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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Read 1° 3rd July, 1931.

*(Brought in by the Treasurer, the Honorable E. G. Theodore.)*

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT

To make necessary Provision for carrying out a Plan agreed on by the Commonwealth and the States for meeting the grave Financial Emergency existing in Australia, re-establishing Financial Stability, and restoring Industrial and General Prosperity.

**W**HEREAS at a conference between Ministers of the Commonwealth and Ministers of the States convened in Melbourne on the 25th day of May 1931 to devise measures for meeting the grave financial emergency existing in Australia and thereby averting disastrous consequences, a plan was agreed upon for re-establishing the financial stability of the Commonwealth and States and restoring industrial and general prosperity by means involving a common sacrifice, including amongst other things certain reductions in the expenditure of the Commonwealth and State Governments and the conversion of the internal public debts of the Commonwealth and States on the basis of a reduction of the interest payable : And whereas for carrying out a part of the plan certain legislation by the Commonwealth is necessary :

Preamble.

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BE it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows :—

PART I.—PRELIMINARY.

- Short title.      1. This Act may be cited as the *Financial Emergency Act 1931.*      5
- Commencement.    2. The several Parts and sections of this Act shall commence on such dates as are respectively fixed by Proclamation.
- Parts.            3. This Act is divided into Parts, as follows :—
- Part I.—Preliminary.
- Part II.—Salaries and Wages.      10
- Part III.—Pensions to Officers.
- Part IV.—Maternity Allowances.
- Part V.—Invalid and Old-age Pensions.
- Part VI.—War Pensions.
- Part VII.—Judiciary.      15
- Part VIII.—Bounties.
- Part IX.—Miscellaneous.

PART II.—SALARIES AND WAGES.

- Repeal.          4. The *Income Tax (Salaries) Act 1930* and the *Income Tax (Salaries) Assessment Act 1930* are repealed.      20
- Definitions      5. In this Part, unless the contrary intention appears—
- “authority under the Commonwealth” means any authority constituted by the Commonwealth, or by or under any Act, but does not include the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, or any corporation any shares in which are held by or on behalf of the Commonwealth;      25
- “by or under any Act” includes by or under any Ordinance of any Territory being part of the Commonwealth and by or under any regulation under an Act or any such Ordinance;
- “index-numbers” means the index-numbers published from time to time by the Commonwealth Statistician as indicating the purchasing power of money;      30
- “officers and employees” means—
- (a) officers and employees of the Commonwealth or of any authority under the Commonwealth, and includes—      35
- (b) any persons constituting, or being members of, any such authority and any persons holding official positions whose salaries are paid by the Commonwealth,
- who are required to devote the whole of their time to the duties of their offices or positions;      40
- “parliamentary office” means any of the following offices, namely, Presiding Officer, Chairman of Committees and Leader of the Opposition in either House of the Parliament;
- “salary,”

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“salary,” in the case of an officer or employee, means the total remuneration, whether by way of salary, wage, pay, fees or allowance, payable to him in respect of the performance of the duties of the office or position occupied by him or in respect of the work upon which he is employed and, in the case of any officer or employee who, as a regular condition of his employment, is supplied with rations, board or lodging in addition to salary, includes an amount equal to the annual value, as determined by the Minister of the Department to which the officer or employee is attached, of such rations, board or lodging ;

“the Committee” means the Committee constituted under this Part.

6. Section four of the *Ministers of State Act 1917* is amended by omitting the words “Fifteen thousand three hundred pounds” and inserting in their stead the words “Eleven thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven pounds ten shillings”.

Amendment of  
*Ministers of  
State Act 1917.*

7. Where a senator or member of the House of Representatives holds any parliamentary office, the allowance received by him as senator or member shall, for the purposes of this Act, be included with the salary or allowance received by him in respect of that office, and reductions, in accordance with this Act, shall be made from the total amount of the allowances, or of the salary and allowances, received annually by him as senator or member and in respect of that office.

Aggregation of  
salaries and  
allowances of  
holders of  
parliamentary  
offices.

