

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON UNEMPLOYMENT

January 1st, to December 31st, 1931.

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At the last annual meeting of this Council, a report on unemployment relief was presented covering the activities of the Special Committee on Unemployment of this Council from its formation in the fall of 1930 to the close of that year. This Committee had arranged for relief to the following groups of unemployed among Protestants: families, single, homeless men and office workers.

Families, except the unnaturalized foreigners, were cared for by the Emergency Unemployment Relief Committee, unnaturalized foreign families by the Family Welfare Association, homeless men by the Dufferin Square Refuge (operated by the Protestant Bureau for Homeless Men), and office workers by the Central Registration Bureau for Office Workers (operated by the employment staff of the Sun Life Assurance Company). All these activities were financed in large measure by public money, but the Emergency Unemployment Relief Committee conducted two campaigns privately by mail, and the Sun Life Assurance Company made a contribution of \$2,000. to the work of the Central Registration Bureau. This in addition to the expenses for staff and quarters which they also provided. The audited financial statement of the Special Committee on Unemployment from the commencement of operations until ~~April 30th~~, 1931, is attached.

December 31st
At the request of the Advisory Relief Committee of the city, unemployment relief activities were discontinued as far as possible on April 30th, 1931. The Emergency Unemployment Relief Committee closed on May 2nd, 1931; the Central Registration Bureau closed on April 30th, 1931; and the Dufferin Refuge closed on April 22nd, 1931. The season's activity closed with an amount of \$1,000.00 owing to the Family Welfare Association. This indebtedness to the Family Welfare Association was later reduced to \$210.80.

A brief period of inactivity occurred but about the middle of May the Anglican Church at the Andrews Home, began to be besieged with applicants for relief and the case load of the Family Welfare Association increased far beyond the capacity of that Agency's budget.