

## COMMENTS BY PROMINENT MEN

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"To relieve is to wait until the evil has befallen, to attempt to repair it. To relieve is to wait until misery has come, to give alms to the miserable. But alms remains at best a meritorious deed — not a social act."

LEON BOURGEOIS, Ex-President of the Council of Ministers, France. *Président Ass. on Unemployment*."

"There is, as the Board of Trade from accurate statistics of the past decade is positively able to testify, no month in the year in which some great industry is not at its very slackest, and equally no month in the year in which some great industry is not at its busiest... By what steps can we proceed to such a regularisation of these seasonal trades and such a dovetailing of their unspecialised and unskilled labour as would prevent the recurrent fluctuations of Employment to which they are now subject."

SYDNEY WEBB."

"And yet it (Canada) is reproducing in an intensified form some of the troubles of the Old World. I have never seen in Great Britain such an acute Unemployment Problem as has been forced upon my attention during the last three months in Canada."

G. N. BARNES, M.P., Head of Munitions Workers,  
*Commissions Statement to London Daily News.*"

"They are an instrument in the process of being perfected, rather than one in full use, yet no one can doubt they have come to stay and to grow as the many services they may render come to be more fully recognized... it is very generally realized that to put on the individual workman the whole burden of finding and following the ever shifting market for his labour, is to leave to isolated action a matter that cries out for organization, and that in regard to every other commodity in the world has obtained full measure of organization. Everything that is bought and sold has its known marts. Labour alone is still blindly hawked from door to door and town to town. The isolated search for work, it is argued, is demoralising to the individual as well as economically wasteful..."

"There will be a far better choice, the best men at any moment available will all be found concentrated at the Labour Exchange."

W. D. BEVERIDGE, *Unemployment.*"

"The Mayor of Winnipeg said: 'The basic cause of the present conditions was undoubtedly the fact that for years Canada has been building