

any newspaper does not consent to publish such notice at such rate, the board of revisors may have the lists printed, which it may hand over to any party applying for the same, at a rate which may be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in council."

7. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction. Coming into force.

C H A P. 16

An Act to amend the Revised Statutes, 1909, with regard to pensions of public officers

[Assented to 22nd December, 1916]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. Article 682 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced R. S., 682, replaced. by the following:

"682. Such pension shall be per annum a sum equal Basis of cal- to two per cent of the total salary received by such culation of public officer or employee during the last thirty-five years pension. of his service, or, if his period of service is less than thirty-five years, then during the whole of his period of service".

2. Article 683 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is amended R. S., 683, am. by striking out of the first line the words "saving the provisions of article 684".

3. Article 684 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, as amended R. S., 684, repealed. by the act 2 George V, chapter 11, section 12, is repealed.

4. Article 690 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is amended R. S., 690, am. by replacing the words: "five per cent for the first three years, and of three per cent for the subsequent years of his service", in the third and fourth lines thereof, by the words: "five per cent".

5. Article 691 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is amended: R. S., 691, am.

a. By adding, at the end of the first paragraph thereof, Limit to pension of widow. the words: "provided always that the pension to a widow shall not in any event exceed six hundred dollars";

b. By adding, at the end of the second paragraph thereof, Limit of

pension to
children.

the words: "provided always that the pension to children shall not in any event exceed six hundred dollars; provided further that the pension to a child, in any case where there is only one child entitled thereto, shall not exceed three hundred dollars.";

c. By adding to the said article the following paragraph :

Election by
widow in
certain case.

"If the pension to which the widow of a public officer or employee is entitled is less than fifty dollars annually, she shall, at her election, be entitled to receive, instead of the pension, the amount of the deceased officer's or employee's contributions under this section, with interest thereon at the rate of four per cent per annum, compounded yearly, less any sums received by him under this section during his lifetime. Any such election by the widow shall be final and shall be deemed to be made when the first payment in that behalf is received and accepted by her. Should she elect to accept the amount of such contributions with interest, no further allowance or payment shall be made, in the event of her death or of her remarriage, to any child or children of the public officer or employee.

Election on
behalf of
child by Lt.
Gov. in C.

The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make a similar election on behalf of any child or children entitled under this section to an annual pension of less than fifty dollars."

Application
of act.

6. The amendments made by this act to the law relating to pensions of public officers or employees shall apply only to permanent members of the civil service appointed after its coming into force.

Former
provisions
to remain in
force for em-
ployees in
office.

All permanent members of the civil service, the employees mentioned in article 689 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, and private secretaries, now in office, and all persons in receipt of pensions already granted, shall continue to be ruled, in the future as in the past, by the provisions applicable to them before the coming into force of this act.

Coming into
force.

7. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.