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THAT BONUS.

Rumblings of a coming storm are heard. That long fought for, long promised financial relief due on account of the high cost of living, has not been received. Those prominent in the fight gave vent to sighs of relief when it became known that the financial relief had at last been granted by Parliament. That was weeks ago. Possibly by the time this is in print the rumblings will have ceased and we will see on the countenances of those about us that radiance that will need no questioning as to its cause. If the possibility is to be discounted, then the postal clerks and their kindred associates have only one recourse: that is, to place their case before the public in such a way that will live long in the memory of those responsible for the unpardonable delay in distributing that which is equivalent to the necessities of life.

UNION GOVERNMENT.

Although Union Government is looked upon with circumspection in certain sources, we earnestly hope it will prove beneficial to that important power of the State—the Civil Service. Many of the faces in the new Cabinet are of men who have dwelt long in the land of practical politics. Their knowledge bespeaks something more than a few ideas of the science of Government. Let this knowledge, coupled with that of the parliamentarians that are to come, be properly directed into the channels that may be overlooked in the ministers' and members' zeal, and there will be no doubt as to the immediate improvement in the working conditions of postal clerks and civil servants generally. And in this regard let us suggest that the transferring of the patronage from the hands of the ministers to those of the deputy ministers tends to aggravate rather than eradicate the obvious evil.

We appeal to those branches that have not yet forwarded their lists of enlistments to *The Civilian* to do so without delay. The duty will take up but little time, and the

information will become no small part of a memorable record.

Remember, ye discouraged ones, the Association is engaged in a departmental fight for Right, not Might. Do your bit every opportunity, and we win.

BRANCH NOTES.

Regina.

On Saturday, Oct. 1st, a smoking concert was held in the Trades and Labor Hall to welcome home Corp. W. Smith, who previous to his enlistment was the senior clerk in the Regina post office. Corp. Smith enlisted with the Highlanders in 1915 and saw much service. He was severely wounded during the early part of the year, which necessitated the amputation of his leg. Our comrade seems in the best of health, notwithstanding, and on the date mentioned we gave him a hearty welcome. Corporal Smith has been transferred to the Toronto post office, where in the course of time he will resume his duties. Good luck and God bless you, boy.

We understand that the long promised increase is on its way. What a relief when it eventually arrives. We are bitterly disappointed with the measure of relief meted out to us. A paltry eight and a half dollars per month is of very little use to a man earning sixty-two and a half dollars a month. What a great pity that the Association were not more direct in their demands. We are afraid that we shall have to get together and demand an arbitration board to enquire into the wages of post office officials. What with the cost of living soaring higher and higher, we did think that the Government would recognize how important it is for almost any married man to live on less than one hundred dollars per month. One of the greatest tributes that can possibly be paid to any organized body of men is the tremendous amount of patience and loyalty displayed by the men of the Outside Service and the Government should be the first to recognize that fact. We would dearly like to know what increase was granted to minis-