I certify that this Public Bill, which originated in the Legislative Assembly, has finally passed the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

W. S. MOWLE,

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 13 April, 1916.

New South Wales.



ANNO QUINTO

GEORGII V REGIS.

Act No. 28, 1916.

An Act to provide a State provident fund for persons employed by the State or by certain other 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. [Assented to, 26th April, 1916.]

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, 1916," and shall, except where otherwise provided, and comcome into operation on the first day of the financial half-year next after the expiration of a period of six months after the proclamation of peace between Great Britain and Germany and her allies.

2.

I have examined this Bill, and find it to correspond in all respects with the Bill as finally passed by both Houses.

Division of Act.

2. This Act is divided into Parts, as follows:—

PART I.—PRELIMINARY—ss. 1-3

PART II.—THE STATE PROVIDENT FUND—ss. 4-10.

PART III.—Contributions—ss. 11-20.

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Interpreta.

3. In this Act, unless inconsistent with the context or subject-matter,-

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

"Civil Service Acts" include the Civil Service Act, 1884, the Public Service Act, 1902, the Public Service (Superannuation) Act, 1903, and the Public Service (Amendment) Act, 1912.

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

"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 a professor of the University of Sydney, or a person who is subject to the provisions of the Railway Superannuation Act, 1910, or Part

III of the Police Regulation Act, 1899, or the Police Regulation (Superannuation) Act, 1906, or any Act amending the same.

"Employer" means the Government of New South Wales and such other bodies as are mentioned in Schedule III to this Act, or as may be added to such Schedule in pursuance of this Act.

"Salary" means salary or wages and includes value 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 disadvantages, 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.

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 of Fund. and of their employees under this Act; and from which shall be paid the benefits provided for in this Act.

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

Fund shall form part thereof.

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

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

(a) in securities of the Government of New South Wales;

(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)

(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.

Moneys be lodged in bank.

6. Moneys held uninvested by the Board may be uninvested to lodged either at call or on fixed deposit, or partly at call and partly on fixed deposit with the Colonial Treasurer or with any bank, and while in such bank shall be held to be moneys of the Crown.

How cheques signed.

7. Cheques drawn on any account in any bank shall

be signed as prescribed by the regulations. 8. The accounts relating to the Fund shall be

audited by the Auditor-General.

Borrowing.

Audit.

9. The Board may borrow for, and the Colonial Treasurer may lend to, the Fund moneys not exceeding 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.

Quinquennia investigationl by two or more actuaries.

10. (1) An investigation as to the state and sufficiency of the Fund shall be made at the expiration of each period of five years after the commencement of this Act.

(2) Such investigation shall be made by not less

than two actuaries appointed by the Board.

Actuaries to report.

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

PART III.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Contributions by employees.

When to commence.

11. (1) Every employee shall (except as elsewhere in this Act provided) contribute to the Fund from such date as the Governor may notify in the Gazette, being within six months after the commencement of this Act, or from the date of the commencement of his employment, where such employment commences after the

said date: 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.

(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—

(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.

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

Scale of units.

Scale of units of pension.

12. Such contributions shall be in respect of units of pension as defined in section twenty-six; and the number of such units shall vary in relation to salary in accordance with the following scale:—

Where the salary of the employee is equivalent to the annual rate of—

The employee shall contribute the amount necessary to provide units of pension as under.

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	£	;	£					£
From				incl	usiv	re	Two units, or	52
,,	131				,,		Two and a half units, or	65
,,,	157	to !	208		,,		Three units, or	78
,,	209	to	260		,,		Four units, or	104
,,	261	to	312		,,		Five units, or	130
,,	313	to	364		,,		Six units, or	156
,,	365	to	416		,,		Seven units, or	182
,,	417	to	468		,,		Eight units, or	208
,,	469	to	520		,,		Nine units, or	234
,,	521	to	572		,,		Ten units, or	260
,,	573	to	624		,,		Eleven units, or	286
,,	625	and	lov	er			Twelve units, or	312

Provided that-

- (a) if the employee enters the service of his employer after the commencement of this Act, and at the time of so entering such service is of or over the age of forty years, the board may, on his application, reduce the number of units in respect of which he shall contribute.
- No compulsory additional unit after age 40.
- (b) if an employee's salary be increased after he has reached the age of forty years, it shall not be compulsory for him, but he may elect to contribute for additional units in respect of such increase.

(c) any employee who at the commencement of Option for this Act is of or over the age of thirty years employees may, within twelve months after such com- years of age mencement, elect to take the benefit of this when commencing to proviso, and thereupon the following provisions contribute. shall apply to him:

(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.

(d) Any employee who can satisfy the Board that adequate provision has been made for himself and family may be exempted from contributing for more than two units of pension.

(a) Any employee who has not exempted his nower.

(e) Any employee who has not exercised his power Employee of election under proviso (c) (iii) hereof may may elect to elect to contribute for such number of units for pension of of pension as is prescribed for the salary-next higher group next higher than that to which, according to the table prescribed in 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 the number of units for which he is compelled to con-reduced in 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 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 pension at commence-

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 payable at age fifty-five or age sixty, and shall be in accordance with the tables of contributions hereinafter prescribed.

Tables of contributions in Schedule I,

15. (1) During the five years next following the commencement of this Act, 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.

Quinquennial adjustment of

(2) As soon as practicable after the end of each period of five years from the commencement of this Act, the Governor may, if the Board so recommend, prescribe tables of contributions, which shall, subject to the approval of Parliament, take effect from a date to be proclaimed, and shall be in force until other tables are prescribed.

Contributions by employers.

Particulars

16. (1) Each employer shall contribute to the Fund and table of contributions regular payments at prescribed periods in respect of of employers, each contributor employed by him, based (except where 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 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.

When to commence.

(2) Such contributions shall be paid as from the date notified as hereinbefore provided from which employees are to contribute to the fund, or from the date of commencement of an employee's service, where service commences after the said date, and shall cease when the contributor ceases to contribute to the fund.

(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 with this Act is less than the minimum prescribed, and increasing pension to 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 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 below rate for age. 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 Minister of the Crown, the employer's contribution shall shall pay contributions.

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 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 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-paymenttributors 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.

PART IV.

PENSIONS AND BENEFITS.

DIVISION 1.—Retirement on pension.

Age retirement.

Age of optional retirement.

21. (1) Every man contributor who has served for at least ten years with any one or more employers shall 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 so served shall be entitled to so retire upon or after reaching the age of fifty-five years.

Age of compulsory retirement.

(2) Every contributor who has served for at least ten years with any one or more employers may be compulsorily retired on pension by his employer upon or after reaching the age of sixty years.

Breakdown retirement.

Breakdown retirement. **22.** (1) Any contributor who has served for at least ten years with any one or more employers may be retired on pension from the service of his employer on the ground of invalidity or physical or mental incapacity to perform his duties.

How breakdown determined (2) The question whether such employee is an invalid, or is physically or mentally incapable of performing 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, and shall be determined by the Board in accordance with that officer's report.

