

AWAITING ACTION ON PUBLIC WORKS

Unemployment Situation in City Is Not Showing Improvement Yet.

The board of trade unemployment committee have been given to understand that the Dominion government will not undertake any public works to relieve the unemployment situation until after an appropriation can be made by the federal government.

They urged that an order-in-council be made, authorizing these appropriations, but were told to understand that order-in-council had become unpopular to run the risk of making any more. The committee of the situation here and the fact that the federal government is not going to work for a month or so of public works to grow worse, was pointed out.

The matter of opening up public works has again been taken up with the works committee, and they are being asked to show more speed and action before the house much needed appropriation is expected to follow.

The excellence of the work of the committee handling the rent situation is shown by the fact that not a case of eviction in which the tenant has been evicted out of employment has occurred since the work was taken up.

The thirty men sent to work for the Hydro Commission at the Falls yesterday were all newly fitted out with underclothes, suits and overcoats before they left, and given the good wishes and "God bless you" of the British General Fraser.

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BUSINESS CAREER TALK DELIGHTS BIG AUDIENCE

A large audience of pupils, parents and friends enjoyed the first of a series of occasional talks last night at the assembly hall of the Jesse Ketchum School.

Charles C. Miller, president of the business career talk series, was the speaker. He gave a racy exposition of essentials for business success, and the picture of the future of the business world.

Excellent musical numbers were rendered by Miss Elsie Wrathall, pianist; Miss Kathleen Timmins, violinist; Miss Alberta Kiehl, soprano; and the Parkdale Hawaiian Quartet.

The meeting was presided over by the Davenport High School Literary Society, and the college is to be congratulated on the success of its series.

Joe Gilman read a witty number on the "Paper, the Press and the Dictator." Max Rothbart by his recitations made a decided hit with the audience.

APPEAL TO MEIGHEN TO HELP CHINA

Premier Says Eastern Foodstuffs Dumped in Canada Will Reconsider Grant.

Montreal, Feb. 4.—Replying to a delegation of Montreal businessmen who asked that a grant from the federal funds be made in aid of the starving millions in China, Premier Meighen said that the government had made an investigation and had found that Chinese foodstuffs had been dumped upon the Canadian market in competition with home-grown products.

The premier said Canada had no alternative but to meet, and he pointed out that no other government had made such contributions. Mr. Meighen added that the Canadian government would once more consider the question of aiding the Chinese, stating that appeals of this sort rarely went unheeded by Canada.

Reports Investigation. Premier Meighen, in replying, said that the question of Chinese relief had engaged the attention of the government more perhaps than was generally known. First, he said the government investigated the facts and from from missionaries in Shanghai learned that the conditions there were very alarming. They then communicated with the high commissioner in London, from whom they received information in which connection, rather vague, but largely confirmed by other information.

Investigating what other governments were doing, they were surprised to find that, with the exception of small donations by the United States, nothing had been officially been contributed.

Realize Need. "While we realize the intense need of the situation," continued Mr. Meighen, "we found further that for foodstuffs from China have been placed on the British market. We are unable to market our produce, and we have been sent here to compel our people by law to contribute to China foodstuffs to replace what has been sent here, and placed in competition with our own produce. At the same time, it is needed in a call of mercy goes unheeded in this country, and a government will once again go carefully into the situation."

ORANGEMEN ELECT H. FAIRBANKS. Woodstock, Ont., Feb. 4.—H. Fairbanks, of the Oxford County Orange Lodge, was elected master of the lodge.

WAGE REDUCTIONS CAUSE STRIKE TALK

Machinists Said to Be Agitating for General Walkout as Protest.

Indignation was expressed yesterday among the striking shipbuilders over the alleged action of the public employment bureau in securing unemployed men to act as strikebreakers.

The D.S.C.R. are also understood to have put men on this job, and it is expected that the matter will be taken up at the next meeting of the trades and labor council.

Following the action of the labor council on Wednesday night in instructing its executive to call a special meeting of the council to consider the advisability of calling a general strike in protest against the city to bring the wage scale of the shipbuilders to a head, and as a result being inaugurated by some Toronto firms, the machinists' union have already taken action.

All union machinists that have been called to work on the shipbuilding construction of the government ships have now been ordered to cease work, and a partial strike of the shipbuilding is expected to follow.

Feeling is running very high among the local trade unions over the question of wage reduction, and a strike in every case where a reduction is made in order to work in the week.

It was stated yesterday that the only reason the boiler-makers at the Canada Foundry have not already taken action is that their agreement with the employers calls for a three-day notice of a walk-out.

Unless the employers recede from their present stand in the meantime, however, in the case of the boiler-makers, a strike is expected within the next thirty days.

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KILL ADMINISTRATOR AND MANY SOLDIERS

Unemployed at Chilean Plant Dissatisfied with Food Arrangements.

Valparaiso, Chile, Feb. 4.—Unemployed workmen at the Socio Nitrate plant in Antofagasta province, clashed with a military guard today, and a number of the soldiers were killed.

The Chilean government has been accused of mistreating the workmen, who are dissatisfied with the food arrangements at the plant.

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COUNTY AND SUBURBAN NEWS

ATTENDANCE HIGH AT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Eglinton Presbyterians Have Largest on Record—Reports of Other Meetings.

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