

MONTRÉAL REPORT ON CONDITIONS

Employment conditions in Montréal, considerably better this summer than last year, according to Mr. Ainey, superintendent of the Montreal Employment Bureau. Mr. Ainey is favorably known to the public, has made a deep and extensive study of conditions as they exist among all trades and is working people, states that there is generally in very bad shape as the worker is concerned, yet believes that pessimism is not in evidence, as they might be in a considerable number of trades. There certainly a greater number of employed of all classes coming to the provincial Employment Bureau than for many years past.

Applicants comprise both men and women of the skilled and unskilled classes. The lumber camps, in former years took a large number of men as business, team and unskilled labor, had not yet commenced operations, leaving a large surplus who had relied on summer work.

The payment was not, he continued, confined to any one particular trade. In this respect there were many differences. For example, clothing workers, boot and shoe makers, and hat makers, had a more fortunate position than most workers, though there was a deal of hardship in these trades. Many employers had not commenced operations during the summer, but things were looking better in the spring, but on their side the staffs had striven to increase production and general metal workers up to the end of the year.

were a very hard pressed section, he thought. This condition was caused by the stagnation in the building trade, which also naturally threw into unemployment a very large additional number of artisans and unskilled. The hoped for brightening up in this line had not taken place, though undoubtedly the few building propositions now on hand had helped to a certain extent.

"I would like to say there was hope for improvement in the fall," said Mr. Ainey, "but I am afraid that I have no grounds for doing so. Of course, the harvest in the West will attract a certain number, but very many men will not have the necessary money to go, while others, married, may be able to go themselves, but will not wish to leave their families behind. The lumber camps open up operations about the end of August, and a very great deal indeed depends on these camps doing so. The harbor, which absorbed a number last spring, will throw practically as many on the out-of-work list when it closes this year."

Mr. Ainey would not give any definite figures on the amount of unemployment in the city. His office was not in a position to speak with definiteness on the number out of work, he said, as many never came near it at all. They registered at their unions as wanting jobs and when employers had need for a man they applied there. The unions themselves were not willing to give any figures of the number of unemployed which they had on their rolls, while many men with a little money, or young men in families, never registered anywhere, but just waited in hopes of their old job waking up again. All these were factors which agitated against any even approximate number of unemployed being arrived at, and for his part, Mr. Ainey said, he would not attempt to give any.

Louis Guyon, Deputy Minister of Labor, agreed with Mr. Ainey in his opinion that the labor situation was bad. That it would probably grow

TORONTO CONSIDERS RELIEF MEASURES

Mayor Church, of Toronto, has forwarded a memorandum to the Board of Control outlining a programme for unemployment relief during the coming winter. "The city departments and outside boards have been requested to prepare a statement showing what relief works can be undertaken, and as to conditions of labor and rate of wages," he says. He has been in communication with the Federal Government regarding the securing of four additional shipbuilding orders, also in connection with going on with the post office, drill hall, customs house, harbor improvement, and bridges to the island. He communicated with the immigration and labor departments as to further regulating immigration and preventing Toronto being a dumping ground for labor, and also suggests advertisements in the papers warning people not to come here for employment or relief.

He makes a number of further recommendations for soldiers. If work cannot be got for them, they should be given some deferred pay by the Government. He suggests that the city during the fall and winter embark on the building of 1,000 cheap houses for rent and selling purposes. Relief should be given from only one agency, instead of several, an effort should be made to have a start made on the Hydro Radials.

"I would recommend a meeting of the Board of Control and other public bodies be held on Tuesday, August 9th, at 2:30 p.m. to form a citizens' organization," he concluded.

DEPUTATION TO HYDRO COMMISSION

John Flett, organizer of the American Federation of Labor, led the deputation before the Hydro Commission which included delegates from all the trades represented in the big canal work. The men were on hand for their interview, and were kept waiting for almost an hour. This made them impatient, and some of them were actually talking of walking away without seeing the commission, when they were summoned into the board room.

Mr. Flett made a suggestion that the press be admitted, but Sir Adam Beck blandly replied, "Oh, we've got along very well without them before. Let them wait and we'll see them afterwards."

"We made it plain," said Mr. Flett, after the conference, "that while we regretted the laying off of 3,000 men as adding to the great army of idle men at this time, we were not protesting against that. It is the commission's business whether it lays off 1 or 1,000. But we did object to the men laid off being described as slackers and run-runners. That means that means that every man who is laid off is being reflected on in an ugly way, whether he deserves it or not."