Retrenchment and discharge.

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

(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

(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. 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. 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.

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 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 which

which he contributed at the time of his retirement; that is to say, the pension shall be in accordance with the following scale:-

Where the contributor at retirement was contributing for—	His pension shall be at the annual rate of—				
Two units	£ 52				
Two and a half units	65				
Three units					
T	78				
Four units	104				
Five units	130				
Six units	156				
Seven units	182				
Eight units	208				
Nine units	234				
Ten units	260				
Eleven units	286				
Twelve units					
I werve units	312				

Pension of

28. (1) On the retirement at or after the age of woman retiring before 60. fifty-five years of a woman who has contributed for a pension payable on reaching the said age, the full pension for which she has so contributed shall be payable.

(2) On the retirement before the age of sixty years of a woman who has contributed for a pension payable on reaching that age, she shall be entitled to a pension which shall be the actuarial equivalent of the contributions paid by and in respect of her up to the time of her retirement.

Breakdown pensions.

Retirement through his own fault-full pension.

29. (1) If a contributor who has served for at least invalidity not ten years with any one or more employers be retired on the ground of invalidity or physical or mental incapacity 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)

(b) If such invalidity or incapacity is due to his Invalidity, his own fault he shall be entitled to a pension actuarially which shall be the actuarial equivalent of the see South contributions made by and in respect of him Australian Act, up to the time of his retirement.

(2) A contributor retired as aforesaid shall be Pension for granted payment of pension for one year only at a one year only at a 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:-

- (a) During her own life, one half of the pension employee in 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,
- (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:-

orphans on death of

- (a) During her own life, one-half of the pension pensioner payable to her husband at the time of his after retirement. death, or at the rate of twenty-six pounds 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 children (except children of such remarriage) who are under sixteen years of age, a pension at the rate of thirteen pounds per annum.

Women

Women contributors' death benefits.

On death before retirement, refund of contributions. **32.** On the death of a woman contributor before her retirement there shall be paid to her personal representatives, or, failing them, to such persons as the Board may determine, a sum equal to the total of the contributions paid by her to the fund.

Orphans' pensions.

Pension to orphans on death of employee or pensioner.

Retirement

and pension

of employee who at passing of Act is

over 60 years

of age.

33. (1) On the death of a man contributor or of a man pensioner, if his wife be dead or divorced, and if he leave children of himself or of his wife under the age of sixteen years who were dependent upon him at the time 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 payable under this Act to a widow and such widow dies, such pensions shall be payable to the guardians of such

children.

34. (1) An employee who—

(a) has served for at least ten years, and

(b) is of, or over the age of sixty years at or after the passing of this Act,

may be retired at any time after the passing of this Act at a pension in accordance with salary as set out in section twelve, but not exceeding four units, or one hundred and four pounds per annum, without paying any contribution to the fund.

(2) Any such pension shall be payable from the date of retirement, and shall carry widows' and children's

benefits as elsewhere in this Act provided.

(3) Such pension shall in regard to employees of the Government be paid from the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and in regard to employees other than those of the Government from the funds of the employers, until the fund is established under this Act, and thereafter shall be paid from the fund so established; such payments shall be repaid to the said fund by the employer by monthly payments.

(4) This section shall come into operation when this Act receives the Royal Assent. 35.

35. (1) An employee who after the first day of Employee of January, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and age of 60 years who on or before the passing of this Act, has been retired, been retired and who at the time of such retirement-

after 1st January,

(a) had served for at least ten years, and

(b) was of or over the age of sixty years, shall be entitled to a pension under this Act in accordance with salary as set out in section twelve, but not exceeding four units, or one hundred and four pounds per annum, without paying any contribution to the fund.

(2) Such pension shall carry widows' and children's benefits as elsewhere in this Act provided, but shall be computed and payable only from the passing of

this Act.

Such pension shall in regard to employees of the Government be paid from the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and in regard to employees other than those of the Government from the funds of the employer, until the fund is established under this Act, and thereafter shall be paid from the fund so established; such payments shall be repaid to the said fund by the employer by monthly payments.

This section shall come into operation when this Act

receives the Royal Assent.

36. The provisions of sections thirty-four and Not to apply thirty-five shall not apply to employees of the Commis-to certain employees. sioners of the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales whose services were or are dispensed with, and who received or receive compensation in terms of section nine, subsection three, of the Savings Banks Amalgamation Act, 1914.

Retrenchment benefits.

37. (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 eitherbenefits.

(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 (b) 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.

Retrenched employee re-entering service.

- (3) Where any employee who has been retrenched and is in receipt of a pension thereafter enters the service of an employer the following provisions shall apply:—
 - (a) The pension shall not cease to be payable.
 - (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, he shall not be entitled to claim any further benefit in respect of his previous service.

Resignation, dismissal, or discharge.

Refund of contributions. **38.** (1) Where a contributor resigns or is dismissed or discharged from the service of an employer, there 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.

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

Desertion, imprisonment, or insanity.

Desertion of wife or child.

39. (1) Where any pensioner deserts his wife, such wife may from time to time apply to any police or stipendiary magistrate, and on proof of such desertion such magistrate may order the payment during such period as he thinks desirable 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 during the period mentioned in the order. (2)

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

- (a) if his wife be alive, she shall during such 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, during such period, be payable under section thirty-three of this Act as if the pensioner were dead.
- 41. Where any pensioner is detained as a patient in Pensioner in a Government hospital for the insane, the board may hospital for the insane. cause his pension, or any part thereof, to be paid during the period of such detention to his wife if alive, or if his wife is dead or divorced, to some person for the use of such of the children of himself or of his late wife as are under the age of sixteen years, in such proportion as the board thinks fit.

42. Where any woman pensioner is sentenced to woman imprisonment for any period in excess of one month, pensioner sentenced to her pension rights under this Act shall not operate imprisonduring the period of such imprisonment. But any ment. 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.

Payments to children. 43. Notwithstanding anything elsewhere contained in this Act, any money payable out of the Fund under 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.

Pensions payable for a life.

- **44.** (1) Except where otherwise specifically provided, a pension shall be payable during the life of the person entitled thereto.
- (2) Pensions in respect of children shall be payable until they reach the age of sixteen years or die under that age.

Pensions payable monthly.

45. Pensions shall be payable by equal monthly instalments.

Actuarial reduction of pension of widow.

46. Except where otherwise specifically provided, in any case where in this Act provision is made for the pension of any person to be actuarially determined, any pension under this Act to his widow in respect of her own life shall be one half of the amount so actuarially determined, but not less than one unit.

No pension for widow if pensioner marry. 47. Where a pensioner marries after retirement from service, his widow shall not be entitled to pension for herself.

DIVISION 3.—Breakdown pensioners—Special provisions re.

Breakdown pensioner held to be on leave. 48. Any pensioner who is in receipt of a "breakdown" pension, shall for the purposes of this Act be held to be on leave of absence without pay, but shall not be required to contribute in respect of the period of such leave. Notwithstanding 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.