8.—(1.) Notwithstanding anything contained in any Act, the total amount of allowances, or of salary and allowances, which would, but for this Act, have been received annually by any senator or member of the House of Representatives (including any senator or member who holds a parliamentary office) shall be reduced as follows :—

Reduction of  
Parliamentary  
salaries and  
allowances.

(a) where the amount does not exceed One thousand pounds—by twenty per centum of that amount ;

(b) where the amount exceeds One thousand pounds but does not exceed Two thousand pounds—by twenty-two and one-half per centum of that amount ; and

(c) where the amount exceeds Two thousand pounds—by twenty-five per centum of that amount :

Provided that the allowance as a senator or member which would, but for this Act, have been received annually by any Minister of State shall be reduced by twenty-two and one-half per centum.

(2.) Where the application of this section would result in the reduction of the allowances, or salary and allowances, of any senator or member to whom paragraph (b) or (c) of the last preceding subsection applies below the amount to which the allowances, or salary and allowances, of any senator or member receiving the maximum amount specified in the next preceding paragraph would be reduced, the amount to be deducted from the allowances or salary and allowances of the first-mentioned senator or member shall be reduced to the extent necessary to prevent this result.

9.—(1.) Notwithstanding

General  
reduction of  
salaries and  
wages.

9.—(1.) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other Act or in any regulation, contract or agreement or in any award, determination, order or decision of any authority having power to fix rates of salary, wages, pay or allowances, all salaries of officers and employees, whether such salary is payable under special appropriation 5 or otherwise, shall be reduced by Thirty-four pounds per annum in the case of adult officers or employees and of married officers or employees who are not adults, and by Seventeen pounds per annum in the case of unmarried officers or employees who are not adults :

Provided that—

- (i) the annual salary of any officer or employee which is less than Two hundred and fifty-one pounds shall not be reduced under this section by an amount which is greater than eighteen per centum of that salary ; and 10
- (ii) the annual salary of an adult male officer or employee or of a married male officer or employee who is not an adult shall not be reduced under this section below One hundred and eighty-two pounds per annum. 15

(3.) For the purpose of calculating the amount of reduction to be made under this section in the salary of an officer or employee, his annual salary shall be deemed to be the amount which would have been payable to him at the commencement of this section had there been no decrease in his salary on or subsequent to the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and thirty in consequence of a variation in the index-numbers, and the amount of any such decrease shall be included as part of the reduction to be made in pursuance of this section. 20 25

Percentage  
reduction of  
salary and  
wages.

10. The salaries of all officers and employees shall, after the reductions as provided in the last preceding section have been effected, be further reduced by the deduction of an amount to be ascertained in accordance with the method set out in the First Schedule to this Act : 30

Provided that—

- (i) the annual salary of any officer or employee which, after reduction in accordance with section nine of this Act, is less than Two hundred and seventeen pounds, shall not be reduced under this section by an amount which, together with the amount of reduction made in pursuance of that section, is greater than eighteen per centum of the salary of that officer or employee, as ascertained in accordance with sub-section (3.) of that section ; and 35 40
- (ii) the annual salary of an adult male officer or employee or of a married male officer or employee who is not an adult shall not be reduced under this section below One hundred and eighty-two pounds. 45

11.—(1.) The

11.—(1.) The last two preceding sections shall not apply to officers and employees to whom this section applies and the salaries of such officers and employees shall be subject to reduction as follows :—

Variations in reductions.

5 (i) the salaries of members of the Naval, Military or Air Forces shall be reduced in such manner as the Minister directs :

10 Provided that any reduction so determined shall approximate as nearly as practicable to the amounts by which salaries (corresponding in amount to the salaries of members of the Forces) of officers and employees are respectively reduced under the last two preceding sections ;

(ii) where the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration has made an award prescribing the rates of pay, salary or wages payable to any class of employee specified in the award and that or any other award of that Court provides for reductions in rates of pay, salary or wages based upon the index-numbers, and for a further reduction in rates of pay, salary or wages at the rate of ten per centum per annum, the salary of any employee of that class to whom the award is applicable shall be adjusted in accordance with the provisions of the award, and no further reduction of the salary of the employee shall be effected under this Act except to such extent, if any, as the Minister, upon the receipt of a recommendation of the Committee, directs ; and