"And we objected strongly to the suggestion of a wage cut of 30 per cent, for that is what a reduction down to 35 cents an hour would mean. We pointed out that prices of perishable goods such as butter and eggs were going up again, while rents, fuel, clothing, boots and shoes, etc., are still high. They quoted wages paid to labor in Niagara Falls, N.Y., as being lower than on our job but we were able to show that the cost of living is much lower than on this side of the line. Matches, for instance, are six cents a box over there and 15 cents here. And we told them that labor did not want to be treated as a commodity to be bought on a level with hogs."

"The men also demanded of the commission whether it proposed to make the wage cut operative on the foremen as well as the mechanics and laborers. And they further remonstrated the commission that only last spring the members of the legislature voted themselves a salary increase on the basis of the increased cost of living. The hydro, contended Mr. Flett, "is to pay high prices for its material. There had been little reduction there. The dominion government had taxed it for its machinery. Are the burdens of all to be placed on labor?" he asked. "We do not want to be made the goat."

Sir Adam suggested that living costs had greatly dropped, and in fact the great drop in the price of potatoes in a year. He suggested the basis of the McAdoo award which called for a 12 per cent. wage cut.

"This is not a railway job, it is a construction job," replied Mr. Flett.

LONDON REPORTS ON THE SITUATION

The record number of 700 veterans are receiving treatment through the D. S. C. R. in this district, Col. E. G. Shannon, executive head of the London district, announced to the Free Press Saturday. Westminster Hospital, with 415 patients, is nearly filled now, while Byron Sanatorium is caring for between 170 and 180. The remainder of the 700 are scattered in smaller hospitals at Guelph, Kitchener and other centres, and 35 are being attended at their homes.

Unemployment is the greatest problem before the department at the present time, according to the colonel, who states that it is becoming increasingly difficult to place returned men once they are discharged from hospital. At the present time of the year, when conditions ought to be quite favourable, it has been found impossible to find work for a number of men, many of whom are quite fit. The outlook for the coming winter months is therefore not very bright.

"Service men who are disabled are the first for whom employment is sought, as the others can often find work without assistance," said the colonel. "There was a time when it was possible to get employment for the partially disabled as well as the physically fit. But not for many months now have we been able to meet the demand for work and this forms the problem that is working us now."

Word has been received from Ottawa that the chaplain services at Westminster and Byron will be dispensed with on August 31 and that the ministerial care of the men in these two institutions will be taken care of by the ministers of the city. The latter took objection to this arrangement when it was first proposed, some weeks ago, and petitioned the heads of the various denominations to appeal against what was termed an unjust order. Since the petition was forwarded with a view to anticipating such action being taken it is deemed unlikely that the order will be rescinded at this date. The Ministerial Alliance will probably be obliged to take over the chaplain services at an early date.

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ST. JOHN SCOWMEN IN DISPUTE

The dispute between the Scowmen's Union of St. John and the local shippers still remains at a deadlock. One of the shippers said that they had offered the union fifty cents an hour, with a minimum pay of two hours and a nine-hour day. He said that this offer had been refused. The difference was on the question of whether the wages should be paid by the day or by the hour. Under the day scheme an hour's work would entitle the men to a quarter of a day's pay. He said that the shippers were willing to agree to those conditions. The union offer, he said, was for an agreement calling for \$4.50 for a nine-hour day, but as this would include the quarter of a day's pay scheme it had been rejected by the shippers. He said that all the men necessary would be secured outside of the local union if the offer of the shippers was not accepted shortly.

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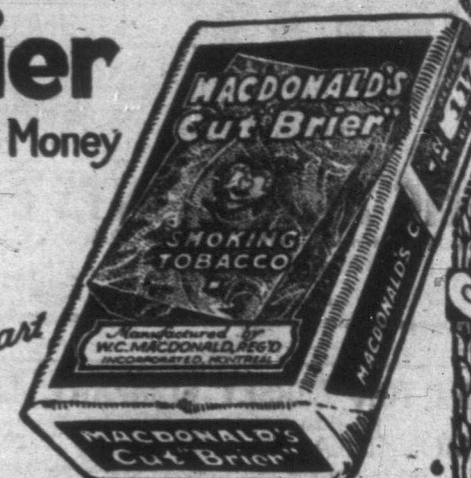
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