Bill No. 22 of 1946.

A BILL TO AMEND THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACT, ALBERTA

NOTE.

The purpose of this Bill is to validate an agreement entered into by the Government of the Province and the Government of the Dominion on April 1st, 1944, which provided an increase in the income of a pensioner which he was entitled to have without affecting the amount of the pension.

W. S. GRAY, Legislative Counsel.

(This note does not form any part of the Bill but is offered in explanation of its provisions.)

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(Assented to

, 1946.)

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

- 1. The Old Age Pensions Act, Alberta, being chapter 269 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, is hereby amended by adding immediately after section 7a thereof the following new section:
- 7b. The agreement entered into between the Government of the Province of Alberta and the Government of the Dominion of Canada dated the 1st day of April, 1944, contained in the Schedule hereto and authorized by Order in Council No. 907-44, is hereby approved, ratified and confirmed."
- 2. The said Act is further amended by adding immediately at the end thereof the following Schedule:

"SCHEDULE

"MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made the 1st day of April, 1944.

BETWEEN:

The Governor General of the Dominion of Canada in Council, represented by the Minister of Finance of Canada, hereinafter called the Dominion

Of the First Part

— and —

The Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta in Council, represented by the Provincial Treasurer for Alberta, hereinafter called The Province,

Of the Second Part.

"Whereas under the terms of agreements dated July 22nd, 1929, April 30th, 1932, March 7th, 1938, and September 1st, 1943, entered into between the Dominion and the Province pursuant to the provisions of *The Old Age Pensions Act*, chapter 156, R.S.C. 1927, as amended, and of *The Old Age Pensions Act of Alberta*, chapter 269 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, as amended, the Province agreed to pay Old Age Pensions and Pensions in respect of Blindness to the persons and under the conditions specified in the Act first

above cited and the Regulations made thereunder, and the Dominion agreed to pay to the Province quarterly, an amount equal to seventy-five per centum of the net sum so paid out during the preceding quarter by the Province for such pensions:

"And whereas under the provisions of Dominion Order in Council No. P.C. 3377 dated May 29th, 1944, the Dominion is, in effect, authorized to enter into a supplementary agreement with the Province for the payment of such pensions to every person who,—

- "(a) has attained the age of seventy years and is not in receipt of income of as much as Four Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars (\$425.00) yearly; and
- "(b) is blind within the meaning of *The Old Age Pensions*Act and Regulations and is unmarried, or a widower
 without a child or children or a widow without a
 child or children and is not in receipt of an income
 of as much as Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) a
 year; and
- "(e) is blind within the meaning of The Old Age Pensions
 Act and Regulations and is married, or a widower
 with a child or children or a widow with a child or
 children and is not in receipt of an income of as
 much as Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00) a year;
 and
- "(d) fulfils the other requirements set forth in *The Old Age Pensions Act* and the Regulations made thereunder.

"And whereas the Province desires to enter into a supplementary agreement with the Dominion as aforesaid;

"And whereas the Province is not authorized under the provisions of *The Old Age Pensions Act, Alberta*, being chapter 269 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, as amended, to enter into a new agreement with the Dominion as aforementioned, but has, by Order in Council Number 907-44 dated June 20th, 1944, authorized the signing of the supplementary agreement and has given assurance that appropriate amendment to the said Act will be introduced by the Government at the next session of the Legislature.

"And whereas the Minister of Finance for Canada and the Provincial Treasurer for Alberta have been respectively authorized to enter into a supplementary agreement accordingly;

"Now, in consideration of the premises and the respective agreements by and on behalf of the parties hereto, hereinafter set forth, this memorandum of agreement witnesseth that the parties hereto agree that the amendments aforesaid shall be modified as follows:

"The maximum pension payable shall be \$300.00 yearly (except in the case of a blind person who marries a blind person, in which case the maximum pension shall be \$150.00 yearly) which shall be subject to reduction as follows:

- "(a) In the case of an old age pensioner by the amount of the income of the pensioner in excess of \$125.00 a year.
- "(b) In the case of a blind pensioner who is unmarried or a widower without a child or children or a widow without a child or children, by the amount of the income of the pensioner in excess of \$200.00 a year.
- "(c) In the case of a blind pensioner who is married or a widower with a child or children or a widow with a child or children, by the amount of the income of the pensioner in excess of \$400.00 a year.
- "(d) In the case of a blind pensioner married to a blind person receiving a pension in respect of blindness under *The Old Age Pensions Act*, by the amount of the income of the pensioner in excess of \$200.00 a year.

"In Witness Whereof the Honourable James Lorimer Ilsley, Minister of Finance, has hereunto set his hand and Seal on behalf of the Governor General of the Dominion of Canada in Council and the Honourable Solon Earl Low, Provincial Treasurer of Alberta, has hereunto set his hand and Seal on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta, in Council.

"Signed on behalf of the Governor General of the Dominion of Canada, in Council, by the Honourable James Lorimer Ilsley, Minister of Finance, in the presence of:

'A. L. WICKWIRE'

"Signed on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta in Council by the Honourable Solon Earl Low, Provincial Treasurer of Alberta, in the presence of:

'E. C. FERRIER'

'J. L. ILSLEY'
Minister of Finance.

'S. E. Low'
Provincial Treasurer of
Alberta."

3. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to, and upon so coming into force, section 1 shall be deemed to have been in force at all times since the 1st day of April, 1944.

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