

Senator Robertson Says Unemployment in Toronto. Not Acute.

"PETTING VETERANS" Men Not Pampered by Job in

Senate, His Worship Retorts.

Mayor Church feels resentful at a let-ter addressed by Senator Robertson, minister of labor, to Premier Meighen, a copy of which was forwarded to the mayor. It is a rep.y to the statement of Mayor Church that the labor situa-ment which, the minister writes, "is uite incorrect." "Early in November," he writes, "2300 so.diers were offered work in the lumber camps, but they rejected it." The minister continues; Is Milster Dreaming? "Mayor Church's statement that there has been a serious unemployment is dute in the vorshin's entiment that there is worshin's entiment that the dute

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"His worship's statement that the fed-eral government has uone have or nota-ing in the matter is quite incorrect. While in Toronto on the tariff commission, I carefully inquired as to the existing and prospective unemployment situation, and on. December 7, the day following the conclusion of the tariff commission's hearings there, I invited about forty labor leaders to a conference, and, on the same day, had another conference with about thirty members of the Cana-dian Manufacturers' Association, at which time ways and means of reliev-ing unemployment and providing emer-gency relief where necessary were dis-cussed.

cussed. "On the same day I also discussed the question with the minister of labor for Ontario, and with two members of the board of control for the city of Toronto. Arising out of the discussion with these various gent.emen I brought the general question to the attention of the fed-eral government, and the policy since adopted was outlined and communicated by letter, on December 14, to the On-tario government. money to enable the council to de-velop theadvertising of British goods

tario government. "The superintendent of the Toronto employment office-a provincial employe-had gone on record with the statement that the initial action taken by the fed-eral government was nothing short of providential' as it was the means of initiating the relief measures which have since been carried on by the city, the cost of which the provincial and federal governments are paying the major part; "I have no desire to criticize his wor-ship the mayor, but I am nevertheless quite strongly of the opinion that had the unemployed returned soldiers not been petted quite so muck by him dur-ing the past two years that a substan-tial portion of those unemployed in To-ronto would have accepted the proficred employment in October last. The facts, therefore, are that there has been no acute unemployment situation in Toronto for the last five months; that the first ed by the federal department of labor, and that the federal and provincial gov-ernments are bearing two-thirds of the cost of the refiel disbursed. "Therefore, so far as his worship's re-marks and criticisms respecting the at-titude of the federal government in con-nection with the unemployment situation in toronto. Promate and criticisms respecting the at-titude of the federal government in con-nection with the unemployment situation in toronto. Promates and criticisms respecting the at-titude of the federal government in con-nection with the unemployment situation in toronto. Promates and criticisms respecting the at-titude of the federal government in con-metion with the unemployment situation in toronto. Promates and criticisms respecting the at-titude of the federal government in con-metion with the unemployment situation in toronto. Promates and criticisms respecting the at-titude of the federal government situation the the unemployment situation in toronto. Promates and criticisms respecting the at-titude of the federal government in con-metion with the unemployment situation the the Considering the exchange situation 'The superintendent of the Toronto

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titude of the federal government in con-nection with the unemployment situa-tion are concerned, they are not strictly in accordance with the facts." Criticizes Government. Commenting on this yesterday Mayor Church said shell-shocked soldiers could not be expected to work in the lumber camps, and up to the present he had not heard composed to work in the senate. Experience has shown that very little help could be expected from the labor department in solving these labor prob-lems. He had tried to have the govern-ment check the inrush at the border, but nothing had been done to stop the dumping.



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