25 (iii) where the salary of an officer or employee is fixed by an award of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, and is not adjusted as provided in the last preceding paragraph, or where the salary of an officer or employee is paid at a rate prescribed by any award, determination, order or decision of an industrial tribunal constituted by or under any law of a State or of a Territory being part of the Commonwealth, or where the salary of any officer or employee is paid at a rate less than One hundred and fifty-six pounds per annum and that rate is not prescribed in any Act or regulation, or in any award of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, or in any determination of the Public Service Arbitrator, the salary of the officer or employee shall be reduced by such amount (if any) as the Minister, upon the receipt of a recommendation of the Committee, directs.

45 (2.) For the purposes of this section the salary of a member of the Naval, Military or Air Force shall, in addition to the remuneration specified in the definition of " salary " contained in section five of this Act, include the value, as assessed by the Minister, of such allowances received by the member, whether in money or in any other form, as the Minister directs.

50 12.—(1.) For the purposes of this Part there shall be a Committee which shall consist of a member of the Commonwealth Public Service Board of Commissioners, the Public Service Arbitrator and a person appointed by the Governor-General.

Committee to inquire into special cases.

(2.) The

(2.) The person appointed under the last preceding sub-section shall hold office during pleasure.

(3.) The member of the Commonwealth Public Service Board of Commissioners shall be the Chairman of the Committee.

(4.) The Minister may refer to the Committee the cases of any classes of officers and employees and of other persons rendering service to the Commonwealth in relation to which he has power under this Part to give a direction upon the receipt of a recommendation of the Committee. 5

(5.) The Committee shall inquire into any cases referred to it under the last preceding sub-section, and shall make a report and recommendation to the Minister specifying the reductions (if any) in the salary or remuneration of the officers, employees or persons concerned which, in view of the purposes of this Act as expressed in the Preamble thereto, and of the reductions otherwise effected by this Part, it deems just. 10 15

Calculation of annual salary.

13. Where salary is payable to an officer or employee—

- (a) at an hourly rate—the amount of the annual salary of the officer or employee shall, for the purposes of this Part, be ascertained by multiplying the hourly rate by the number of hours constituting a week's work for the officer or employee, and by multiplying the result so obtained by fifty-two and one-sixth ; 20
- (b) at a daily rate based on six days per week—the amount of the annual salary of the officer or employee shall be ascertained by multiplying the daily rate by three hundred and thirteen ; 25
- (c) at a daily rate based on seven days per week—the amount of the annual salary shall be ascertained by multiplying the daily rate by three hundred and sixty-five ; and 30
- (d) at a weekly rate—the amount of the annual salary of the officer or employee shall be ascertained by multiplying the weekly rate by fifty-two and one-sixth.

Payments under contracts.

14. Where in pursuance of this Part any salary, allowance or amount payable under any contract or agreement is reduced, the payment of the reduced salary, allowance or amount shall be a full and complete discharge of all liability under the contract or agreement in respect of the payment of the salary, allowance or amount provided for therein. 35

Reduction of fees and allowances

15.—(1.) Where the amount of any payment, fee or allowance (to which this Part does not otherwise apply) in respect of the performance for the Commonwealth or for any authority under the Commonwealth of the services of the Chairman or of any member of any Board, committee or other authority, is fixed by or under any Act, the payment, fee or allowance shall be reduced by twenty per centum of the amount which would otherwise be payable. 40 45

(2.) Where

(2.) Where by or under any Act provision is made for any payment (to which this Part does not otherwise apply) to any person of any amount in respect of any services rendered by him to the Commonwealth or to any authority under the Commonwealth, the amount  
5 shall be reduced to such extent, if any (not exceeding twenty per centum), as the Minister, upon the receipt of a recommendation of the Committee, directs.

(3.) Where by or under any Act the maximum amount of expenditure in respect of any payments, fees or allowances to which sub-  
10 section (1.) of this section applies is fixed, that amount shall be reduced by twenty per centum.

