a Minimum contributor (except where this Act provides that pension. pensions shall be actuarially determined) shall be two units, and to the widow of a contributor or pensioner 5 one unit.

#### Normal pension of contributor.

27. On the retirement of a contributor he shall Amount of (except where otherwise specially provided) be entitled pension on retirement. to receive a pension according to the number of units for 10 which he contributed at the time of his retirement; that is to say, the pension shall be in accordance with the following scale:

15	Where the contributor at retirement was contributing for—	His pension shall be at the annual rate of—		
	Two units	$\stackrel{\pounds}{52}$		
	Two and a half units	65		
	Three units	78		
	Four units	104		
20	Five units	130		
	Six units	156		
	Seven units	182		
	Eight units	208		
	Nine units	234		
25	Ten units	260		
	Eleven units	286		
	Twelve units	312		

28. (1) If a contributor elects to retire as in subsec- Pension on tion three of section twenty-one of this Act provided after retirement before age 60 30 thirty-five years' service, and before reaching the age of -man or sixty years, he shall be entitled to a pension which shall after 35 years' be the actuarial equivalent of the contributions paid by service. and in respect of him up to the time of his retirement.

(2) On the retirement at the age of fifty-five Pension of years of a woman who has contributed for a pension woman retiring at age 55. payable on reaching the said age, the full pension for which she has so contributed shall be payable.

(3) On the retirement at the age of fifty-five Pension of years of a woman who has contributed for a pension woman retiring at age 55. payable on reaching the age of sixty years, she shall be entitled to a pension which shall be the actuarial equivalent of the contributions paid by and in respect 10 of her up to the time of her retirement.

#### Breakdown pensions.

29. (1) If a contributor who has served for at least Retirement ten years with any one or more employers be retired on through invalidity not the ground of invalidity or physical or mental incapacity his own 15 to perform his duties, then-

- (a) If such invalidity or incapacity is not due to his own fault he shall be entitled to the full pension for which he has been contributing at the time of such retirement; but
- (b) If such invalidity or incapacity is due to his through invalidity, his 20 own fault he shall be entitled to a pension own fault-actuarially which shall be the actuarial equivalent of the reduced pension see clause 55 et contributions made by and in respect of him see outh australian Act,

  Australian Act, up to the time of his retirement.

Retirement

(2) A contributor retired as aforesaid shall be Pension for 25 granted payment of pension for one year only at a one year only time, and a fresh application shall be recognized at a time. time, and a fresh application shall be necessary before any further payment is made.

# Widows' and children's pensions.

30. On the death of a contributor before retirement, Pension to pension shall be paid to his widow as follows:—

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(a) During her own life, one half of the pension death of for which her husband was contributing at Service. the time of his death; provided that if she remarry her rights under this paragraph shall thereupon cease and determine; and,

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#### Superannuation.

(b) In respect of each of her or such contributor's children (except children of such remarriage) who are under sixteen years of age, a pension at the rate of thirteen pounds per annum.

31. On the death of a pensioner pension shall be Pension to paid to his widow as follows:-

(a) During her own life, one-half of the pension death of payable to her husband at the time of his after death, or at the rate of twenty-six pounds retirement. per annum whichever is the greater: Provided that if she remarry, her rights under this paragraph shall thereupon cease and determine; and

(b) In respect of each of her or such pensioner's 15 children (except children of such remarriage) who are under sixteen years of age, a pension at the rate of thirteen pounds per annum.

#### Women contributors' death benefits,

32. On the death of a woman contributor before her on death retirement there shall be paid to her personal representations on failing them to analyze the property of the personal representations of the personal representation of the personal repr tatives, or, failing them, to such persons as the Board refund of may determine, a sum equal to the total of the contri-contributions. butions paid by her to the fund.

### Orphans' pensions.

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33. (1) On the death of a man contributor or of a Pension to man pensioner, if his wife be dead or divorced, and if he orphans on death of leave children of himself or of his wife under the age of employee or sixteen years who were dependent upon him at the time pensioner.

