

the men off the streets, the extent of our problems of re-establishment is obscured. I venture to say, from the time our business figures once again reach the level of our best pre-depression year, we shall be fortunate, if, with the ~~greatest~~ greatest expenditure of energy and the greatest variety of plans, we shall have been able, within five years from that date, to bring about a fair degree of re-establishment, then, I say, we shall have every reason to be grateful. Left to itself, our conscience lulled by a dole, our vision dimmed by increasing trade returns, the problem will never be solved.

Without precedent, the question requires original thought. No plan, thought out by whatever individual, or backed by whatever authority, will serve as a solution. Different sections of the country have their individual problems and must, of necessity, seek their own solutions, but one fact remains and from that point we must start. Thousands now on relief will never return to their old jobs. Five years added to the age of an unemployed man of forty creates a barrier which he may find unable to scale.

No plan is too small provided the expenditure of time and energy is not out of proportion to the results obtainable. However, just as certain grave maladies require drastic remedies, so the vastness of our problems of re-establishment demand large scale remedies. The realities must be recognized and faced. In the City of Calgary there are, counting both those actually on relief and those struggling to keep off, possibly five thousand potential wage-earners who are unemployed. That all these people can ever get back to work is beyond the range of possibility. Much can be done to keep up their morale, something can be done actually to obtain jobs - as the Canada Club of Calgary is doing - but we have never been under any illusions that our problems will be entirely solved in this manner.

What then, you will say, have we to offer? How can the support of these people be removed from the taxpayer? You cannot send them on wheat farms. There are enough wheat farmers already. Directly or indirectly Government works have to be paid for by the same taxpayer who is already paying the bill for relief. What then is