

## Activities

The executive officers have looked upon the Federation page as a method of presenting to the members of the general council and to all others interested, some idea of the activities of the Federation. They are only too well aware that the record is not complete, that the steps being taken by all civil service organizations are mutually dependent, and that co-operation is and always will be essential. As has been reiterated over and over again, it is impossible for the officers of the different organizations to take the service or even their own members, into their confidence at all times. Step by step we are winning our way, shoulder to shoulder, and the service must keep track of the activities mentioned in all of the various departments of *The Civilian* if they are to have an idea of the forces that are at work.

## Correspondence with Government

The following letters have not been answered by Government. They are published for the information of civil servants:—

### Full Bonus of \$350 or Arbitration

October 16, 1919.

The Right Hon. Sir George E. Foster,  
Acting Prime Minister,  
Ottawa.

Sir:—

I am directed to refer to your letter of July 23rd last, acknowledging mine of the 22nd idem, asking that either the full bonus of \$350 for the fiscal year 1918-19 be given to those who have not already received it, or that a board of arbitration be established to render a decision in connection therewith, as suggested by the Prime Minister, and I have to ask again whether or not this proposal has been dealt with by the Prime Minister favorably or otherwise, inasmuch as your letter of July 23rd referred to above stated that you will be glad to give our representations your best consideration.

Your faithfully,

CH. J. TULLEY,  
Secretary.

## Convention resolutions

October 16, 1919.

The Right Hon. Sir Geo. E. Foster,  
Acting Prime Minister,  
Ottawa.

Sir:—

I beg to direct your attention to the fact that, under date of the 26th of June last, the Civil Service Federation addressed to the Right Honorable the Prime Minister a printed copy of the resolutions which were passed at the last convention of the Civil Service Federation of Canada held in this city from March 17th to 22nd inclusive, and attended by representatives of the Civil Service organizations from Halifax to Vancouver. Will you please be good enough to advise us what action, if any, the Government intends to take with regard to these resolutions.

Yours faithfully,

CH. J. TULLEY,  
Secretary.

### Reinstatement of Western strikers

November 15, 1919.

The Right Hon. Sir Geo. E. Foster,  
Acting Prime Minister,  
West Block,  
City.

Sir:—

I am directed to enclose a copy of the letter sent to the Right Hon. Sir Robert Borden on June thirtieth last relative to the reinstatement of the Dominion Government employees in the west who were suspended for going out on strike at the time of the Winnipeg general strike, and to say that the Executive Board of the Civil Service Federation would like to have a definite statement of the Government's intention to re-open negotiations with these men, many of whom are facing a very hard winter with families.

We feel that such a generous act would go a long way towards alleviating the discontent at present prevailing throughout the Service.

Yours faithfully,

CH. J. TULLEY,  
Secretary.

### Retroactive Classification

November 12, 1919.

Hon. A. K. McLean,  
Chairman Committee Development  
and Reconstruction,  
26 Wellington street,  
Ottawa.

Sir:—

I am directed to advise you that at the last meeting of the Executive Board of the Civil Service Federation, a motion was passed instructing the secretary, in view of the numerous enquiries that are being

made as to what action is to be taken by the Government relative to dating back the re-classification bill to become effective on April 1st, 1919, to ask if you would be good enough to provide us with a statement in this connection so that the different branches of this organization may be advised.

In this connection I would direct your attention to the following telegram which was sent in by the President of the Civil Service Association at Winnipeg representing 1,200 federal employees in Manitoba.

"The Central Executive of Civil Service Associations representing twelve hundred employees in Manitoba passed following resolution unanimously on behalf of the various bodies affiliated:—  
"Herewith we desire to protest vigorously against classification bill being dated April 1920. We look to Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Borden, Hon. A. K. Maclean, and Hon. N. W. Rowell to implement promises given last session as to increases being retroactive from April 1919."

Yours faithfully,

CH. J. TULLEY,  
Secretary.

NOTE.—The dating back of the classification has since been won and the necessary order-in-council has been passed.

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### Vancouver Customs

The members of the Service will be interested in reading the following letters:—

November 11, 1919.

Wm. Foran, Esq.,  
Secretary, Civil Service Commission,  
Ottawa.

Sir:—

In consideration of the advertisement which has been placed in the Press offering the position of collector of customs for the port of Vancouver for competition, I am directed to ask you for information as to why the qualifications of "customs experience" were not included in the advertisement and also why it was found necessary at all to advertise the position for competition, there being a number of eligible employees in the Customs Service of Canada and particularly at the port of Vancouver who might be promoted to this position?

Yours faithfully,

CH. J. TULLEY,  
Secretary.