Continuity of service.

49. The period of such leave without pay in the case of a "breakdown" pensioner shall not count as 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.

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50. Any such pensioner shall submit himself for Employee medical examination as and when required by the retired Board, and if he make default in complying with such infirmity may requirement, pension shall cease to be payable to him be called up for medical during such default.

- 51. (1) If, in the opinion of the Board, the health Employee of any pensioner retired as aforesaid has become so restored to restored as to enable him to perform his duties, the be recalled to Board may communicate with the employer from whose service. service he was retired, or any other employer under this 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 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 at which he was first retired.
- 52. The Governor may, on the recommendation of Governor the Board, at any time, by regulation, prescribe, in may prescribe respect of contributors suffering from invalidity or provisions. physical or mental incapacity to perform their duties, any or all of the following:-

(a) Conditions of retirement.

(b) Pensions or other benefits.

(c) Provisions for cancellation of pensions or other

(d) Conditions of compulsory re-employment.

DIVISION 4.—Rights under various Acts.

Civil Service Acts.

53. This Act shall not (except as herein specifically Rights under provided) apply to employees who have the right vested Civil Service or contingent to either a pension or a gratuity under annuation the Civil Service Acts.

Account not prejudiced.

54. (1) Any such employee who—

Employee under 60 years who has such right commutable in part may elect to come under this Act for the difference.

(a) is under the age of sixty years when this Act comes into operation, and

(b) has a right vested or contingent as aforesaid which is commutable as hereinafter provided for new rights in respect of a less number of units than would (if he were not entitled to rights under the Civil Service Acts) be applicable under this Act

may within the prescribed time elect to come under this Act for the purpose of the difference.

- (2) For the purpose of determining such less number (including where necessary a fraction of a unit) the new rights shall be the actuarial equivalent of the rights under the Civil Service Acts, and in calculating such actuarial equivalent all the rights which would be available under this Act shall be taken into account.
- (3) If an employee elects as aforesaid to come under this Act for the purpose of the difference, this Act shall, for the purpose of such difference, apply as if he were an employee not having any rights under the Civil Service Acts, subject to the following qualifications:-
 - (a) The contributions shall not be in respect of more than the difference.
 - (b) For the purpose of the adjustment to the difference, the contributions shall, where necessary, be in respect of a fraction of a unit.
 - (c) Where the contributions are in respect of a fraction of a unit, the contributions and any pension or benefit in respect thereof shall be proportionate thereto.

55. (1) Any such employee who—

(a) is under the age of sixty years at the time when this Act comes into operation, and

(b) has a right vested, or contingent as aforesaid, which is commutable as hereinafter provided for new rights in respect of a less number of units than would be applicable as aforesaid, and

(c)

not so elect, he may come under Act for limited purposes.

Where employee does

(c) does not elect to come under this Act for the purpose of the difference—
may within the prescribed time elect to come under this Act for the limited purpose of—

(a) a pension for his widow; or

(b) a pension after his death for his children under age sixteen until attainment of that age, or death if previous; or

(c) pension rights for both widow and children as

in paragraphs (a) and (b) above.

- (2) If such employee elects as aforesaid to come under this Act for the limited purpose, this Act shall apply for such limited purpose as if he were an employee not having any rights under the Civil Service Acts, subject to the following qualifications:—
 - (a) The contributions shall be in respect of one, or one and a half, or two units in the case of a pension for the widow, and in respect of a half unit in the case of a pension for a child, and shall be in accordance with such rates as the Governor may prescribe; and
 - (b) there shall not be any right except to a pension for the widow or for children, or for both widow and children, as the case may be.
 - **56.** (1) Any such employee who—

Employee of or over

- (a) is of or over the age of sixty years at or after 60 years. the passing of this Act, and
- (b) has served for at least ten years with any one or more employers, and
- (c) has a right vested or contingent as aforesaid which is commutable as hereinafter provided for new rights in respect of a less number of units than four,

shall come under this Act for the purpose of the difference without contribution.

(2) For the purpose of determining such less number (including where necessary a fraction of a unit) the new rights under paragraph (c) of the last preceding subsection shall be the actuarial equivalent of the rights under

under the Civil Service Acts, and in calculating such actuarial equivalent all the rights which would be available under this Act shall be taken into account.

(3) For the purposes of this section this Act shall apply, notwithstanding section fifty-three, but subject to the following qualifications:

(a) The employee shall not be entitled to a pension under this section of more than the difference;

(b) for the purpose of adjustment to the difference the pension may be a pension of or including a fraction of a unit.

(4) This section shall come into operation when

this Act receives the Royal Assent.

57. Any such employee who, after the first day of Employee of age of 60 who January, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and before the passing of this Act, had been retired, and retired after who at the time of such retirement-

(a) was of or over the age of sixty years, and

(b) had served for at least ten years, and

(c) had on such retirement a right vested as aforesaid, which if this Act had been in force, would have been commutable as hereinafter provided for new rights in respect of a less number of units than four-

shall come under this Act for the purpose of the difference without paying any contribution to the fund.

Subsections two and three of the last-preceding section, and subsection two of section thirty-five shall apply to any pension payable under this section.

equivalent under this Act.

58. Any employee who has a right vested or contributor may tingent to a pension under the said Acts may, at any exchange his tingent to a pension under the said Acts may, at any rights for any time within twelve months after the commencement of this Act, make application to the Board to transfer to the Board such right, and to receive in return therefor 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 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

payable under any such agreement it shall be paid by the Board from the Fund; and the Fund shall be recouped as prescribed from the Consolidated Revenue

Fund for all such payments.

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

Division 5.—Existing insurance policies.

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

61. Any employee whose life is insured at the com- Surrender of mencement of this Act may surrender his policy of policies. insurance, and may pay the surrender value to the Board under the provisions of Part V of this Act relating to voluntary saving, or he may, after the expiration of two years from the commencement of this Act, transfer such policy to a person named by the board, and request the board to continue the payment of the premiums under the said policy. The board shall thereupon cause such premiums to be duly paid, and on the maturity of the policy shall hand over to the employee or to his personal representatives to be administered as part of his estate any sums received on the policy, less the amount of the premiums, with compound interest thereon at the rate of three and a half per centum per annum from the respective dates of payment.

PART V.

VOLUNTARY SAVING.

Additional payments to Fund by deduction from salary.

62. (1) Any employee may authorise his employer to deduct from his salary and pay to the Fund any sum in excess of the compulsory contribution elsewhere in this Act provided, and may at any time cancel such authorisation.

By direct payment.

(2) Any employee may pay directly to the Fund any sum of money.

Moneys part of Fund.

63. Any moneys paid to the Fund by, or by authorisation of, any employee under this Part shall form part of the Fund.

Rate of interest allowed.

64. Such moneys shall be credited to such employee, and shall accumulate at such rate of 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 interest, compounded annually.