30 of his death, there shall be paid to the guardian of such children, to be used for their support and education, a pension at the rate of thirteen pounds per annum in respect of each child.

(2) Where pensions in respect of children are 35 payable under this Act to a widow and such widow dies, such pensions shall be payable to the guardians of such children.

Retrenchment

#### Retrenchment benefits.

- 34. (1) In case of the retrenchment of any con-Contributor tributor, such contributor shall be entitled within one retrenched has choice of month after such retrenchment to choose either—
- 5 (a) a lump sum payment equal to twice the amount of the contributions paid by him under this Act, but without interest, in determination of all rights given by this Act to himself and his family; or
- (b) a pension which shall be the actuarial equivalent of the contributions paid by and in respect of him.
  - (2) In default of such choice the Board shall determine the matter.
- 15 (3) Where any employee who has been re-Retrenched trenched and is in receipt of a pension thereafter enters employee the service of an employer the following provisions service. shall apply:—
  - (a) The pension shall not cease to be payable.
- 20 (b) He shall contribute as provided in Part III of this Act.
- (4) Where any employee who has been retrenched and has received a lump sum payment as aforesaid, thereafter enters the service of an employer,25 he shall not be entitled to claim any further benefit in respect of his previous service.

# Resignation, dismissal, or discharge.

35. (1) Where a contributor resigns or is dismissed Refund of or discharged from the service of an employer, there contributed shall be paid to such contributor a lump sum equal to the contributions paid by him under this Act (but without interest), irrespective of the cause of such resignation, dismissal, or discharge.

(2) Where any employee who has been dis-Ex-employee charged or dismissed, or who has resigned, and has reduced, disreceived a refund of the amount of his contributions, charged or thereafter enters the service of an employer, he shall retenched) re-entering 5 not be entitled to claim any further benefit in respect service. of his previous service.

#### Desertion or imprisonment.

**36.** (1) Where any pensioner deserts his wife, such Desertion of wife may apply to any police or stipendiary magistrate, wife or child. 10 and on proof of such desertion such magistrate may order the payment of pension under section thirty-one of this Act as if the said pensioner were dead. The Board shall comply with any such order; and may thereupon suspend payment of pension to the pensioner.

(2) Where any pensioner deserts any of his children who are dependent on him, if the pensioner's wife be dead or divorced, the guardian of such children. or the Board, may apply to any police or stipendiary magistrate, and on proof of such desertion such

20 magistrate may order the payment of pension under section thirty-three of this Act as if the said pensioner were dead The Board shall comply with any such order; and may thereupon suspend payment of pension to the pensioner.

37. Where any pensioner is sentenced to imprison-Pensioner ment for any period in excess of one month, his pension sent to imprisonment. rights under this Act shall not operate during the period of such imprisonment; and

- (a) if his wife be alive, she shall during such 30 period be entitled under section thirty-one of this Act to pension for herself and for children who were dependent upon the pensioner as if the pensioner were dead;
- (b) if his wife be dead or divorced, pensions for children dependent upon the pensioner shall, 40 during such period, be payable under section thirty-three of this Act as if the pensioner were dead. THUR PAY

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38. Where any woman pensioner is sentenced to Woman imprisonment for any period in excess of one month, pensioner to her pension rights under this Act shall not operate imprisonment during the period of such imprisonment. But any 5 pension payable to her in respect of children shall be payable under section thirty-three as if she were dead.

#### General provisions as to pensions.

- 39. Notwithstanding anything elsewhere contained Payments in this Act, any money payable out of the Fund under to children. 10 this Act in respect of a child under the age of sixteen years may, at the discretion of the Board, be paid to the child's guardian or expended by the Board for the benefit of the child.
- **40.** (1) Except where otherwise specifically provided, Pensions 15 a pension shall be payable during the life of the person payable for entitled thereto.
  - (2) Pensions in respect of children shall be payable until they reach the age of sixteen years or die under that age.

