

## UNEMPLOYMENT QUESTION UNDER CONSIDERATION

By the Employment Service Council in Recent Annual Session.

### OUT-OF-WORKS MORE NUMEROUS

Buy Only Canadian Made Goods is the Most Effective Remedy Suggested.

The Employment Service Council of Canada is in session in the House of Commons. This is the third annual meeting of the council, and each year has seen an increase of unemployment. Of course the Employment Service Council is merely an advisory body. It can make recommendations to the Federal Minister of Labor. The members can help to educate each other by discussing proposals to relieve the unemployment situation, and something can be done to educate public opinion by admitting the press to the deliberations of the Council. Without depreciating the value of the work done so far by the Employment Service Council, the public may excusably feel that something of a comprehensive character is due from the present sessions on Parliament Hill. Many details such as the regulation of private employment offices, the ordering of government supplies at seasons of the year when the demand for labor on other work is lowest, division of labor to give unemployed men work on alternate days, state insurance for the unemployed and kindred palliatives, may be considered worthy of discussion. But the present situation in Canada, as indicated by the figures of the Department of Labor, and by the Minister of Labor's own statements, would seem to call for bigger measures of immediate, effective aid from the responsible authorities.

Department of labor statistics show, according to the statement of Mr. C. Grant MacNell, national secretary of the Great War Veterans' Association, that twenty-five per cent. of the workers in Canada are unemployed at present. This condition must surely be regarded as a national crisis. Is it too much to say that vision is needed to provide employment opportunities for the army of involuntary unemployed, something like the enthusiasm that operated to provide opportunities for men to enlist at the beginning of the war?

Of course, it may be objected that it is not the function of the Employment Service Council to furnish this lead to the nation, any more than the militia council gave the lead during the war. The men enlisted spontaneously, and Sir Sam Hughes, as Minister of Militia, supplied the necessary zeal to induce the Government to respond to the needs of the situation. Men are just as eager today to enlist in industry as employed workers, however, as they were in 1914 to enlist as soldiers. They lack the opportunity. Is the Government doing as much to open up opportunities for employment as it did at the beginning of the war?

Senator Gordon Robertson, it is true, has urged the people of Canada to buy Canadian-made goods, without indicating how people are to buy \$100,000 worth of goods with only \$70,000.00 of purchasing power. It has been demonstrated in former trade depressions, including the last period of unemployment just before the war, that such exhortations are about as effective as recruiting speeches were in 1917. It is to be hoped that the deliberations of the Employment Service Council will result in something more effective being submitted for the guidance of the minister and the education of public opinion.

Trade depression and unemployment has not been precipitated upon the country without warning, as Germany precipitated the war. The constituted authorities in Canada have had ample opportunity to note the development of economic conditions that periodically lead to an unemployment crisis about every seven years. The deflation is brought on. The Employment Service Council has had three years to make itself familiar with the recommendations of the Ontario commission on unemployment—surely a representative commission of practical business men and citizens, under the chairmanship of Sir John Willison—appointed after the last experience. The introduction of the report says:

"This commission was appointed," said a statement issued on January 8, 1916, "not to consider conditions arising out of the war, or even out of the passing season of commercial depression, but to examine into the permanent causes of recurring unemployment in Ontario, and to recommend measures to mitigate or abolish the evil." The result of their inquiries has impressed on your commissioners most forcibly the fact that the depressions which occurred in 1914 and 1915, was but a phase of the movement alternating between inflation and depression, which is a characteristic feature of modern industry. A false sense of security should not blind the business world, in times of thriving trade, to the fact that widespread unemployment is likely to recur in future.

World it is unfair to ask the Employment Service Council what advice it has given to the Government and to the people of Canada with regard to the practical value of the Ontario commission's recommendations? The Council must surely be familiar with the contents of the report.

Unemployment is as disastrous for many people as invasion by a hostile army would be. It is responsible for suicides and widespread hardship only less spectacular than the devastation of war. What would be said of the responsible military and naval authorities who advised to prepare for defense of the country against invasion, although the likelihood of an invasion had been plainly indicated, as the Canadian commission about the unemployment situation of a recent

## Not Inclined To Lose Advantage

Canadian National Railways to Cut Rates on Grain to Meet U. S. Reductions.

