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FAMILY ALLOWANCES AND NATIONAL INSURANCE

Canada

ORDER IN COUNCIL, DATED 8TH FEBRUARY, 1960, MADE UNDER SECTION SIXTY-ONE OF THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

BY THE GOVERNOR IN THE PRIVY COUNCIL OF NORTHERN IRELAND

WAKEHURST

I, John de Vere, Baron Wakehurst, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of Northern Ireland, in pursuance of section sixty-one of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946(**a**), as extended by section five of the Family Allowances and National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1956(**b**), and by section three of the Family Allowances and National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1959(**c**), and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, by and with the advice of the Privy Council of Northern Ireland, do hereby order as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the Family Allowances and National Insurance (Canada) Order (Northern Ireland), 1960, and shall come into operation with effect from 1st January, 1960.

2. The provisions contained in the Letters set out in the Schedule shall have full force and effect, so far as they relate to Northern Ireland and provide for reciprocity in any matters specified in sub-section (1) of section sixty-one of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, as so extended, and accordingly the Family Allowances Acts (Northern Ireland), 1945 to 1959(**d**), and the National Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1946 to 1959(**e**), shall have effect subject to such modifications as may be required therein for the purpose of giving effect to any such provisions.

Given at Government House, Hillsborough, this eighth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and sixty.

Brookeborough
Terence O'Neill
Brian Faulkner
Ivan Neill
Glentoran
J. L. O. Andrews
Alex. R. G. Gordon

(a) 1946. c. 23. (b) 1956. c. 8. (c) 1959. c. 7.
(d) 1945. c. 19; 1952. c. 14; 1956. c. 8 and 1959. c. 7.
(e) 1946. c. 23; 1949. c. 20; 1951. c. 18; 1952. c. 14; 1953. c. 27; 1955. c. 1; 1955. c. 10; 1956. c. 8; 1957. c. 7; 1957. c. 26; 1959. c. 7 and 1959. c. 21.

SCHEDULE

LETTERS EXCHANGED BETWEEN THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM IN CANADA AND THE CANADIAN MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

No. 1

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM IN CANADA TO THE CANADIAN MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

8th December, 1959.

My dear Minister,

As you know our officials have had informal talks with yours about the social security of people who migrate from the United Kingdom to Canada or from Canada to the United Kingdom. As a result, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland would like to make certain proposals which it hopes will be acceptable to the Government of Canada.

2. The United Kingdom Government has studied the provisions of the social security legislation passed by the Parliament of Canada which affect people who migrate from the United Kingdom to Canada. It understands that these provisions are as described in paragraphs 3 to 11 below.

3. *Family Allowances and Family Assistance.*—By an amendment to the Family Allowances Act, passed in 1949, the Parliament of Canada has reduced from three years to one year the period of residence in Canada required before payment of family allowance benefits may begin in respect of each child under sixteen, born outside of Canada, and migrating with his parents to settle in Canada. During the waiting period of one year, while newly-arrived families are not eligible to receive family allowances, a slightly smaller benefit, known as the family assistance benefit ($5 monthly instead of $6 to $8 depending on the child's age) is payable out of a special Parliamentary appropriation at present included in the Annual Estimates of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration.

4. *Old Age Security.*—By an amendment to the Old Age Security Act, passed in 1957, the Parliament of Canada has reduced from twenty years to ten years the basic period of residence required for the establishment of eligibility for benefit. This benefit, amounting to $55 a month, is now payable to all persons who have reached the age of seventy and who have resided in Canada continuously during the ten-year period immediately before the proposed benefit begins. The benefit is payable also to those who have interrupted their residence in Canada but who have resided there during the year immediately before the proposed benefit begins and also during earlier periods which in the aggregate are at least twice as long as any parts of that ten-year period during which they have not resided in Canada.

5. *Unemployment Insurance.*—Eligibility for benefits under the Unemployment Insurance Act is not based on any residence requirement, but rather on a record of prior contributions in respect of periods of insured employment. Newly-arrived migrants, like all other persons in Canada who are entering insured employment for the first time, acquire rights to benefit after making contributions in respect of at least thirty weeks of insurable employment. During the period December 1st to May 15th each year, special seasonal benefits are payable to unemployed insured persons who lack the full record of prior contributions required in the case of regular benefits, but have made contributions in respect of fifteen weeks of insurable employment since the previous March 31st.

6. In addition to these provisions contained in legislation of the Parliament of Canada in respect of social security programmes administered directly by the Dominion Government, there are the following provisions contained in legislation passed by the Parliament of Canada, but provincially administered. It is understood that, wherever necessary, enabling legislation has been passed by the