(4.) Any allowances fixed by or under any Act or by any award, determination, order or decision of an industrial tribunal constituted by or under any Act or State Act, and payable to officers and  
15 employees, or to the Chairman or to any member of any Board, committee or other authority to which this Part does not otherwise apply, shall be reduced by such amount (if any) as the Minister, upon the receipt of a recommendation of the Committee, directs, but not exceeding in any case twenty per centum of the amount  
20 so fixed :

Provided that, where travelling allowances are fixed by the Governor-General, the amount of the reduction (if any) shall be such as the Governor-General directs, but not exceeding in any case twenty per centum of the amount so fixed.

25 16. For the purposes of this Part the Governor, Deputy Governor and each Director of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia shall be deemed to be officers and employees, and the remuneration by way of salary respectively paid to them shall, notwithstanding anything contained in the *Commonwealth Bank Act 1911-1931*, be reduced in  
30 accordance with sections nine and ten of this Act.

Governor of  
Directors and  
Commonwealth  
Bank.

17.—(1.) The allowances, or salary and allowances, of any senator or member of the House of Representatives (including any senator or member who holds a parliamentary office) and of any Minister of State and the salary of any officer or employee, after reduction in  
35 accordance with this Part, shall not be subject under the law of any State to taxation at a higher rate or percentage or to a greater extent than the prescribed rates or percentages of that salary in addition to any tax imposed on that salary under any law in force in that State on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and  
40 thirty-one.

State taxation.

(2.) For the purposes of this section "prescribed rates or percentages" means such rates or percentages as are fixed, from time to time, by the Governor-General and notified in the *Gazette*.

(3.) Nothing in this section shall be construed as empowering  
45 the Governor-General to fix different rates or percentages in respect of different States or parts of the Commonwealth.

PART

## PART III.—PENSIONS TO OFFICERS.

Pensions payable under certain Acts.

18. All payments of pensions under—

- (a) section forty-eight A of the *Judiciary Act* 1903–1927 ;
- (b) section fourteen B of the *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act* 1904–1930 ; and
- (c) section eighteen c of the *Bankruptcy Act* 1924–1930,

shall be reduced by twenty per centum of the amount which would, but for this section, be payable.

Citation.

19. The *Superannuation Act* 1922–1930, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Superannuation Act* 1922–1931.

Reduction of payments under Superannuation Act.

20. All contributions payable by the Commonwealth under the *Superannuation Act* 1922–1930 shall be reduced by twenty per centum, and the amount of any pension or other payment payable under that Act shall be reduced by the amount by which the Commonwealth contribution to that pension or payment is reduced in pursuance of this section.

Employee reduced in salary.

21. Section fifteen of the *Superannuation Act* 1922–1930 is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead :—

“ 15. Where the salary of a contributor is or has been reduced from one salary group to another salary group, the Board may, upon application by the contributor, reduce the number of units in respect of which he shall contribute to the number appropriate to the salary group to which his salary has been reduced, and any contributions paid by him, prior to such reduction, in respect of units in excess of the reduced number shall be credited as payments for paid-up pension to be actuarially calculated or be refunded to him, as the Board determines.”

## PART IV.—MATERNITY ALLOWANCES.

Citation.

22.—(1.) The *Maternity Allowance Act* 1912–1927 is in this Part referred to as the Principal Act.

(2.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Maternity Allowance Act* 1912–1931.

Grant of maternity allowance.

23. Section four of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the word “ Five ” and inserting in its stead the word “ Four ”.

Who may be claimants.

24. Section six of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-sections :—

“ (3.) A maternity allowance shall not be payable unless the claimant produces evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner or to a Deputy Commissioner—

- (a) that the total income of the claimant and her husband for the period of twelve months preceding the date of the birth did not exceed Two hundred and sixty pounds ; or
- (b) in



(b) in the case of a posthumous or ex-nuptial child—that the total income of the claimant for the period of twelve months preceding the date of the birth did not exceed Two hundred and sixty pounds.

