

LETTER CARRIERS SEEK INCREASE

**Claim They Are Suffering—Ask
Public Interest on Their
Behalf.**

The letter carriers of the whole Dominion have been anxiously looking forward to the session of the house at Ottawa, and with great anxiety are estimating the amount of salary increase likely to be passed for their relief from existing conditions.

A circular sent out by the Winnipeg branch of the Federated association of Letter Carriers points out that since 1914 "according to the government's own statistics the cost of living for the average family has increased from \$14.28 per week to \$19.33, an increase of \$5.05 and \$5.05 per week is approximately \$25 per month. Since 1912 we have had only one increase in the shape of a bonus, and that came last year, about \$8 a month for the fiscal year 1917-18; the maximum salary is \$90 and, with bonus, \$98, but a large percentage of the letter carriers up to last year were getting only \$65 per month after three years of service without any annual increase. At present with the bonus it amounts to \$73, which according to statistics must leave the recipient several dollars behind every month.

"In 1912 we were not by any means on easy street and now we are suffering, and with no relief in sight and without the means at hand generally used by other classes of workers to force their grievances before the public and the authorities, we must resort to persuasive means and with that end in view we ask you to forward our claims by letter to the M.P. for your constituency, or to the postmaster general at Ottawa, by so doing you will, we know, feel satisfied that you have performed an act of justice, and we will feel grateful for your kindly assistance."

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