Money withdrawable at any time.

65. Any employee may, at any time after the expiration of three months' notice, withdraw from the Fund the whole amount lying at his credit therein under this Part (both principal and interest) or any portion thereof.

Purchase of additional annuities.

66. Any employee may at any time apply any pensions, or of moneys lying at his credit under this Part in purchasing from the Board an annuity on his life, or on the life of his wife, son, or daughter.

Scale of pay. ments for annuities.

67. Any annuity sold by the Board under this Part shall be in accordance with the table of contributions 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.

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

69. 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 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.

70. 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.

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

reappointment.

72. Where an appointment is made to fill an extra-Extraordinary ordinary vacancy, such appointment shall be for the appointments to fill.

remainder of the term of the vacant office.

73. 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 as deputy have all the powers and authority of such president or member as the case may be.

74. (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 except as hereinafter provided. The Minister shall cause to be laid before Parliament a full statement of the grounds

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 actually sitting, within seven days after the commence-

ment 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 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.

75. A member of the Board shall be deemed to have

vacated his office if he—

(a) becomes bankrupt, compounds with his creditors, or makes an assignment of his salary or re-

muneration for their benefit;

- (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 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

addressed to the Governor.

76. The president shall be the permanent administrative officer of the Board, shall preside at its meetings, and shall have a deliberative vote. He shall devote the whole of his time to the duties of his office, and shall be paid such salary as the Governor may determine.

77. The members of the Board other than the president shall each be paid such remuneration as the Governor may from time to time determine.

78. Two members of the Board shall constitute a 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. 79.

President's salary.

Vacation of office.

Remuneration of other members.

Quorum.

- 79. 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 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 issue.
- 80. 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 signatures of two members of the Board and of the Secretary.
- **81.** The Board may authorise the president to deter- Delegation of mine such matters as it may specify by resolution under power to president. seal, and may at any time in like manner revoke such authority.
- 82. 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.
- 83. The cost of management shall be provided on cost of 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 accounts of the Fund.
- 84. 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.

Settlement of disputes.

85. Any dispute under this Act may be determined 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.

Regulations.

86. The Governor may, on the recommendation of 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 thereof.

Returns.

87. The Board may at any time require any employer 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 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.

Assignment of pensions.

88. Pensions and other benefits under this Act shall 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 assets for the payment of his debts or liabilities.

Power to

89. The Board may recover contributions under the Act in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Equation of payments.

Equation of payments.

90. The board may enter into an agreement with any employer for the payment of such employer's contributions 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 such

such agreements may provide for the readjustment of such equated payments after each quinquennial investigation of the fund.

Additional regulations.

91. 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 election or choice must be made, unless such time is stated in this Act.

Extension of Act to shire and municipal councils.

92. The council of a shire or municipality or any Extension of person, corporation, or board may apply as prescribed Act. that the provisions of this Act be extended to it or him.

The Minister may in his discretion lay such application before Parliament, and if both Houses of Parliament approve, the Governor shall notify such approval in the Gazette, and thereupon such council, person, corporation, or board shall be an employer within the meaning of this Act, and the date of such notification shall be the date of the commencement of this Act, so far as it affects such council, person, corporation, or board, and its or his employees. In any such case sections thirty-four and thirty-five shall not apply to such council, person, corporation, or board, or its or his employees.

The Governor shall amend Schedule III to this Act by inserting therein the name of any council, person, corporation, or board, to which or to whom the provisions of this Act have been extended in pursuance of this

93. Nothing in subsection two of section twenty-Certain one or in section thirty-four of this Act shall be taken provisions not to refer to any member of any of the bodies mentioned Sch. Three. in Schedule Three.

SCHEDULES.

SCHEDULE I.

TABLE A.

MEN.

Retirement at Sixty.

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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

WOMEN,

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

TABLE B.

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Where an increment of pension is less than £52 to contributor the increment of contribution shall be proportionately reduced.

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SCHEDULE II.

ANNUITIES.

Amount of Annuity per month that £100 will purchase.

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SCHEDULE III.

The Commissioners of the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales.

The Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners.

The Commissioner for Water Conservation and Irrigation.

The Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.

The Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board.

The Board of Fire Commissioners of New South Wales.

The Commissioners of the Western Land Board of New South Wales.

The University of Sydney—in respect of employees appointed after the commencement of this Act.

The Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School—in respect of employees appointed after the commencement of this Act.

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty I assent to this Act.

G. STRICKLAND,

Government House, Sydney, 26th April, 1916. Governor.

SUPERANNUATION BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments referred to in Message of 7th April, 1916.

Page 1, clause 1, line 9. Omit "1915" insert "1916"

Page 1, clause 1, lines 10 and 11. Omit a day to be notified by the Governor in the Gazette insert the first day of August, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen:

"Provided that the Governor may by proclamation in the Gazette, pursuant to resolutions of both Houses of Parliament, postpone the date of the commencement of this "Act."

Page 2, clause 3. After line 25 insert-

"'Civil Service Acts' include the Civil Service Act, 1884, the Public Service Act, "1902 the Public Service (Superannuation) Act, 1903, and the Public Service "(Amendment) Act, 1912."

Page 7, clause 12, line 23. Omit "paragraph" insert "proviso"

Page 15, clause 35. After paragraph "(b)" insert new paragraph "(c)"

Page 15. After clause 35 insert new clause 36. Page 19, short heading, line 34. Omit "1884"

Page 19, clause 52. 53, line 37. Omit "Act, 1884" insert "Acts"

Page 20, clause 53. 54, line 8, 15, and 23 respectively. After "Civil Service" omit "Act, 1884" insert "Acts"

Page 21, clause 54, 55, line 14. After "Civil Service" omit "Act, 1884" insert "Acts"

Page 21, clause 55, 56, line 30. Omit "at the coming into operation of this Act"

Page 21, clause 55. 56, line 41. Omit "Act, 1884" insert "Acts"

Page 22, clause 55 £6, lines 4 to 6. Omit "in regard to section thirty-four hereof as if the employee were "an employee not having any rights under the Civil Service Act, 1884," insert "notwithstanding "section fifty-three, but"

Page 22, clause 55.56. At end of clause add new subsection (4).

Page 23, clause 60. 61, line 24. After "insured" insert "at the commencement of this Act"

Page 23, clause 60. 61, line 37. After "with" insert "compound'

Page 29, clause 91. 92, line 22 After "thirty-four" insert "and thirty-five"

Page 29. After clause 94. 92 insert new clause 93. Page 32, Schedule III. At end of Schedule add—

"The Commissioners of the Western Land Board of New South Wales."

"The University of Sydney-in respect of employees appointed after the com-"mencement of this Act."

"The Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School—in respect of employees appointed "after the commencement of this Act."

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.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 8 February, 1915.

The LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL has this day agreed to this Bill with Amendments.

W. L. S. COOPER, Clerk of the Parliaments.

Legislative Council Chamber, Sydney, 7th April, 1916.