5 “(4.) For the purposes of this section “income” includes any moneys, valuable consideration or profits earned, derived or received by the claimant or her husband for her or his own use or benefit from any source whatever, whether in or out of the Commonwealth.”

10 25. After section six of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

“6A. Every claim under this Act for a maternity allowance shall be supported by such evidence as to the income of the claimant and of her husband as is prescribed.” Evidence as to income.

15 26. After section seven of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

“7A.—(1.) The Commissioner or a Deputy Commissioner may cause to be made such investigations as appear to him to be desirable in order to ascertain the circumstances of any claimant or her husband and the truth of the statements contained in the claim, and may require any person, whom he believes to be in a position to do so, to furnish to him a confidential report as to the income of the claimant or her husband. Investigation of claims.

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“ (2.) Any person who, on being required under this section to furnish a report, fails to furnish the report within a reasonable time, or furnishes a report containing any statement which is untrue in any particular, shall be guilty of an offence.

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Penalty : One hundred pounds, or imprisonment for one year.”

27. After section eleven of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

30 “11A. All offences against this Act shall be punishable on summary conviction.” Summary punishment.

#### PART V.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

28.—(1.) The *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act* 1908–1928 is in this Part referred to as the Principal Act. Citation.

35 (2.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act* 1908–1931.

29. Section four of the Principal Act is amended— Definitions.

(a) by omitting from paragraph (d) of the definition of “Income” the word “or” (last occurring); and

40 (b) by omitting from the definition of “Income” paragraphs (e), (f), (g) and (h).

30. Section

Limit of  
pensions.

30. Section twenty-four of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words “ Fifty-two pounds ” (wherever occurring) and inserting in their stead the words “ Forty-five pounds ten shillings ” ; and

(b) by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words “ Eighty-four pounds ten shillings ” and inserting in their stead the words “ Seventy-eight pounds ” . 5

Assessment of  
value of  
accumulated  
property.

31. Section twenty-five of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraph (b) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— 10

“ (b) From the capital value of such accumulated property there shall be deducted—

(i) the net capital value, as determined by the Commissioner or a Deputy Commissioner, of the estate or interest of the pensioner in a home in which he permanently resides : 15

Provided that the amount which may be deducted under this sub-paragraph shall not exceed Five hundred pounds ; and

(ii) all charges or encumbrances lawfully and properly existing on the property other than the home, and the residue remaining shall be deemed to be the net capital value of all accumulated property.” . 20

Recommendation by  
Magistrate

32. Section thirty-one of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (2.) the words “ the rate of Five shillings and sixpence ” and inserting in their stead the words “ a rate calculated in accordance with this Act but not in any case exceeding Four shillings and sixpence ” . 25

33. After section thirty-eight of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :— 30

Recovery of  
amounts  
improperly  
paid.

“ 38AA.—(1.) Where a pensioner acquires any property or income of such value or to such extent that, had he been possessed thereof at the time his claim for pension was determined, he would have been ineligible to receive pension at the rate paid to him, he shall forthwith cease to be entitled to receive pension to the extent of that ineligibility. 35

“ (2.) Where, in consequence of any false statement or representation or otherwise, any amount has been paid by way of pension under this Act which would not have been paid but for the false statement or representation or otherwise, the amount so paid shall be recoverable in any court of competent jurisdiction from the person to whom or on whose account the amount was paid, or from the estate of that person, as a debt due to the Commonwealth.” . 40

Suspension of  
pension while  
pensioner in  
asylum.

34. Section forty-five of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from the proviso thereto the words “ the rate of Five shillings and sixpence ” and inserting in their stead the words “ a rate calculated in accordance with this Act but not in any case exceeding Four shillings and sixpence ” . 45

35. Section

35. Section forty-seven of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words "the rate of Five shillings and sixpence" and inserting in their stead the words "a rate calculated in accordance with this Act but not in any case exceeding Four shillings and 5 sixpence".

Benevolent  
asylum inmates.

#### PART VI.—WAR PENSIONS.

36.—(1.) The *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920-1930* is in this Part referred to as the Principal Act.

Citation.

10 (2.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920-1931*.

