

PROBLEMS OF EMPLOYMENT DISCUSSED

American Association of Public Employment Offices—
Control Over Immigration Suggested

THE eighth annual meeting of the American Association of Public Employment Offices was held in Ottawa, September 20 to 22. Bryce M. Stewart, director of the Canadian Employment Service, is president this year. The program was divided into five divisions, as follows: Unemployment and organization of employment; employment and education; the placement of the physically handicapped; the harvest labor problem; and employment office administration and technique. Several addresses were given under each division. The Canadians who read papers were: Gilbert E. Jackson, associate professor of economics, University of Toronto; G. Frank Beer, Toronto; W. C. Clark, associate professor of economics, Queen's University, Kingston; J. W. Macmillan, professor of sociology, Victoria College, Toronto; R. A. Rigg, Dominion superintendent of western offices, employment service of Canada; J. M. Wyatt, juvenile employment specialist, employment service of Canada; T. Norman Dean, statistician, Ontario Workmen's Compensation Board.

Might Direct Immigration

J. W. Macmillan, Toronto, spoke on "The Public Employment Service and the Immigrant." He said in part:—

"It is manifest that there would be great advantage in getting into touch with would-be immigrants in their own lands. Those who are destined to be rejected at the port of entry would be saved the wearisome and costly journey, and their disappointment greatly mitigated. And the false ideas inculcated by mercenary agents, or the fairy tales of hearsay, might be corrected in time. Most of all, the immigrant might be connected with a job before he buys his ticket. And those for whom jobs were waiting might be assured of entrance, while others were delayed or refused. Indeed, the problem of the limitation and selection of immigrants might thus be solved, as only those were admitted who were manifestly needed and for whom a place was waiting.

"I suggest a special department in connection with the public employment bureaus, charged with the distribution and protection of immigrants. This department would co-operate with the immigration authorities. Employment offices would require to be opened at the ports of entry and the centres of population where immigrants normally gather and from which they scatter.

"Under present conditions the skill of the immigrant is negated by his person. The determining factors of his first choice of work are the occupations of his family or relatives, the orders on the book of the employment agent or banker to whom he comes, and the help of chance acquaintances. His aptitude, training, experience and qualities other than physical have little influence upon the decision.

"Our immigration policies, so far, have been halted at the point of admission of the immigrant. They should, hereafter, attend and guide him until he becomes a citizen. Citizenship—that is the real port of entry to a nation's life. That is the place where the state should say 'Godspeed.'"

Canadian Re-elected President

At the closing session it was decided to meet at Buffalo, N.Y., next year, and also to change the name of their organization. In future it will be known as the International Association of Public Employment Services. The constitution was amended to allow this.

Bryce M. Stewart, Labor Department, Ottawa, was again elected president of the association. Other officers elected were: First vice-president, A. W. Holbrook, Dayton, Ohio; second vice-president, J. Dunderdale, Boston, Mass.; third vice-president, A. Sullivan, Chicago; secretary, Richard A. Glynn, New York; executive—J. D. Densmore, Washington, D.C., immediate past president and director-general United States Employment Service; Miss Marion Findlay, Toronto; Robert Peters, Harrisburg, Pa.; Thomas Malloy, Regina, Sask.

BANK BRANCH NOTES

THE Imperial Bank of Canada have opened a branch at the northwest corner of Annette St. and Runnymede Rd., Toronto.

The temporary branch of the Bank of Montreal, in the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. hotel at Banff, Alta., has been closed for this season.

The Bank of Montreal has obtained permission to erect a brick and stone building on Cherry St., Toronto, at a cost of \$30,000.

R. M. Campbell, manager of the Merchants Bank at Minburn, Alta., has been transferred to their branch at Galahad, Alta. Mr. McMillan, who has been manager of the bank at Galahad, has been transferred to Minburn.

Mr. Thomas the new manager of the Brockville branch of the Merchant's Bank, has arrived from Lancaster, Ont.

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Messrs. Glazebrook and Cronyn, exchange and bond brokers, Toronto, report local exchange rates to *The Monetary Times* as follows:—

	Buyers.	Sellers.	Counter.
N.Y. funds	10 15-16 pm	11 1-32 pm
Mont. funds	par.	par.	1/8 to 1/4
Sterling—			

Demand	\$3.8650	\$3.87
Cable transfers ...	3.8725	3.8775

New York quotations of exchange on European countries, supplied by the National City Co., Ltd., Toronto, as at September 23, 1920, follow: London, cable, 350 3/4; cheque, 350; Paris, cable, 6.84; cheque, 6.83; Italy, cable, 4.31; cheque, 4.30; Belgium, cheque, 7.15; Swiss, cheque, 16.15; Spain, cheque, 14.75; Holland, cheque, 31.00; Denmark, cheque, 13.70; Norway, cheque, 13.20; Sweden, cheque, 20.15; Berlin, cheque, 1.63; Greece, cheque, 10.55; Finland, cheque, 3.05; Roumania, cheque, 2.10.

WEEKLY BANK CLEARINGS

The following are the bank clearings for the week ended September 23rd, 1920, compared with the corresponding week last year:—

	Week ended Sept. 23, '20.	Week ended Sept. 25, '19.	Changes.
Montreal	\$137,747,897	\$110,389,743	+ \$27,358,154
Toronto	101,865,985	89,786,462	+ 12,079,523
Winnipeg	65,400,883	59,006,143	+ 6,394,740
Vancouver	18,634,050	12,974,467	+ 5,659,583
Ottawa	7,997,962	9,398,139	— 1,400,177
Calgary	8,876,850	8,269,756	+ 607,094
Hamilton	7,799,376	6,139,826	+ 1,659,550
Quebec	7,391,939	5,594,468	+ 1,797,471
Edmonton	5,002,405	4,653,949	+ 348,456
Halifax	5,270,318	4,987,674	+ 282,644
London	3,621,745	3,040,060	+ 581,685
Regina	4,535,644	4,733,248	— 197,604
St. John	3,259,129	3,366,029	— 106,900
Victoria	2,595,377	2,025,031	+ 570,346
Saskatoon	2,442,351	2,139,532	+ 302,819
Moose Jaw	1,927,199	2,145,139	— 217,940
Brantford	1,482,508	1,339,867	+ 142,641
Brandon	705,373	762,570	— 57,197
Fort William	989,954	1,016,705	— 26,751
Lethbridge	987,106	760,146	+ 226,960
Medicine Hat	733,111	480,538	+ 252,573
New Westminster	697,870	548,853	+ 149,017
Peterboro'	1,005,776	756,111	+ 249,665
Sherbrooke	1,351,744	853,017	+ 498,727
Kitchener	1,049,452	916,554	+ 132,898
Windsor	4,189,212	2,250,720	+ 1,938,492
Prince Albert	385,303	525,906	— 140,603
Totals	\$397,946,519	\$338,860,653	+ \$59,085,866
Moncton	547,487