

VICTORIA.



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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. 1706.

An Act to provide for the Payment of Old-age Pensions.

[27th December, 1900.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows (that is to say):—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Old-age Pensions Act* 1900.

Short title.

2. For the purpose of paying to any person who has attained the age of sixty-five years or who is permanently disabled or who is in permanent ill-health caused in either case by having been engaged in mining or any unhealthy or hazardous occupation and who makes a declaration in the form in the Schedule to this Act with such alterations and additions as may be prescribed a pension at a rate of not more than Ten shillings per week there may be paid a sum or sums not exceeding in the whole Seventy-five thousand pounds out of the Consolidated Revenue which is hereby appropriated accordingly.

Appropriation of £75,000 for old-age pensions.

Schedule.

3. The Governor in Council may make regulations as to the mode terms and conditions on which pensions may be applied for granted suspended or cancelled and paid out of the said Seventy-five thousand pounds, and for prescribing any alterations or additions to the form of declaration set forth in the Schedule to this Act, and generally for the purposes of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act, and such regulations shall be published in the *Government Gazette*.

Regulations.

Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

Sections 2, 3.

SCHEDULE.

I, *A.B.* of _____ in the colony of Victoria do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare—

- (a) that I am now residing in Victoria ;
- (b) that I have so resided for at least twenty years ;
- (c) that I have not been absent from Australasia whether continuously or not for more than five years during the time from which the said twenty years commenced to run ;
- (d) that I have resided in Victoria for not less than five years immediately preceding the date of making of this declaration ;
- (e) that during the period of five years immediately preceding such date I have not been convicted five times or upwards in respect of drunkenness and have not been imprisoned for any period or periods amounting in the whole to six months or upwards in respect of any offence or offences ;
- (f) that during the period of twenty years immediately preceding such date I have not for any offence or offences been imprisoned for any period or periods amounting in the whole to five years with or without hard labour ;
- (g) that (*if a husband*) during the period of ten years immediately preceding such date I have not for twelve months or upwards without just cause deserted my wife or without just cause failed to provide her with adequate means of maintenance or neglected to maintain such of my children as were under the age of fourteen years, or (*if a wife*) that during the period of ten years immediately preceding such date I have not for twelve months without just cause deserted my husband or deserted such of my children as were under the said age ;
- (h) that I am and have for five years immediately preceding such date been leading a sober and reputable life ;
- (i) that all my weekly income does not amount to _____ shillings or upwards ;
- (j) that the net capital value of my accumulated property, whether in or out of Victoria, does not amount to _____ pounds or upwards ;
- (k) that I have not directly or indirectly deprived myself of property or income in order to qualify for a pension ;
- (l) (*in the case of a husband living with his wife*) that my wife is unable to provide for or maintain me (*or in the case of a wife living with her husband*) that my husband is unable to provide for or maintain me ;
- (m) that I am unable to maintain myself ;
- (n) that I have not at any time been refused a pension payable by virtue of the *Old-age Pensions Act 1900* ; and
- (o) that I have attained the age of sixty-five years or (*as the case may be*) I am permanently disabled or in permanent ill-health caused by having been engaged in mining or any unhealthy or hazardous occupation.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of an Act of the Parliament of Victoria rendering persons making a false declaration punishable for wilful and corrupt perjury.

Declared at _____ in the Colony of Victoria this _____ day of _____ 190 _____, before me—

A Commissioner, J.P. (*or as the case may be*).

MELBOURNE:

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