New South Wales.



ANNO QUINTO

GEORGII V REGIS.

Act No. , 1916.

An Act to provide a State provident fund for persons employed by the State or by certain other 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 5 the same, as follows:—

PART I.

PRELIMINARY.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Superannuation Short tilte Act, 1915 1916," and shall, except where otherwise and commence and come into operation on a day to be notified by the Governor in the Gazette, the first day of August, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen:

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III

Superannuation.

	Superannuation.	
	Provided that the Governor may by proclamation in the Gazette, pursuant to resolutions of both Houses of Parliament, postpone the date of the commencement of this Act. 2. This Act is divided into Parts, as follows:—	Division of Act.
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	PART II.—THE STATE PROVIDENT FUND—ss. 4-10.	
	PART III.—Contributions—ss. 11–20.	
	PART IV.—Pensions and Benefits—ss. 21-60.	
	Division 1.—Retirement on pension—ss. 21-25.	
10	Division 2.—Grant of pensions and benefits—ss. 26-46.	
	Division 3.—Breakdown pensioners—Special provisions—ss. 47-51.	
15	Division 4.—Rights under various Acts—ss. 52-58.	
	Division 5.—Existing insurance policies—ss. 59-60.	
	PART V.—VOLUNTARY SAVING—88. 61-68.	
	PART VI.—THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT—ss.	
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	PART VII.—GENERAL PROVISIONS—88. 84-91.	
	3. In this Act, unless inconsistent with the context	Interpreta-
	or subject-matter,—	
25	"Board" means the State Provident Fund Manage- ment Board constituted by this Act.	
20	"Civil Service Acts" include the Civil Service Act,	OAHA
	1884, the Public Service Act, 1902, the Public Service (Superannuation) Act, 1903, and the Public Service (Amendment) Act, 1912.	
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	under this Act. "Department" or "Department of the State"	
	means any Department under the administra-	
	tion of a Minister of the Crown.	
35	"Employee" means person employed by an "em- ployer," and who is by the terms of his em-	
	ployment required to give his whole time to	
	the duties of his employment, but does not	
40	include a judge of the Supreme Court or of	
40	the Industrial Court, or a District Court judge, or a professor of the University of Sydney, or a	
	person who is subject to the provisions of the	
,	Railway Superannuation Act, 1910, or Part	

III of the Police Regulation Act, 1899, or the Police Regulation (Superannuation) Act, 1906, or any Act amending the same.

"Employer" means the Government of New South Wales and such other bodies as are mentioned in Schedule III to this Act, or as may be added to such Schedule in pursuance of this Act.

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 disadvantages, 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 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.

Fund shall form part thereof.

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

30 5. The Fund shall as far as practicable be invested Investment by the Board—

of Fund.

(a) in securities of the Government of New South Wales;

(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)

(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 5 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 of each period of five years after the commencement of this Act.

(2) Such investigation shall be made by not less by two or than two actuaries appointed by the Board.

5 (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.

Contributions.

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Contributions by employees.

11. (1) Every employee shall (except as elsewhere when to in this Act provided) contribute to the Fund from such commence. date as the Governor may notify in the Gazette, being 35 within six months after the commencement of this Act, or from the date of the commencement of his employment, where such employment commences after the said

said date: 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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10 (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.

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.

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Scale of units.

12. Such contributions shall be in respect of units scale of units of pension as defined in section twenty-six; and the of pension number of such units shall vary in relation to salary in accordance with the following scale:—

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The employee shall contribute the amount necessary to provide units of pension as under.

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	,,	131 to 156	,,		Two and a half units, or	
	,,	157 to 208	,,		Three units, or	78
	,,	209 to 260	,,		Four units, or	104
	,,	261 to 312	,,		Five units, or	130
15	,,	313 to 364	,,		Six units, or	156
	,,	365 to 416	,,		Seven units, or	182
	,,	417 to 468	,,		TN: 11 11	208
	,,	469 to 520	,,		Nine units, or	234
	,,	521 to 572	,,		Ten units, or	260
20	,,	573 to 624	,,		Eleven units, or	286
	,,	625 and over			Twelve units, or	312
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Provided that-

- (a) if the employee enters the service of his employer after the commencement of this Act, and at the time of so entering such service is of or over the age of forty years, the board may, on his application, reduce the number of units in respect of which he shall contribute.
- (b) if an employee's salary be increased after he No computhas 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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(c) any employee who at the commencement of Option for this Act is of or over the age of thirty years employees may, within twelve months after such com- years of age mencement, elect to take the benefit of this when comproviso, and thereupon the following provisions contribute. shall apply to him:—

(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.

(d) 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 contriwhere other
huting for more than two units of noncion buting for more than two units of pension.

(e) Any employee who has not exercised his power Employee of election under paragraph proviso (c) (iii) here- may elect to of may elect to contribute for such number of for pension of units of pension as is prescribed for the salary-next higher group, next higher than that to which according salary-group. group next higher than that to which, according to the table prescribed in 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 the number of units for which he is compelled to con-reduced in tribute shall be reduced accordingly. 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 con-35 tributor shall be credited as a single payment for 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 40 provided, be based upon the number of units of ated by age pension 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 next following the Tables of commencement of this Act, and until other tables of contributions in Schedule I. 10 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.

(2) As soon as practicable after the end of each Quinquennial 15 period of five years from the commencement of this Act, adjustment of rates. the Governor may, if the Board so recommend, prescribe tables of contributions, which shall, subject to the approval of Parliament, take effect from a date to be proclaimed, and shall be in force until other tables are 20 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 each contributor employed by him, based (except where of employers. 25 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

contributor, upon whether she contributes for a pension 30 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 When to the date notified as hereinbefore provided from which commence. 35 employees are to contribute to the fund, or from the date of commencement of an employee's service, where service commences after the said date, and shall cease when the contributor ceases to contribute to the fund.

(3) In the case of an employee over fifty-nine 40 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 with a pension to 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 Minister of the Crown, the employer's contribution shall 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—Deduction 35 tributors at each payment of such salaries, and shall, from wages or together with the employers' contributions, be paid without deduction for postage, forwarding, or exchange, to the Board.

PART IV.

PENSIONS AND BENEFITS.

DIVISION 1.—Retirement on pension.

Age retirement.

21. (1) Every man contributor who has served for Age of at least ten years with any one or more employers shall optional retirement. 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.

Breakdown retirement.

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 20 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-breakdown determined. ing his duties, and whether such invalidity or incapacity 25 is or is not due to the fault of such contributor, shall be referred to the Chief Medical Officer of the Government, and shall be determined by the Board in accordance with that officer's report.

Retrenchment and discharge.

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

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(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

(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. service of a contributor, however expressed, other than 15 a compulsory retirement on pension as in this Act provided, or retrenchment, or discharge, shall be deemed to be dismissal.

Resignation.

25. Voluntary termination of service (however Resignation. 20 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.

26. (1) The sum of twenty-six pounds per annum Pension unit.

