

Bill No. 20 of 1943.

A BILL TO AMEND THE OLD AGE PENSIONS
(SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCES) ACT.

NOTE.

The Act to be amended by this Bill provided for payment of an additional allowance to old age pensioners and blind pensioners, but the payment was not extended to Alberta pensioners who removed to other provinces. The object of section 1 of the Bill is to remove this restriction with respect to such pensioners who remove to a province which pays similar supplementary allowances to Alberta pensioners resident in such province. The payment by Alberta is to be the same as that paid by the other province, but not to exceed five dollars per month.

Section 2 authorizes the making of agreements with other provinces to accomplish the above purpose, and section 3 validates the agreement set out in the Schedule already made with the Province of British Columbia.

W. S. GRAY,
Acting Legislative Counsel.

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

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No. 20 of 1943.

An Act to amend The Old Age Pensions (Supplementary Allowances) Act.

(Assented to _____, 1943.)

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 (Supplementary Allowances) Act*, being chapter 270 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, is hereby amended by adding immediately after section 4 thereof the following new section:

“**4a.** In any case where a person in receipt of an old age pension or a blind pension granted under *The Old Age Pensions Act, Alberta*, has removed to a province which pays an additional allowance of the nature authorized by this Act and has agreed to pay and does pay such additional allowance to its pensioners resident in Alberta, the Pension Authority of Alberta shall pay to Alberta pensioners resident in such other province a monthly additional allowance equal to that paid by such other province, but not exceeding the sum of five dollars per month.”

2. The said Act is further amended as to section 7 by striking out the same and substituting therefor the following:

“**7.** The Lieutenant Governor in Council may enter into an agreement or agreements with the government of any other province in Canada for the purpose of carrying out and implementing the provisions of section 4a and providing for the making of such additional payments in another province or provinces similar to the presently existing arrangements relating to pensions and may authorize the Provincial Treasurer to execute such agreement or agreements on behalf of the Province.”

3. The said Act is further amended by adding the following new section:

“**9.** The agreement entered into between the government of the Province of Alberta and the government of the Province of British Columbia, dated the 14th day of January, A.D. 1943, contained in the Schedule hereto, is hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.”

4. The said Act is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following Schedule:

"SCHEDULE.

"AGREEMENT made this 14th day of January, 1943,

"Between:

The Government of the Province of Alberta (hereinafter called 'Alberta'), represented herein by the Honourable Solon E. Low, Provincial Treasurer,

Of the First Part;

And

The Government of the Province of British Columbia (hereinafter called 'British Columbia'), represented herein by the Honourable George Sharratt Pearson, Provincial Secretary of the Province of British Columbia,

Of the Second Part.

"Whereas Alberta pays to Alberta pensioners resident in Alberta a cost of living bonus or supplementary allowance of \$5.00 per month;

"And whereas British Columbia pays to British Columbia pensioners resident in British Columbia a cost of living bonus or supplementary allowance of \$5.00 per month;

"And whereas both provinces are desirous of entering into a reciprocal agreement whereby each will pay the like bonus or supplementary allowance to its respective pensioners who are resident in the other province;

"Now therefore this Agreement witnesses that in consideration of the respective covenants herein contained the said provinces covenant and agree to and with each other as follows:

"1. In this Agreement 'Pensioner' means a person to whom a pension, whether on the ground of old age or of blindness, is awarded in Alberta or British Columbia.

"2. This Agreement is subject to validation by the Legislatures of the respective provinces.

"3. Alberta covenants that the Pension Authority of Alberta shall pay to every person who was on the first day of December, 1942, a pensioner of Alberta and resident in the Province of British Columbia or thereafter becomes a resident of the Province of British Columbia or who after the first day of December, 1942, becomes eligible for a pension in the Province of Alberta and is awarded such pension by the Pension Authority of the Province of Alberta and transfers his residence to the Province of British Columbia, the sum of \$5.00 per month to be made at the same time as the payment of the pension is made in accordance with the provisions of *The Old Age Pensions Act, Alberta*.

"4. British Columbia covenants that the Pension Authority of British Columbia shall pay to every person who was on the first day of December, 1942, a pensioner of British Columbia and resident in the Province of Alberta or thereafter becomes a resident of the Province of Alberta or who after the first day of December, 1942, becomes eligible for a pension in the Province of British Columbia and is awarded

such pension by the Pension Authority of the Province of British Columbia and transfers his residence to the Province of Alberta, the sum of \$5.00 per month to be made at the same time as the payment of the pension is made in accordance with the provisions of *The Old Age Pensions Act*.

"5. The payments agreed to be paid under this Agreement shall commence at a date to be agreed upon by the said provinces.

"6. The Pension Authority of Alberta acting for and on behalf of the Pension Authority of British Columbia shall make payment to the British Columbia pensioners resident in Alberta of the cost of living bonus or supplementary allowance referred to in this Agreement; and the Pension Authority of British Columbia acting for and on behalf of the Pension Authority of Alberta shall make payment to the Alberta pensioners resident in British Columbia of the said cost of living bonus or supplementary allowance. As of the last day of March, June, September and December, the said authorities shall state and settle their accounts with each other in respect of the matters referred to in this Agreement; and the Pension Authority shown on such statement and settlement of accounts to be a debtor to the other shall forthwith make payment to the other of the amount of the indebtedness.

"7. This Agreement is based upon reciprocity; and if either province fails to fulfil its covenants under this Agreement the other is released from all obligations thereunder save that of making payment of any indebtedness then owing.

"In witness whereof the Honourable Solon E. Low, Provincial Treasurer, has hereunto set his hand and seal on behalf of the Province of Alberta, and the Honourable George Sharratt Pearson, Provincial Secretary of the Province of British Columbia, has hereunto set his hand and seal on behalf of the Province of British Columbia.

<p>"Signed on behalf of the Government of the Province of Alberta by in the presence of (Sgd.) J. F. PERCIVAL.</p>	}	<p>"(Sgd.) S. E. Low, Provincial Treasurer of the Province of Alberta.</p>
<p>"Signed on behalf of the Government of the Province of British Columbia by the Honourable George Sharratt Pearson, Provincial Secretary of the Province of British Columbia, in the presence of (Sgd.) LILIAN MARGARET PITKETHLEY</p>	}	<p>"(Sgd.) GEORGE SHARRATT PEARSON. Provincial Secretary of the Province of British Columbia.</p>

5. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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HON. MR. LOW.

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