

Compensation for Ex-Members of the C.E.F.

FOREWORD

By "THE GUNNER."

In endeavouring to construct a logical and reasonable argument for ex-service men, and their dependants, in the matter of **compensation for the loss in purchasing power of the dollar during the period of the war**, the writer desires to point out to those interested that it is not to be confused with any so-called **\$2,000 or bust** gratuity proposals whatever. Indeed, it were better that the term "gratuity" (which means **something for nothing**) be dropped from the Veterans' vocabulary forever, and that the problem, in future, be correctly defined as **compensation**, to which ex-members of the C.E.F. are entitled.

It should be clearly understood by the public at large that the ex-member of the C.E.F. does not **ask for, or expect**, any extra grant of money **for any services he may have rendered the State, but he does expect, and has a right to expect**, that when the cost of living increased to such a degree that the wages of 1914 became insufficient in subsequent years to provide the wage-earner with the ordinary necessities of life, then, as stated, the soldier-wage-earner has a right to expect the same consideration at the hands of the State as was given to every other class of wage-earner, State or Civilian, viz., **compensation for the shrinkage or loss in purchasing power of the dollar, during the period of service.**

It is hoped that this argument will be carefully considered by every Branch, and as far as possible, **every member of the G.W.V.A.**—not as a new scheme, for it is not that—but as an **argument which we may all use**, without any hesitation: an argument devoid of sentiment—but based on cold reason sustained by facts, in support of the Montreal resolution, adopted at the last Convention, which calls for a **bonus payment**; or, in our judgment, more properly defined as **compensation for the loss in the purchasing power of the dollar**, at the rate of \$1.00 a day, from date of enlistment to date of discharge,