25 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 30 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 to receive a parsion according to the several provided retirement. to receive a pension according to the number of units for which

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which he contributed at the time of his retirement; that is to say, the pension shall be in accordance with the following scale:—

5	Where the contributor at retirement was contributing for—	His pension shall be at the annual rate of—		
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	Two units	52		
	Two and a half units	65		
	Three units	78		
10	Four units	104		
	Five units	130		
	Six units	156		
	Seven units	182		
	Eight units	208		
15	Nine units	234		
	Ten units	260		
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28. (1) On the retirement at or after the age of Pension of 20 fifty-five years of a woman who has contributed for a woman retirement pension payable on reaching the said age, the full pension for which she has so contributed shall be payable.

(2) On the retirement before the age of sixty years of a woman who has contributed for a pension 25 payable on reaching that age, she shall be entitled to a pension which shall be the actuarial equivalent of the contributions paid by and in respect 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 invalidity not the ground of invalidity or physical or mental incapacity his own 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

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(b) If such invalidity or incapacity is due to his Invalidity, his own fault he shall be entitled to a pension actuarially reduced pension. which shall be the actuarial equivalent of the see south contributions made by and in respect of him Australian Act, up to the time of his retirement.

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

10 Widows' and children's pensions.

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

| Pension to widow and orphans on death of the contributor before retirement, Pension to widow and orphans on death of the contributor before retirement, Pension to widow and orphans on death of the contributor before retirement, Pension to widow and orphans on death of the contributor before retirement, Pension to widow and orphans on death of the contributor before retirement, Pension to widow and orphans on death of the contributor before retirement, Pension to widow and orphans on death of the contributor before retirement, Pension to widow and orphans on death of the contributor before retirement, Pension to widow and orphans on death of the contributor before retirement, Pension to widow and orphans on death of the contributor before retirement, Pension to widow and orphans on death of the contributor before retirement.

- (a) During her own life, one half of the pension employee in 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,
- (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 widow and orphans on

- 25 During her own life, one-half of the pension pensioner payable to her husband at the time of his after retirement death, or at the rate of twenty-six pounds 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 children (except children of such remarriage) who are under sixteen years of age, a pension at the rate of thirteen pounds per annum.

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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 filling the personal representations of the personal representation of the personal repre tatives, or, failing them, to such persons as the Board refund of 5 may determine, a sum equal to the total of the contri-contributions. butions paid by her to the fund.

Orphans' pensions.

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 10 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. 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 15 respect of each child.

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

children.

34. (1) An employee who—

(a) has served for at least ten years, and

(b) is of, or over the age of sixty years at or after who at passthe passing of this Act, may be retired at any time after the passing of this of age.

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25 Act at a pension in accordance with salary as set out in section twelve, but not exceeding four units, or one hundred and four pounds per annum, without paying any contribution to the fund.

(2) Any such pension shall be payable from the 30 date of retirement, and shall carry widows' and children's

benefits as elsewhere in this Act provided.

(3) Such pension shall in regard to employees of the Government be paid from the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and in regard to employees other than those of the 35 Government from the funds of the employers, until the fund is established under this Act, and thereafter shall be paid from the fund so established; such payments shall be repaid to the said fund by the employer by monthly payments.

(4) This section shall come into operation when this Act receives the Royal Assent.

35. (1) An employee who after the first day of Employee of January, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and age of 60 years who has on or before the passing of this Act, has been retired, been retired and who at the time of such retirement—

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(a) had served for at least ten years, and

(b) was of or over the age of sixty years, or

(c) a public servant who has served twenty years or over, and who at the time of the passing of this Act is still in the employment of the Government.

10 shall be entitled to a pension under this Act in accordance with salary as set out in section twelve, but not exceeding four units, or one hundred and four pounds per annum, without paying any contribution to 15 the fund.

(2) Such pension shall carry widows' and children's benefits as elsewhere in this Act provided, but shall be computed and payable only from the passing of this Act.

Such pension shall in regard to employees of the Government be paid from the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and in regard to employees other than those of the Government from the funds of the employer, until the fund is established under this Act, and thereafter 25 shall be paid from the fund so established; such payments shall be repaid to the said fund by the employer

by monthly payments. This section shall come into operation when this Act

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36. The provisions of sections thirty-four and not to apply thirty-five shall not apply to employees of the Commis- to certain employees. sioners of the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales whose services were or are dispensed with, and who received or receive compensation in terms of section 35 nine, subsection three, of the Savings Banks Amalgama-

Retrenchment benefits.

36. 37. (1) In case of the retrenchment of any con-Contributor tributor, such contributor shall be entitled within one retrenched has choice of 40 month after such retrenchment to choose either—

(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 (2)

- (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 5 determine the matter.
 - (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 re-entering shall apply:—

(a) The pension shall not cease to be payable.

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- (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 15 aforesaid, thereafter enters the service of an employer, he shall not be entitled to claim any further benefit in respect of his previous service.

Resignation, dismissal, or discharge.

37. 38. (1) Where a contributor resigns or is dismissed Refund of 20 or discharged from the service of an employer, there contributes 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.

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

30 of his previous service.

Desertion, imprisonment, or insanity.

38. 39. (1) Where any pensioner deserts his wife, such Desertion of wife may from time to time apply to any police or wife or child. stipendiary magistrate, and on proof of such desertion

35 such magistrate may order the payment during such period as he thinks desirable 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 during the period mentioned in the order. (2)

- (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 5 magistrate, and on proof of such desertion such 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 10 to the pensioner.
 - 39. 40. Where any pensioner is sentenced to imprison-Pensioner ment for any period in excess of one month, his pension sentenced to rights under this Act shall not operate during the period ment. of such imprisonment; and

- (a) if his wife be alive, she shall during such 15 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;
- 20 (b) if his wife be dead or divorced, pensions for children dependent upon the pensioner shall, during such period, be payable under section thirty-three of this Act as if the pensioner were dead.
- 25 40. 41. Where any pensioner is detained as a patient in Pensioner in a Government hospital for the insane, the board may hospital for insane cause his pension, or any part thereof, to be paid during the period of such detention to his wife if alive, or if his wife is dead or divorced, to some person for the use of 30 such of the children of himself or of his late wife as are under the age of sixteen years, in such proportion as the

board thinks fit. 41. 42. Where any woman pensioner is sentenced to Woman imprisonment for any period in excess of one month, sentenced to 35 her pension rights under this Act shall not operate imprisonmen during the period of such imprisonment. But any pension payable to her in respect of children shall be payable under section thirty-three as if she were dead.

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General provisions as to pensions.

42. 43. Notwithstanding anything elsewhere contained Payments in this Act, any money payable out of the Fund under to children. this Act in respect of a child under the age of sixteen 5 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.

43. 44. (1) Except where otherwise specifically provided, Pensions a pension shall be payable during the life of the person payable for a 10 entitled thereto.

