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ECONOMIC SLAVERY

The present economic position of the permanent and temporary civil servants of the federal government is a simon pure example of economic slavery. The average salary is about \$900.00 with a paltry and humiliating bonus. The present winter promises numberless anxieties and distress in thousands of our homes. The maximum bonus in the British Isles, the cradle of the Empire, and the land of our precedents and ideals is \$2,500. Our maximum is \$420, while the cost of living in Great Britain has increased but 25% more than in Canada. A man or woman, married or single, in Great Britain on a \$1,000 salary receives \$950.00 bonus. A Canadian servant employed in London receives \$150 Canadian bonus. If he received the Great Britain bonus he would receive over \$1,000.

Organizations should arouse themselves from their lethargy. All branch associations should draw up strong and sturdy memorials expressive of protest against discrimination and injustice. The Civilian will gladly act as the depository for such appeals, and see that these are appended to the memorial to be presented to the Prime Minister on his return to Ottawa at the end of the month, by the officers of the Federal Union of Ottawa, under sponsorship of the Labor Congress of Canada. The memorial will disclose the economic conditions amongst civil servants which demand an increase of 25% or 40% in addition to present salary and bonus by Governor General's warrant, to date from April 1, 1920. The public is not being, and cannot be, well served under conditions of this kind.

CALL A SPECIAL MEETING.

ACT AT ONCE.

Note:—Get this in your local press. Emphasize fact that the public will inevitably suffer from a continuance of such conditions.