Montreal, Sept. 5.—It is expected that in a day or two an announcement will be made by the Canadian railways of a reduction in grain rates from the West to the ocean seaboard, to meet the reductions authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission recently put into force in an effort to prevent the deflection of so much American grain to the Canadian route to ocean. Rate officials have been working on this for some time past, and it is expected that their results will be announced early next week, when the reduced rates will be put into force, so as to hold the advantage in grain transport that has been so conspicuously won by the Canadian water and rail route from Chicago this summer.

During the latter part of the present summer there has been an unprecedented rush of American grain over the Canadian lake and rail route to Montreal, which has caused considerable congestion, both at the lake elevators and at Montreal, despite the rapid methods of handling the grain, with the prospect that all grain records for Montreal harbor will be broken this year.

Of widespread unemployment? There would be some slight excuse for public inattention if, when the invasion occurred, a national council met to discuss some minor details, while important recommendations of the reliable report were ignored.

Cases of actual want are being reported daily. Children are denied nourishing food, because their parents are unable to secure employment, in this land of abundance, where the workers produce annually twice as much as they consume.

Leaders were eloquent, sincerely so, on the hardships suffered by the people of Belgium a few years ago. People in Canada are surely entitled to as much consideration by the responsible authorities who, of their own accord, retain the powers of government in their own hands. Organized effort, and drastic action, is needed without too much time spent in talking about it, to bring practical relief to the country before the arrival of the coming winter on the frontiers of Canada. The Employment Service Council has the rest of this week in Ottawa, to decide upon a plan of campaign.—Ottawa Citizen.

## POLAND CROWDED BY RUSSIANS TO ESCAPE FAMINE

Pestilence and Unpopularity of Soviet Rule Factors Behind the Migration.

Washington, Sept. 5.—The population of Poland is being increased at the rate of about 10,000 persons a week, as a result of migrations from Russia, caused by famine, pestilence and the unpopularity of Soviet rule, according to advice from Barnanovitch, an outpost of the Russo-Polish frontier which has been transformed into a great relief camp. The former inhabitants of the great deserted belt lying to the east of Brest-Litovsk and Krodno are coming back on impulse from Russia, pushed by the Soviet Government and the dread of the great famine which is laying waste the land from which they come. They fill the enormous camp at Barnanovitch, which before the war, was the regular quarters of a division, and erected by the Polish authorities to take care of the overflow. Nevertheless, the Russian hosts rolled back into the open, sleeping under little shelters of birch branches round the precious household goods which they have carried during the past six years of their wanderings.

Barnanovitch figured extensively in the late war. It was there that the Grand Duke Nicholas had his headquarters for many months, and later it was the high water mark of the great German advance, and a few miles east of the city runs the trench line which the Germans built to withstand the attack of the Russian army. Today Barnanovitch presents one of the most interesting sights conceivable, that of a wandering people, when the Russian hosts rolled back through the Pink marshes and across Lithuania, they left waste many square miles of country and took with them the White Russian peasant folk who had cultivated it, so that the Germans might have no goods from the land they had occupied. The people were driven out of the villages by the Cossacks and for days the roads were filled with throngs of hungering humanity.

Now they are coming back. For the past two years there has been a constant trickle of families making their way westward through the Polish and Bolshevik front, but only those who had horses and carts and money, with which to bribe these

## "Synthetic" Whisky Kills N. Y. Actress

Her Friend's Life Saved After Long Fight by Physicians.

New York, Sept. 5.—One actress is dead and another was barely snatched back to consciousness and life after a long fight by physicians early today following a merry trip around the whitelight district to cabarets which are selling "genuine" whiskey to their patrons.

An autopsy performed on the body of Emily Sammet showed physicians say, that death was due to alcoholic poisoning, and from the story told by Hazel Graham, her friend, in whose flat the two girls were found, it is believed that the "synthetic" liquor they had been drinking was responsible for the tragedy.

### Message From Mars

New York, Sept. 5.—J. C. H. MacBeth, London manager of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company, Ltd., today started members of the Rotary Club of New York, in a speech at a luncheon at the Hotel McAlpin by the announcement that Signor MacBeth believed he had intercepted messages from Mars.

The wireless inventor, he said, while making a series of atmospheric experiments aboard his yacht, the Elettra, in the Mediterranean several months ago, discovered wireless wave lengths far in excess of those used by the highest powered radio stations in the world. These led him and other wireless experts to believe that Mars or some other planet was trying to communicate with us.