37. For the purposes of this Part "pensions" means pensions payable under Part III. of the Principal Act and includes payments under section thirty-two and the Second Schedule of that Act and under regulations 89A to 89R (inclusive) of the Australian Soldiers' 15 Repatriation Regulations as in force at the date of the commencement of this section and any regulations amending or in substitution for those regulations.

Definition.

38.—(1.) Subject to this Part all payments of pensions shall be reduced by twenty per centum of the amount which would, but 20 for this section, be payable.

Payments of  
war pensions  
to be reduced.

(2.) If the Commission is satisfied, upon application as prescribed by any person who is a member of the Forces as defined in the Principal Act and who is in receipt of a pension under that Act that, for the period of one month immediately preceding the application, his income 25 was below the prescribed amount, the Commission may direct that such amount (not exceeding in any case the full amount of the reduction) as, in the opinion of the Commission, is necessary to bring his income up to the prescribed amount, shall be paid to the member in respect of that period and in respect of such further period 30 as the Commission determines.

(3.) Upon consideration of any application under the last preceding sub-section, the Commission may, if it thinks fit, direct that any pension payable to the wife or a child of the applicant shall be exempt, for such period as the Commission determines, from the whole, 35 or such portion as is specified by the Commission, of the reduction provided by sub-section (1.) of this section.

(4.) If the Commission is satisfied, upon application as prescribed by any person who is the widow of a member of the Forces or the widowed mother of a deceased unmarried member of the Forces and 40 who is entitled to a pension under the Principal Act, that for the period of one month immediately preceding the application, her income was less than the prescribed amount, the Commission may direct that such amount as, in the opinion of the Commission, is necessary to bring her income up to the prescribed amount, shall 45 be paid to her in respect of that period and in respect of such further period as the Commission determines.

(5.) For

(5.) For the purposes of this section—

“income” means any moneys, valuable consideration or profits earned, derived or received by any person for his own use or benefit by any means from any source whatever, and whether in or out of the Commonwealth, and shall be deemed to include personal earnings and pension and allowances paid under the Principal Act; 5

“prescribed amount” means—

(a) in the case of a member of the Forces who is unmarried—  
an amount of Two pounds five shillings per week; 10

(b) in the case of a member of the Forces who is married—  
an amount of Two pounds five shillings per week with the addition of ten shillings per week in respect of his wife and five shillings per week in respect of each child under the age of sixteen years; and 15

(c) in the case of a widow of a member of the Forces or a widowed mother of a deceased unmarried member of the Forces—ninety per centum of the pension which would, but for this section, be payable to her under the Principal Act. 20

(6.) Nothing in this section shall apply to any pension under the Principal Act payable to a child, as defined in that Act, both of whose parents are dead.

Definition of  
“Child” and of  
“Dependants”.

39. Section twenty-two of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by adding, at the end of the definition of “Child”, the words “but does not include any step-son, step-daughter or adopted child who becomes a dependant after the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one”; and 25

(b) by adding at the end of the definition of “Dependants” the words “, but does not include any wife married, or child born, to a member of the Forces after the first day of October One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one”. 30

Pensions upon  
death or  
incapacity.

40. Section twenty-three of the Principal Act is amended— 35

(a) by omitting from the proviso to sub-section (1.) the words “, but in such cases arrears of pension shall not be granted for any period exceeding six months”; and

(b) by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section :—

“(3.) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, no pension shall, after the commencement of this sub-section, be payable under this Act in respect of any period prior to the date upon which a claim for payment of pension is made in accordance with this Act.”. 40

41. After section twenty-seven of the Principal Act the following sections are inserted :— 45

Pension  
granted on  
re-application.

“27A. Where a claim for pension has been rejected and upon subsequent application or appeal to the Commission a pension is granted

granted to the claimant, the pension shall not be payable in respect of any period prior to the period of three months immediately preceding the date of the application or appeal upon which the pension was granted.

