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## FOREWORD

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President Woodrow Wilson wrote "The New Freedom" in order to show the people of the United States how to escape from intolerable conditions.

I have written "The New Slavery" in order to show the people of the Dominion of Canada how we have got into intolerable conditions, and also the way out.





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# THE NEW SLAVERY.

## CHAPTER I.

### *CURRENT NEWS ITEMS.*

I HAVE been a good deal interested during the last three or four years in this strange question of the high cost of living.

Four years ago a laboring man came to me to rent a house, referring me to a grocer for whom the man had worked in the woods, where the grocer carried on lumbering operations.

"What kind of a man is that?" I asked the grocer.

"Oh, he's a steady man—not a bad sort of a fellow," replied the grocer.

"Can he pay the rent of a house—six dollars a month?"

"No."

"Why?"

"Because at the present price of food"—here the grocer ran rapidly over the prices of pork, flour and other commodities—"a working-man can get only enough to eat—he can't pay rent!"

After two years' experience of the tenant I have come to the conclusion that the grocer was