

THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE UNEMPLOYED
OF THE CITY OF TORONTO
ACCORDING TO THEIR TRADES OR PREVIOUS OCCUPATIONS

On April 1, 1935, a request for statistics about the classification of the unemployed according to their trade and profession was forwarded to His Worship, Mayor James Simpson, of Toronto. On April 4, His Worship answered as follows:

"I would suggest that you get in touch with Mr. Fred Bancroft, c/o The Mayor's Office, MONTREAL, Quebec, who, I think, will be able to furnish you with the desired information."

On April 5, copy of the above mentioned correspondence was sent to the said Mr. Fred Bancroft. On April 8, His Worship was reminded that it seemed rather strange that one should write to Montreal to get some information about the unemployed "of your City of Toronto."

On April 10, His Worship replied as follows:

"The reason that you were advised to communicate with Mr. Fred Bancroft, c/o The Mayor's Office, Montreal, was because, if you will recollect, your original request was for this information covering all the cities which were represented at the recent Conference of Mayors in Montreal, not for Toronto alone. Mr. Bancroft originally was my personal representative, arranging the agenda for the said Conference, and was latterly appointed Secretary of the Conference, to continue to act in that capacity until the matters being dealt with were finally disposed of. He has, in his possession, such information pertaining to your enquiry as is available. Mr. Bancroft is not a member of the Mayor's staff in Montreal, but can be reached there. Had your original request applied to Toronto alone it would not have been necessary to refer you to that source. However, I observe that you have already written to Mr. Bancroft, and will doubtless be furnished with the desired information."

In accordance with His Worship's suggestion, a second request for such information was sent to Mr. Bancroft in Montreal. On April 12, His Worship was notified of Mr. Bancroft's silence. On April 13, the undersigned asked some other party if the said Mr. Bancroft was still alive. That very pertinent question prompted an answer, although not from Mr. Bancroft. From outside of Toronto someone asked the City Hall for that information.