**41.** Pensions shall be payable monthly.

Pensions payable

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42. Except where otherwise specifically provided, Actuarial in any case where in this Act provision is made for the reduction of pension of any person to be actuarially determined, widow. any pension under this Act to his widow in respect of

25 her own life shall be one half of the amount so actuarially determined, but not less than one unit.

**43.** Where a pensioner marries after retirement from No pension service, his widow shall not be entitled to pension for for widow if herself.

#### 30 Division 3.—Breakdown pensioners—Special provisions re.

44. Any pensioner who is in receipt of a "break-Breakdown down" pension, shall be held to be on leave of absence pensioner held to be on without pay, but shall not be required to contribute leave. 35 in respect of the period of such leave. Notwithstanding

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the fact that he is held to be on leave of absence, his office or position shall be held to be vacant, and may be filled by the appointment thereto of some other person.

- 5 **45.** The period of such leave without pay in the continuity of case of a "breakdown" pensioner shall not count as service; service; but neither shall it, in the event of his re-employment under any employer, be held to constitute a break in the continuity of his service.
- 10 **46.** Any such pensioner shall submit himself for Employee medical examination as and when required by the retired through Board, and if he make default in complying with such infirmity may requirement, pension shall cease to be payable to him during such default.

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47. (1) If, in the opinion of the Board, the health Employee of any pensioner retired as aforesaid has become so restored to health may restored as to enable him to perform his duties, the be recalled to Board may communicate with the employer from whose service he was retired, or any other employer under this

- 2) Act, and, if suitable employment be found for such pensioner, at a salary not less than two-thirds of his salary at the time of his retirement, or at such salary as may be agreed upon between him and his employer, may cancel the pension; thereupon the pension shall cease to 25 be payable.
- (2) In the event of the recurrence of his infirmity, any contributor who has thus been recalled to the Service shall be entitled to pension as provided in this Act, but not less than the amount of the pension 30 at which he was first retired.
- 48. The Governor may, on the recommendation of Governormay the Board, at any time, by regulation, prescribe, in prescribe different respect of contributors suffering from invalidity or provisions. physical or mental incapacity to perform their duties, 35 any or all of the following:—
  - (a) Conditions of retirement.
    - (b) Pensions or other benefits.
    - (c) Provisions for cancellation of pensions or other benefits.
- 40 (d) Conditions of compulsory re-employment.

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#### Division 4.—Rights under various Acts.

#### Civil Service Act 1884.

49. This Act shall not (except as herein specifically Rights under provided) apply to employees who have the right vested Super-5 or contingent to either a pension, a refund of contribu-annuation tions with or without interest, or a gratuity, or both prejudiced. refund and gratuity, under the Civil Service Act, 1884, and any Acts amending that Act.

50. Any such employee (not withstanding his rights Benefits for 10 under the said Acts) may if he has such right to a pen- window at children. sion be permitted by the Board, and, if he has not such right to a pension, shall be entitled—

(a) to contribute to the Fund under Part III of this Act, in which case he shall be a contributor 15 and shall have the rights of a contributor under this Act and the provisions of this Act shall apply to his employer: Provided that this paragraph shall not apply to an employee who at the commencement of this Act is of or over 20 the age of sixty years, and who has a right, vested or contingent, to a pension under the said Acts of or exceeding fifty-two pounds per annum;

(b) and shall be entitled to contribute to the Fund 25 according to tables of contributions to be prescribed by regulations and acquire either or both of the following benefits, namely:

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(i) Pension to widow as in this Act provided for a specified sum not exceeding fifty-two pounds per annum.

(ii) Pension to children as in this Act provided.

In each such case the employer shall pay an equal amount to the Fund.