- 5     “27B. Where a pension has been cancelled and the pensioner, upon an application for re-instatement of his pension, is again granted a pension, payment of the pension so granted shall not be made in respect of any period prior to the date of the application for re-instatement.”. Re-grant of cancelled pension.
- 10    42. Section thirty-three of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words “, or after the expiration of two years from the date of the commencement of the pension, whichever occurs later ”. Pensions payable for limited period in certain cases.
- 15    43. Section thirty-four of the Principal Act is amended by omitting all the words after the word “continued” and inserting in their stead the words “after her marriage or re-marriage”. Pensions to female dependants to cease upon marriage or re-marriage.
44. Section forty-five p of the Principal Act is amended—  
       (a) by inserting, after the word “increase”, the words “, reduce, cancel”; and  
       (b) by omitting the words “assessment of” (second occurring). Decision of appeals.
- 20    45. Section forty-five x of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words “unless it has satisfactory evidence that the condition of the appellant during that period was such as to justify such operation”. Appeal Tribunal may specify date from which decision operates.

#### PART VII.—JUDICIARY.

- 25    46. Notwithstanding anything contained in the *Judiciary Act* 1903–1927, or in the *High Court Procedure Act* 1903–1925, sittings of a Full Court of the High Court shall not be held at any place or places specified, from time to time, by the Governor-General by notice in the *Gazette*, so long as that notice has not been revoked. Place of sittings of High Court.

#### PART VIII.—BOUNTIES.

- 30    47.—(1.) All amounts payable by way of bounty under the *Gold Bounty Act* 1930 shall be reduced by fifty per centum of the amounts which would but for this section be payable. Reduction of bounties.
- 35    (2.) All amounts payable by way of bounty under any Act specified in the Second Schedule to this Act shall be reduced by twenty per centum of the amounts which would but for this section be payable:
- Provided that this sub-section shall not apply to any bounty payable, but not paid, before the commencement of this section.

#### PART IX.—MISCELLANEOUS.

- 40    48. The Governor-General may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, prescribing all matters which by this Act are required or permitted to be prescribed, or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed, for carrying out or giving effect to this Act. Regulations.

#### SCHEDULES.

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## THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

## METHOD OF ASCERTAINING DEDUCTIONS EFFECTED UNDER SECTION 10 OF THIS ACT.

	Method to Follow to Ascertain Percentage Rate of Deduction	Method to Follow to Ascertain Amount of Deduction.
	%	£
1. In the case of salaries of officers or employees who are not adults	18 — (1394 ÷ Salary)	$18 \times \text{Salary} - 1394$ 100
2. In the case of adult officers or employees or married officers or employees who are not adults		
(i) Salary not exceeding £216	18 — (2788 ÷ Salary)	$18 \times \text{Salary} - 2788$ 100
(ii) Salary exceeding £216 but not exceeding £966	20 — (2720 ÷ Salary)	$20 \times \text{Salary} - 2720$ 100
(iii) Salary exceeding £966 but not exceeding £1,966	22½ — (2635 ÷ Salary)	$22\frac{1}{2} \times \text{Salary} - 2635$ 100
(iv) Salary exceeding £1,966	25 — (2550 ÷ Salary)	$25 \times \text{Salary} - 2550$ 100

Where the application of the method specified in this Schedule would result in the reduction of the salary of an officer or employee below the amount to which the salary of an officer or employee at the upper limit of a lower salary group specified in the first column of this Schedule would be reduced, the amount to be deducted from the salary of the first-mentioned officer or employee shall be reduced to the extent necessary to prevent this result.

Deductions of salary ascertained in accordance with this Schedule shall be calculated to the nearest pound sterling. Where the deduction results in a fraction of one-half of a pound sterling that fraction shall be disregarded.

For the purposes of this Schedule "salary" means salary or allowance after reduction in accordance with section nine of this Act.

## THE SECOND SCHEDULE.

*Cotton Industries Bounty Act 1930.*  
*Flax and Linseed Bounties Act 1930.*  
*Iron and Steel Products Bounty Act 1922-1929.*  
*Papua and New Guinea Bounties Act 1926.*  
*Power Alcohol Bounty Act 1926.*  
*Sulphur Bounty Act 1923.*  
*Wine Export Bounty Act 1930-1931.*