

Railways and cities at an alarming rate on borrowed capital. The Problem is not for the cities alone to settle, but a National one... Municipalities cannot go on building sewers, etc., for ever. Present conditions are not due to the War alone, they would probably have been worse had the War not come.

Deputation of Mayors to Federal Government, May 24th 1915."

"If some system were adopted, whereby not only between the Municipalities, but also possibly to some extent by the Provincial Governments, there could be help in arranging to give men the information necessary to bring the Employer and Employed into better communication with one another, it would very materially assist in the solution of the problem. The Dominion Government is really the right Authority to take up this matter and deal with it. If it is taken hold of by the Dominion Government the danger of overlapping would be very materially done away with, and a lot of unnecessary work would be avoided."

Senator BOSTOCK, Senate Debate, March 10th., 1915."

"There is no question that an organized system of Labour Bureaux from the Atlantic to the Pacific if well directed, from the Head office, would allow of the placing of a number of men where they would be better able to earn a living than in a congested city.

Senator DANDURAND, Evidence before Senate Labour Committee, May 6th, 1914."

"There is no Department of the Government which could be more beneficial in its results as the successful establishment and proper management of public Employment Bureaux in coordination with the Federal Government. Their establishment and proper management would in my judgement, do much in normal times to reduce the number of idle shiftless intemperate immoral and criminal; it would make for a better citizenship and a respect for our laws and civic institutions.

W. L. SEARS, Supt. N. Y. City Public Employment Bureau."

"I consider that they are absolutely essential to any system of Labour organization, and if properly worked they will be a great help and in no way harm the interests of trade unions... As a personal opinion I think it is very desirable that such agencies should be set up as soon as possible in Canada. When I was in Canada last year I was amazed to see the private Labour Bureaux and it was quite clear to me that a Government system was a very urgent need. The state of Industrial affairs in this country and in the Colonies after the War will make it even more necessary. If you had Government Labour Exchanges then there might be arrangements made between them and our system to the mutual advantage of both sides.

Letter of PHILIP SNOWDON, M.P., Oct., 27th, 1915."