(2) Pensions in respect of children shall be payable until they reach the age of sixteen years or die under that age.

44. 45. Pensions shall be payable by equal monthly Pensions payable monthly. 15 instalments.

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

20 her own life shall be one half of the amount so actuarially determined, but not less than one unit. 46. 47. Where a pensioner marries after retirement from No pension service, his widow shall not be entitled to pension for for widow if herself.

DIVISION 3.—Breakdown pensioners—Special provisions re.

47. 48. Any pensioner who is in receipt of a "break-Breakdown down" pension, shall for the purposes of this Act be pensioner held to be on held to be on leave of absence without pay, but shall leave.

30 not be required to contribute in respect of the period of such leave. Notwithstanding 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.

35 48. 49. 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.

49. 50. Any such pensioner shall submit himself for Employee medical examination as and when required by the retired Board, and if he make default in complying with such infirmity may requirement, pension shall cease to be payable to him be called up for medical 5 during such default.

50. 51. (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.

10 service he was retired, or any other employer under this 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

15 cancel the pension; thereupon the pension shall cease to 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 20 this Act, but not less than the amount of the pension at which he was first retired.

51. 52. The Governor may, on the recommendation of Governormay the Board, at any time, by regulation, prescribe, in prescribe respect of contributors suffering from invalidity or provisions, 25 physical or mental incapacity to perform their duties, any or all of the following:

> (a) Conditions of retirement. (b) Pensions or other benefits.

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(c) Provisions for cancellation of pensions or other

(d) Conditions of compulsory re-employment.

DIVISION 4.—Rights under various Acts.

Civil Service Acts, 1884.

52. 53. This Act shall not (except as herein specifically Rights under 35 provided) apply to employees who have the right vested Civil Service Superor contingent to either a pension or a gratuity under annuation Account not the Civil Service Act, 1884, Acts. prejudiced.

53. 54. (1) Any such employee who—

(a) is under the age of sixty years when this Act Employee comes into operation, and 60 years who

(b) has a right vested or contingent as aforesaid has such right which is commutable as hereinafter provided in part may for new rights in respect of a less number of elect to come units than would (if he were not entitled to Act for the rights under the Civil Service Act, 1884 Acts) difference. be applicable under this Act

10 may within the prescribed time elect to come under this

Act for the purpose of the difference.

(2) For the purpose of determining such less number (including where necessary a fraction of a unit) the new rights shall be the actuarial equivalent of the 15 rights under the Civil Service Act, 1884, Acts, and in

calculating such actuarial equivalent all the rights which would be available under this Act shall be taken

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(3) If an employee elects as aforesaid to come 20 under this Act for the purpose of the difference, this Act shall, for the purpose of such difference, apply as if he were an employee not having any rights under the Civil Service Act, 1884, Acts, subject to the following qualifications:-

(a) The contributions shall not be in respect of

more than the difference.

(b) For the purpose of the adjustment to the difference, the contributions shall, where necessary, be in respect of a fraction of a unit.

(c) Where the contributions are in respect of a 30 fraction of a unit, the contributions and any pension or benefit in respect thereof shall be proportionate thereto.

54. 55. (1) Any such employee who—

(a) is under the age of sixty years at the time ployee does when this Act comes into operation, and

(b) has a right vested, or contingent as aforesaid, limited which is commutable as hereinafter provided purposes. for new rights in respect of a less number of units than would be applicable as aforesaid, and

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(c) does not elect to come under this Act for the purpose of the difference—
 may within the prescribed time elect to come under this Act for the limited purpose of—

(a) a pension for his widow; or

(b) a pension after his death for his children under age sixteen until attainment of that age, or death if previous; or

(c) pension rights for both widow and children as

in paragraphs (a) and (b) above.

(2) If such employee elects as aforesaid to come under this Act for the limited purpose, this Act shall apply for such limited purpose as if he were an employee not having any rights under the Civil Service Act, 1884,

15 Acts, subject to the following qualifications:

(a) The contributions shall be in respect of one, or one and a half, or two units in the case of a pension for the widow, and in respect of a half unit in the case of a pension for a child, and shall be in accordance with such rates as the Governor may prescribe; and

(b) there shall not be any right except to a pension for the widow or for children, or for both

widow and children, as the case may be.

25 55. **56.** (1) Any such employee who—

(a) is of or over the age of sixty years at or after or over the passing of this Act, and

(b) has served for at least ten years with any one

or more employers, and

30 (c) has at the coming into operation of this Act a right vested or contingent as aforesaid which is commutable as hereinafter provided for new rights in respect of a less number of units than four,

35 shall come under this Act for the purpose of the

difference without contribution.

(2) For the purpose of determining such less number (including where necessary a fraction of a unit) the new rights under paragraph (c) of the last preceding 40 subsection shall be the actuarial equivalent of the rights under the Civil Service Act, 1884, Acts, and in calculating such

such actuarial equivalent all the rights which would be available under this Act shall be taken into account.

(3) For the purposes of this section this Act shall apply in-regard-to-section-thirty-four-hereof-as if the 5 employee-were-an-employee-not-having-any-rights-under the Civil Service Act, 1884, notwithstanding section fiftythree, but subject to the following qualifications:—

> (a) The employee shall not be entitled to a pension under this section of more than the difference;

- 10 (b) for the purpose of adjustment to the difference the pension may be a pension of or including a fraction of a unit.
 - (4) This section shall come into operation when this Act receives the Royal Assent.

15 56. 57. Any such employee who, after the first day of Employee of January, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and age of 60 who has been before the passing of this Act, had been retired, and retired after who at the time of such retirement—

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(a) was of or over the age of sixty years, and

20 (b) had served for at least ten years, and

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(c) had on such retirement a right vested as aforesaid, which if this Act had been in force, would have been commutable as hereinafter provided for new rights in respect of a less number of units than four-

shall come under this Act for the purpose of the difference without paying any contribution to the fund. Subsections two and three of the last-preceding section, and subsection two of section thirty-five shall 30 apply to any pension payable under this section.

57. 58. Any employee who has a right vested or con-old-style contingent to a pension under the said Acts may, at any tributor may time within twelve months after the commencement of rights for any this Act, make application to the Board to transfer to equivalent under this

35 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

40 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

payable under any such agreement it shall be paid by the Board from the Fund; and the Fund shall be recouped as prescribed from the Consolidated Revenue

Fund for all such payments.

5 58. 59. Any employee who under the aforesaid Acts "Ex-contrihas a right vested or contingent to a refund of contri- "non-contributions with or without interest, or a gratuity, or both butor" may refund and gratuity, may at any time within twelve rights under months after the commencement of this Act make 1884 Act for any equiva-

10 application to the Board to transfer to the Board such lent under right, and to receive in return therefor a grant by the this Act. 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

15 Board's actuary certifying that such new rights are the actuarial equivalent of his said right under the said Acts.

Division 5.—Existing insurance policies.