**51.** Any employee who has a right vested or con-Old-style contingent to a pension under the said Acts may, at any tributor may exchange his time within twelve months after the commencement of rights for any this Act, make application to the Board to transfer to equivalent the Board such right, and to receive in return therefor Act.

a grant by the Board of such new rights of pension for any or all of himself, his widow, and children, as may be agreed upon between himself and the Board, subject to the Board's actuary certifying that 5 such new rights are the actuarial equivalent of his said right under the said Acts. Where any such agreement is made, the employee shall continue to contribute as provided in the said Acts. When any benefit becomes payable under-any such agreement it shall be paid by 10 the Board from the Fund; and the Fund shall be recouped as prescribed from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for all such payments.

**52.** Any employee who under the aforesaid Acts "Ex-contrihas a right vested or contingent to a refund of contri- "non-contri-15 butions with or without interest, or a gratuity, or both butor" may refund and gratuity, may at any time within twelve exchange his rights under months after the commencement of this Act make 1884 Act for application to the Board to transfer to the Board such any equivaright, and to receive in return therefor a grant by the this Act. 20 Board of such new rights of pension for any or all

of himself, his widow, and children, as may be agreed upon between himself and the Board, subject to the Board's actuary certifying that such new rights are the actuarial equivalent of his said right under the said 25 Acts.

# Division 5.—Existing insurance policies.

**53.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Insurance any Act, it shall not be necessary for any contributor continued or under this Act to insure his life, or to continue in force discontinued at 30 any policy of insurance on his life already taken out at contributor. the commencement of this Act.

**54.** Any employee whose life is insured may sur-Surrender of render his policy of insurance, and may pay the policies. surrender value to the Board under the provisions of 35 Part V of this Act relating to voluntary saving.

#### PART V.

#### VOLUNTARY SAVING.

- 55. (1) Any employee may authorise his employer Additional to deduct from his salary and pay to the Fund any sum payments to Fund by 5 in excess of the compulsory contribution elsewhere in deduction this Act provided, and may at any time cancel such from salary. authorisation.
  - (2) Any employee may pay directly to the Fund By direct any sum of money.
- 10 **56.** Any moneys paid to the Fund by, or by Moneys part authorisation of, any employee under this Part shall of Fund. form part of the Fund.
- 57. Such moneys shall be credited to such Rate of employee, and shall accumulate at such rate of interest allowed.

  15 interest, compounded annually, as may from time to time be determined by the Governor on the recommendation of the Board as the result of the quinquennial investigation; and, until such determination has been made, at the rate of three and one-half per centum 20 interest, compounded annually.
- 58. Any employee may, at any time after the Money with-expiration, of three months' notice, withdraw from the drawable at Fund the whole amount lying at his credit therein under this Part (both principal and interest) or any portion 25 thereof.
  - **59.** Any employee may at any time apply any Purchase of monevs lying at his credit under this Part in purchasing additional pensions, or of irom the Board an annuity on his life, or on the life of annuities. his wife, son, or daughter.
- 30 **60.** Any annuity sold by the Board under this Part Scale of payshall be in accordance with the table of contributions ments for annuities prescribed in Schedule II of this Act, or with such table as the Governor may from time to time, on the recommendation of the Board, prescribe in lieu thereof.

61. Any employee who has lodged moneys in the Retired Fund under this Part may, on his retirement, allow employeemay continue in such moneys to remain in the Fund and may add Fund. thereto as though he had not retired; or may exercise 5 the rights conferred by the three next preceding sections.

62. Any employee may, if the Board approve, Purchase of borrow from the Fund for the purpose of acquiring homes. a residence for himself and family, or for any purpose 10 approved by the Board. The Board may charge such rate of interest and arrange the loan on such terms as they may determine.

# PART VI. BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

63. The Governor shall from time to time appoint Constitution a State Provident Fund Management Board, which of Board. shall consist of a president and two members, one of whom shall be an actuary.

64. Such Board shall be appointed for a term of Term of office. 20 seven years, and any member shall be eligible for

reappointment.

