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Three days afterwards, on April 16, His Worship, Mayor James Simpson, answered the request of April 1 as follows:

"Now that it is understood what is wanted I am forwarding herewith a list of the unemployed registered with our Department of Public Welfare, classified as to trade or profession."

Attached to His Worship's letter, was a "list of men registered for work", - evidently City works only, the total of which was 22,336. The Provincial Relief Registration return signed by Mr. J. A. Ellis, Secretary, Unemployment Relief Department, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, mentioned that 24,037 adults were employable in Toronto in August, 1934. His Worship's figures, if correct, showed a decrease of 1,701 in unemployment.

Are they correct? The Provincial return of August, 1934, mentions 7,741 unemployed labourers and His Worship's list of April, 1935, 17,501. According to His Worship, there are 1,701 unemployed less, although there are now 9,760 more unemployed labourers in the City of Toronto. Is it not absurd? It is the more so because in August, 1934, the total number of registered unemployed labourers in the 28 cities of the Province of Ontario was 21,078.

Please compare the Provincial return for August, 1934, with His Worship's list, and you will see that His Worship pays no attention to all the classified trades numbered from (22) to (70). There lies the difference. Is not His Worship's list very unfair and unjust for the classified tradesmen of the City of Toronto?

On April 16, His Worship stated under his own signature that the total number of men registered for work was 22,336. Is this figure correct?

According to the Department of Labour, in February, 1935, there were 31,165 heads of families afforded direct relief in Toronto, at a joint Dominion, Provincial and Municipal expenditure of \$5,397,611, for seven months ending February 28, 1935, the total number on relief in Toronto being 117,529 in February last.

Did the 8,829 heads of families on relief in February and ignored by His Worship find employment between February 28 and April 16?

If so, every unemployed in Canada should go to the Queen City for a job; if not, His Worship, Mayor James Simpson, should resign at once, the Queen City's motto being, as everybody knows: "Industry, Intelligence, Integrity."

Respectfully submitted,

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