

CLOTHING.

Boots, underclothing, suits, overcoats and shirts have been supplied by us to the most needy. A Shoemaker, (one of our own men), is employed repairing boots; he works 10 hours a day and cannot keep pace with the demand.

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU:

We maintain a classified index, by trades, of all men. Canvassers call on large employers soliciting work. About 500 men have been placed, but mostly in temporary work, and have been struck off strength.

HOSPITALS

On March 10th. we opened a Hospital Ward of 10 Beds. 1 Accident and 33 Medical Cases have been treated to date, and, at present, there are 8 men in Hospital. Only in serious cases can the City Hospitals afford accommodation, and they have no room for convalescents, therefore a number of such cases are being looked after by us, after discharge, from the City Hospitals.

EXPENDITURES:

Up to April 17th. we had expended.....\$27,473.92

and were committed for payments amounting to.....\$ 7,731.42

RECEIPTS:

TOTAL EXPENDITURE.....\$35,195.34

LESS TOTAL RECEIPTS.....\$30,549.17

DEFICIT\$ 4,647.17

We estimate the additional cost, of supplies etc., from now until May 1st, at.....\$ 4,500.00

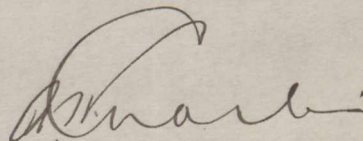
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEFICIT, MAY 1st.....\$ 9,147.17

FUTURE POLICY:

If the work is closed down on May 1st. nearly 3,300 souls will be destitute and most of them will be homeless, as that is moving day and landlords will not carry tenants who are in arrears after that date. The average indebtedness, per family, for rent and taxes, appears to be \$141. This does not include Grocery Bills or Medical Attendance Fees.

We are considering the possibility of placing selected men and their families on a Farm. A day's work would be demanded from every soul; men, women, and children would be trained in farming, weaving, basketry, etc., and it is hoped to make the venture self-supporting in time.

The Government might be willing to pay \$1.10 per day to men during the training season, in return for an efficient Militia Unit, which would be available, at other seasons, for making and repairing roads, rural mail delivery, police, forest ranging, etc., etc., and the cost could be divided, pro rata, between Government departments concerned.



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