65. Where an appointment is made to fill an extra- Extraordinary ordinary vacancy, such appointment shall be for the appointments remainder of the term of the vacant office.

66. In the case of the illness, suspension, or absence Temporary of the president or any member of the Board, the appointments. Governor may appoint a deputy to act for such president or member during his illness, suspension, or absence, and every such deputy shall during the time he acts 30 as deputy have all the powers and authority of such

president or member as the case may be. 67. (1) A member of the Board may be suspended Removal of from his office by the Governor for misbehaviour or members of Board.

incompetence, but shall not be removed from office 35 except as hereinafter provided. The Minister shall cause

to be laid before Parliament a full statement of the grounds of suspension within seven days after such suspension, if Parliament be in session and actually sitting, and when Parliament is not in session or not 5 actually sitting, within seven days after the commencement of the next session or sitting.

- (2) A member of the board suspended under this section shall be restored to office unless each House of Parliament, within twenty one days from the time 10 when such statement has been laid before it, declares by resolution that the said member ought to be removed from office, and if each House of Parliament within the said time so declare, the said member shall be removed by the Governor accordingly.
- 68. A member of the Board shall be deemed to have vacation vacated his office if he-

(a) becomes bankrupt, compounds with his creditors, or makes an assignment of his salary or remuneration for their benefit;

20 (b) being president, absents himself from duty for a period of fourteen consecutive days except on leave granted by the Governor; or, being a member other than the president, absents himself from three consecutive meetings of 25 which reasonable notice has been given to him personally or in the ordinary course of post, except on leave granted by the Governor;

(c) becomes incapable of performing his duties; (d) resigns his office by writing under his hand

30 addressed to the Governor.

69. The president shall be the permanent adminis- President's trative officer of the Board, shall preside at its meetings, salary. and shall have a deliberative vote. He shall devote the whole of his time to the duties of his office, and shall 35 be paid a salary of one thousand pounds per annum.

70. The members of the Board other than the pre-Remunerasident shall each be paid such remuneration as the tion of other members. Governor may from time to time determine.

71. Two members of the Board shall constitute a Quorum. 40 quorum of the Board at any meeting of which reasonable notice has been given personally or by post to all the members; and any business transacted at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be valid.

- 72. Where the voting on any business is equal, such where voting business shall be postponed till the next meeting of the equal. Board, and notice of such business, and of the fact that the voting was equal, shall be given on the notice calling
  5 such next meeting. If the voting at such next meeting be again equal, the president may, in his discretion, further postpone such business, or may then or at any postponed consideration thereof, if the voting be again equal, give a casting vote and so decide the question at
  10 issue.
- 73. The Board shall be a corporate body, having Corporate perpetual succession and a common seal. Such seal body. shall not be attached to any document except on resolution of the Board, and shall be authenticated by the 15 signatures of two members of the Board and of the Secretary.
  - **74.** The Board may authorise the president to deter- Delegation of mine such matters as it may specify by resolution under power to seal.
- 20 **75.** The staff of the Board shall be appointed under staff, and be subject to the provisions of the Public Service Act, 1902, and any Acts amending that Act, and shall include a secretary and an actuary.
- 76. The cost of management shall be provided on Cost of 25 the Estimates of the Colonial Treasurer, and shall be management paid from the Consolidated Revenue. The moneys received and paid under this section, and the accounts in connection therewith, shall be kept, as part of the Public Accounts, separately from the moneys and 30 accounts of the Fund.
  - 77. The Board shall each year submit a report to Annual Parliament, giving information as to its work, and as to Report to any general decisions or principles adopted by it in the course thereof.

