

in my own city? It shows the number of single men unemployed as 4,148, and that the cost of relief for each single man in December averaged \$22.82, making a total of \$94,657 a month. The married men numbered 2,325, and the average cost for each was \$37.57, making a monthly cost of \$87,370. The total monthly cost of unemployment in Winnipeg just now is therefore at the rate of approximately \$182,000 a month, of which the city itself pays \$69,000 a month. I have said that that represents the financial cost. I do not think that anyone could begin to picture the moral degradation and the mental hardships that are involved in such figures as those.

I come east and I find that at least the financial papers, and, indeed, most of the daily papers are not recognizing the existence of any very great depression. I find in the Montreal Standard, for instance, of January 3, that although the dividend payments to be distributed are somewhat less than the amount distributed last year, they still amount to \$21,557,937, and that there are certain large corporations which are paying bonuses in addition. For instance, there is a bonus of \$5 by the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company, and so on. I turn to another corporation as an illustration. The last annual report of Montreal Light, Heat and Power Consolidated, shows a gross revenue for 1930 of \$23,484,079.70, and expenses of \$11,401,894.62, leaving a net revenue of \$12,082,185.08. The expenses, including Sir Herbert Holt's salary, and so forth, make up only 48 per cent of the receipts, and to the absentee owners goes the remaining 52 per cent. One might almost conclude that everything was lovely in the city of Montreal and in the east generally, and yet I think that there is another aspect even to that, for I find this statement in the joint Christmas appeal made by the Royal Edward institute and the Bruchesi institute:

A much larger amount will be necessary this year in order to cope with the great increase in the number of cases of tuberculosis which are already showing, and which are due—

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—to the privations consequent upon the unemployment situation throughout the year.

Again in the Montreal Daily Star, which cannot be accused of being a Socialist paper, I find running in January a series of advertisements by the Advertising Club of Montreal, sponsored by such well-known firms as Case Limited, Dunfields Limited, Dupuis Freres Limitee, Fit-Reform Wardrobe, Henry Marks, John Henderson & Company, Max Beauvais Limited, James A. Ogilvy Limited, Riley Hern Inc., R. J. Tooke Limited, the Robert Simpson Company, Montreal, Limited. The ad-

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vertisements are appropriately illustrated with cartoons, and I find in one advertisement the statement, beside the picture of a labouring man, that his wages will buy food, but not clothes. It says:

Dozens of men are working for wages which will provide only the bare essentials for themselves and their families. Their earnings will not permit the purchase of necessary clothing. Help a needy fellow-citizen through the rigours of a Montreal winter. Buy a smart new suit yourself and donate your old one to some needy man. Such a kindly act may keep his wife and family from actual hardship and suffering this winter.

In view of such advertisements as that, I must say that I am not very enthusiastic over the statement in the speech from the throne that:

In prosperity they (the Canadian people) were united. In adversity that union is made still stronger by the spirit of cooperation and mutual understanding which is the surest bulwark of the national welfare and happiness.

Is that the cooperation which is intended? I read another advertisement from the same source:

Here's the sort of philanthropy you've dreamed about—the sort that will cost you next to nothing. It will increase your self-respect in more ways than one—and it may mean a job for an unemployed man—at least it will keep him warm. Buy yourself a new suit—give your old suit to the unemployed. What you discard is a luxury to the man in tatters. It will increase his self-respect too. Think of the chap who has to shovel snow to tide him over to the next job in his trade.

Such is the situation in the financial capital of Canada.

In spite of what the Prime Minister or the leader of the opposition may say, the present depression is due largely to causes that are world-wide in character, many of us believe to the evils inherent in the present system of competition. I think that ought to be frankly recognized, and there is very little that can be done by the Prime Minister along the lines that he has suggested that will alleviate the trouble to any great extent. In corroboration of that statement, I should like to read a paragraph or two from a recent paper published by the Carnegie Foundation, entitled "Studies in World Economy." This paper is by a very well-known authority, a former Canadian, Professor James T. Shotwell. He says:

The outstanding fact at the present time is that, owing to the fact that all nations are suffering similarly from the same economic depression, the questioning of the nature of business, itself is for the first time in history taking place on all sides of every political frontier. There is no doubt but that every part of the civilized world is affected by the maladjustments in the process which produces