59. 60. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Insurance policies may be 20 any Act, it shall not be necessary for any contributor discontinued or under this Act to insure his life, or to continue in force option of contributor. any policy of insurance on his life already taken out at the commencement of this Act.

60. 61. Any employee whose life is insured at the com-Surrender of 25 mencement of this Act may surrender his policy of policies. insurance, and may pay the surrender value to the Board under the provisions of Part V of this Act relating to voluntary saving, or he may, after the expiration of two years from the commencement of this Act, transfer such

30 policy to a person named by the board, and request the board to continue the payment of the premiums under the said policy. The board shall thereupon cause such premiums to be duly paid, and on the maturity of the policy shall hand over to the employee or to his personal

35 representatives to be administered as part of his estate any sums received on the policy, less the amount of the premiums, with compound interest thereon at the rate of three and a half per centum per annum from the respective dates of payment.

PART V.

VOLUNTARY SAVING.

- 61. 62. (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 62. 63. 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.
 - 63. 64. Such moneys shall be credited to such Rate of employee, and shall accumulate at such rate of 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.
- 64. 65. Any employee may, at any time after the Money withexpiration 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.
 - 65. 66. Any employee may at any time apply any Purchase of moneys lying at his credit under this Part in purchasing additional pensions, or of from the Board an annuity on his life, or on the life of annuities. his wife, son, or daughter.
- 30 66. 67. 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 35 thereof

67. 68. 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.

68. 69. 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.

15 69. 70. 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.

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

reappointment.

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

25 72. 73. 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. 73. 74. (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.

15 74. 75. A member of the Board shall be deemed to have Vacation of vacated his office if he—

- (a) becomes bankrupt, compounds with his creditors, or makes an assignment of his salary or remuneration for their benefit;
- (b) being president, absents himself from duty for 20 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. 75. 76. The president shall be the permanent administ President's and shall have a deliberative vote. He shall devote the

trative officer of the Board, shall preside at its meetings, salary. whole of his time to the duties of his office, and shall 35 be paid such salary as the Governor may determine,

76. 77. 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.

77. 78. 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. 78.

- 78. **79.** 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.
- 79. 80. 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.
- 80. 81. The Board may authorise the president to deter- Delegation of mine such matters as it may specify by resolution under power to seal, and may at any time in like manner revoke such 20 authority.
 - 81. 82. 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.
- 25 82. 83. The cost of management shall be provided on cost of 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 30 Public Accounts, separately from the moneys and accounts of the Fund.
- 83. 84. The Board shall each year submit a report to Annual Parliament, giving information as to its work, and as to Parliament any general decisions or principles adopted by it in the 35 course thereof.

PART VII.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

84. 85. Any dispute under this Act may be determined Settlement of in the first place by the Board: Provided that any person 5 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 85. 86. 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.

86. 87. 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 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 87. 88. 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.

88. 89. The Board may recover contributions under the Power to Act in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Equation of payments.

89. 90. The board may enter into an agreement with Equation of 35 any employer for the payment of such employer's contributions 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 such

such agreements may provide for the readjustment of such equated payments after each quinquennial investigation of the fund.

Additional regulations.

- 5 90. **91.** 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 election or choice must be made, unless such time is stated in this Act.
- 10 Extension of Act to shire and municipal councils.

91. 92. The council of a shire or municipality or any Extension of person, corporation, or board may apply as prescribed Act. that the provisions of this Act be extended to it or him.

The Minister may in his discretion lay such application 15 before Parliament, and if both Houses of Parliament approve, the Governor shall notify such approval in the Gazette, and thereupon such council, person, corporation, or board shall be an employer within the meaning of this Act, and the date of such notification shall be the

20 date of the commencement of this Act, so far as it affects such council, person, corporation, or board, and its or his employees. In any such case sections thirty-four and thirty-five shall not apply to such council, person, corporation, or board, or its or his employees.

25 The Governor shall amend Schedule III to this Act by inserting therein the name of any council, person, corporation, or board, to which or to whom the provisions of this Act have been extended in pursuance of this section.

30 **93.** Nothing in subsection two of section twenty-Certain provious one or in section thirty-four of this Act shall be taken sions not to to refer to any member of any of the bodies mentioned Sch. Three. in Schedule Three.

SCHEDULES.

SCHEDULE I.

TABLE A.

MEN.

5			Retire	ement	at S	Sixty.	h month.	
		Contributions—l twice ea	Half Cost, payable ch month.			Contributions—I twice each	Half Cost, payable th month.	
10	Age next Birthday.	First £52 pension to man, £26 pension to widow, £13 for each child to age 16.	Subsequent increments, £52 pension to man, £26 pension to widow.	Age next Birthday.	Birthday.	First £52 pension to man, £26 pension to widow, £13 for each child to age 16.	ments, £52 pension to man,	Age next Birthday.
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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

WOMEN.

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

TABLE B.

5	Age next Birth-day.	Retirement at 55.	Retirement at 60. Age next Birthday.	Age next Retirement at 55.	Retirement at 60.	Age next Birth- day.
10	16 17 18 19	£ s. d. 0 2 0 0 2 1 0 2 3 0 2 5	£ s. d. 0 1 2 16 0 1 3 17 0 1 4 18 0 1 6 19	£ s. d. 40 0 13 4 41 0 14 8 42 0 16 2 43 0 18 0 44 1 0 0	£ s. d. 0 6 11 0 7 6 0 8 1 0 8 10 0 9 7	40 41 42 43 44
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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.

5	Age last birthday.	Men.	Women.	last birthday
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
	50	0 11 3	0 10 5	50
	51	0 11 6	0 10 8	51
	52	0 11 9	0 10 10	52
	53	0 12 1	0 11 1	53
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	55	0 12 8	0 11 7	55
	56	0 13 0	0 11 10	56
	57	0 13 5	0 12 1	57
	58	0 13 10	0 12 5	'58
5	59	0 14 3	0 12 9	59
	60	0 14 8	0 13 2	60
	61	0 15 2	0 13 7	61
	62	0 15 8	0 14 0	62
	63	0 16 2	0 14 5	63
0	64	0 16 9	0 14 11	64
	65	0 17 4	0 15 5	65
	66	0 18 0	0 16 0	66
	67	0 18 9	0 16 8	67
	68	0 19 6	0 17 4	68
25	69	1 0 3	0 18 0	69
	70	1 1 1	0 18 10	70
	71	1 2 0	0 19 8	71
	72	1 3 0	1 0 6	72
	73	1 4 0	1 1 6	73
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	75	1 6 3	1 3 7	75

SCHEDULE III.

The Commissioners of the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales.
The Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners.
The Commissioner for Water Conservation and Irrigation.
The Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.
The Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board.
The Board of Fire Commissioners of New South Wales.
The Commissioners of the Western Land Board of New South Wales.

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The Commissioners of the Western Land Board of New South Wales. The University of Sydney-in respect of employees appointed after the

commencement of this Act.

The Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School—in respect of employees appointed after the commencement of this Act.

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