MacBeth declared that the maximum length of waves produced in the world today is 1,000 metres. He said that the ones picked up by Marconi have been found to be about 150,000 metres. He said that their regularity disproved any belief that they are produced by electrical disturbances, and the only resemblance to the code used on this planet is in the letter V in the International Code. He said that an interpretation may possibly be made.

who might wish to retain them on the way, could attempt the journey. Now the Soviet Government, faced with a famine which must destroy millions, is transporting them back to Poland as fast as it can find money, with which to bribe these

## GREAT BRITAIN FACING GREATER RESPONSIBILITIES

Dominions Must Share in These Responsibilities if They Are to Have Benefits.

Toronto, Sept. 5.—If the British Dominions desire to share fully in the benefits and greatness of the British Empire, they must be prepared to share also in the responsibilities, said Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, the Canadian Premier, in an address to the Exhibition directors' luncheon and the members of the press. He dealt briefly with the work of the recent Imperial Conference and uttered high praise for the effort now being put forth by the statesmen of the Great Britain to stabilize political affairs throughout the world.

Canada, he said, was not so far from the heart of the Empire as some of the other dominions, and Canadians living beside another people of similar blood, traditions and aspirations, were not so much affected by world disturbances as they are, but all the dominions, he believed, failed to realize fully the vastness of the task that the United Kingdom is discharging by virtue of her obligations to the dominions and to the world at large.

The burden the statesmen of Britain were standing under at the present moment, said the Premier, was nearly beyond comprehension. There was hardly any point of European Asia where Britain was not facing a responsibility or a problem.

"But she marches on, shrinking from nothing, and honestly aiming to discharge all her obligations to all of the allies."

"There seemed to be an impression abroad that she was not showing as much sympathy for France as many desire," said the Premier, "but he could say that Great Britain's friendship for France was as steadfast to day as at any time during the war. Her goal of both countries was the same. Standing today as Great Britain does, on the edge of Europe, endeavoring to maintain the wavering fabric of European civilization, her motives are of the highest. In any particular in which she does not stand hand in hand with France, she is merely aiming to prevent the germination of seeds of a great European disaster in the future."

The role Great Britain is playing today," continued the Premier, "is greater than she ever played before."

## MORE SHIPS JOIN NORFOLK IDLE FLEET

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 5.—One hundred more American ships are to be added to the idle fleet now in the James and York rivers. It is also stated that the board expects to concentrate the ships taken out of commission at Norfolk, Camp Elmsie, and Newport News until such time as they are placed on the new bareboat charter basis ordered by Chairman Lusk, of the board last week.

All ships not under the manager-operator form of charter, that is those chartered for a definite period, are said to be affected by the order.

and in reaching her decisions she invites the advice and viewpoint of the Empire."

It was for the Dominions to realize their responsibilities and the obligation that they were under in relation to the Empire as a whole.

## Canada Adopts Jewish Orphans

Jewish Communities Have Already Taken 120 Orphans of War.

London, Sept. 3.—It is announced that Jewish communities in Canada have already secured for adoption in god families 120 orphans of program and war from Ukraine, Poland and Galicia. This is following the example of the Jews in South Africa who led the way in this species of "propagation."

Strong Jewish agencies in France, Germany, Sweden, the Argentine and other countries have decided to act similarly. The new federation of Ukrainian Jews in London has also decided to bring out a large number of these orphans. About 200 are coming immediately.

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Peggy O'Neil—Medley Waltz	Prince's Dance Orch.	A-3434	\$1.00
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Queen of Sheba—Fox-Trot	Ted Lewis' Jazz Band	A-3437	\$1.00
Happiness—Fox-Trot	Art Hickman's Orchestra	A-3438	\$1.00
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The general tone of the Alice Bernard collection of gowns shown in Paris, is one of slenderness and of a somewhat long line. Color selection is interesting. The gowns show a tendency to fullness, the corsages, long and rounded at the sides, coming down almost to the hips, and the skirts mounted in gathers grouped more pronouncedly at the sides. Almost all the day dresses have long sleeves wide at the cuff, and developed in some sheer material, such as mousseline de soie, either embroidered or plain. For some of the simple frocks the material for the sleeves is thicker, but in such cases