#### PART VII.

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- 78. Any dispute under this Act may be determined Settlement of in the first place by the Board: Provided that any person aggrieved by a decision of the Board may appeal to the Minister, who shall thereupon refer the matter for opinion to a judge of the Supreme Court, and shall decide the point in accordance with such opinion. Such decision shall be final and conclusive and not subject to appeal.
- 10 79. The Governor may, on the recommendation of Regulations. the Board, make regulations providing for matters expressed by this Act to be prescribed, and for the better carrying out of the provisions of the Act, and in such regulations may provide penalties for the breach 15 thereof.
- 80. The Board may at any time require any employer Returns. to furnish such returns with respect to his employees as the Board may decide, and may at any time require any employee to furnish such information as the Board may 20 decide is necessary for the purpose of any investigation
- 20 decide is necessary for the purpose of any investigation in connection with the Fund. If any such employer or employee neglect to furnish such information within a reasonable time, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.
- 25 81. Pensions and other benefits under this Act shall Assignment not be in any way assigned or charged or passed by operation of law to any person other than the pensioner or beneficiary, and any moneys payable out of the Fund on the death of an employee or beneficiary shall not be 30 assets for the payment of his debts or liabilities.
  - 82. The Board may recover contributions under the Power to Act in any court of competent jurisdiction.
- years with any one or more employers, and who at the after ten years of this Act are of the age of sixty years or under certain conditions.

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upwards, or who attain that age before the commencement of this Act, may retire or be retired at any time after such passing or after attaining such age at a pension in accordance with salary, as set 5 out in section twelve, but not exceeding four units or one hundred and four pounds per annum, without paying any contribution to the fund. Any such pension shall be payable from date of retirement but shall not be paid until the expiration of three months from the 10 commencement of this Act, and shall carry widows' and children's benefits as elsewhere in this Act provided.

- (2) Such pension shall be paid from the fund and shall be repaid to the fund by the employer by monthly payments.
- 15 (3) Any such employee as aforesaid who, under the Civil Service Act, 1884, or any Acts amending that Act, has a right, vested or contingent, to a pension, to a refund of contributions with or without interest, or a gratuity, or both refund and gratuity, may, on 20 surrendering such right, be granted pension under this section.
- (4) Persons who at the passing of this Act were employed by any employer and who would, if this Act came into force on its passing be employees within 25 the meaning of this Act, shall be deemed to be employees within the meaning of this section: Provided that this section shall not apply to persons in the employ of the University of Sydney.

# Equation of payments.

30 **84.** The board may enter into an agreement with Equation of any employer for the payment of such employer's con-payments tributions in respect of such of his employees as at the commencement of this Act were over thirty years of age by equated payments over a series of years, and in 35 such agreements may provide for the readjustment of such equated payments after each quinquennial investigation of the fund.

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#### Additional regulations.

85. Where under this Act an employee may make Additional any election or choice, regulations may be made under regulations. this Act prescribing the time within which such 5 election or choice must be made, unless such time is stated in this Act.

Extension of Act to shire and municipal councils.

86. On application made by a council of a shire or Extension of municipality to the Governor, the provisions of this Act Act.

10 may, if the Governor approve, be extended to such council. Such approval shall be proclaimed in the Gazette, and thereupon the council shall be an employer within the meaning of this Act; and the date of publication of such proclamation shall be the date of commencement of this Act so far as affects such council and its employees. In any such case section eighty-three shall not apply to such council or its employees.

# SCHEDULES.

# SCHEDULE I.

TABLE A.

MEN.

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Retirement at Sixty.

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	Contributions—Half Cost, payable twice each month.			Contributions—Half Cost, payable twice each month.
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Where an increment of pension is less than £52 to contributor with £26 to widow, the increment of contribution shall be proportionately reduced.

TABLE

Table B.

WOMEN.

Half-cost for each £52 per annum—contributions payable twice a month.

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5	Age next Birth- day.	Retirement at 55.	Retirement at 60.	Age next Birth- day.	Age next Birthday.	Retirement at 55.	Retirement at 60.	Age next Birth-day.
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Where an increment of pension is less than £52 to contributor the increment of contribution shall be proportionately reduced.

#### SCHEDULE II.

### ANNUITIES.

Amount of Annuity per month that £100 will purchase.

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