

4. Federal Employment Exchanges.—The individual licensed employment agent is in business to make as many dollars for himself as possible, without any consideration for the welfare of the unemployed. This is only natural. Some are unscrupulous. An illustration of this was the disappearance of Alfreda Derosa, an Italian employment agent in Montreal, last June, with \$12,000 belonging to some fifty Italians. On the other hand, many private exchanges are operated successfully.

Federal employment exchanges should be opened in the cities and manufacturing centres, and their management should be absolutely removed from political influence. The service should be free. An unpaid advisory committee, composed of leading business men, should be attached to each exchange.

These Free Exchanges have been opened in some Canadian cities, and in each case have proved of great benefit to the unemployed. In Edmonton there was considerable opposition at first, but this has now disappeared, as the exchange has done its work successfully.

The Winnipeg Free Employment Exchange in July had 494 applications for male help in the city and 98 outside applications. Of these there were filled in the city 476 and outside 90.

The figures for the Montreal Free Employment Exchange for July and August are as follows:—

	Male.	Female.	Total.
No. of positions offered—			
July	392	35	427
August	432	18	470
No. of applicants for situations—			
July	624	42	666
August	555	40	595
Per cent. of persons placed—			
July	90	90	90
August	95	95	95

When men or women are out of employment every facility should be provided to place them in touch with vacant posi-