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*Unemployment*

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October 31st, 1931.

To Members of the Special Committee on Unemployment

In view of the critical financial situation of the Special Committee on Unemployment, of the Montreal Council of Social Agencies, you are asked to make a special effort to take part in a delegation to the Executive Committee of the City Council in the Executive Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall at 11 A.M. Wednesday, November 4th, 1931.

The purpose of this delegation is to place before the City Executive as strongly as possible, the necessity for immediate financial assistance if 2,000 Protestant families are to be kept from starvation. I am setting down herewith some facts for your information:-

The Emergency Unemployment Relief Committee (Gen. G.E. McCuaig, Chairman) which is carrying out relief services for Protestant families at our request, has incurred, as of October 24th, 1931, a deficit of \$7,231.00 and this deficit is increasing at the rate of \$1,000 or more, a day. More than 1,800 Protestant families are on relief. The only source of revenue for this activity is from the City of Montreal.

As you are well aware, the Dominion of Canada has advertised widely that no family need suffer hunger or exposure in Canada this winter, and this statement is backed by an unspecified sum of money voted by Parliament at its session this summer. The method of distributing public relief money is the same this year as last year, that is, the cost will be borne equally by Federal, Provincial and Municipal funds.

So far as the City of Montreal is concerned, it has expressed its willingness to co-operate with the Federal and Provincial Governments in this scheme but it will have no money to devote to the relief of married men until January 1st, 1932. Funds for caring for single men, many, if not most of whom are not residents of this City, are available.

It has been generally understood that public money would be available for unemployment relief and Financial Federation did not include in its campaign budget for last year, nor has it included it in its present campaign budget. The funds collected for Federated Charities are earmarked for the work of the 32 agencies in Federation, most of whom have had their activities materially increased by the present economic crisis.