

UNEMPLOYED TAKE THEIR OWN CENSUS

Thirty-five Thousand Stated to be Out of Work in City at Present

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE CANVAS

Seven Hundred Have Volun- teered Services for This Work

About seven hundred unemployed so far have volunteered for the house-to-house canvass which the Trades and Labor Council is organizing in order to ascertain the number of people out of work in Toronto. Two hundred volunteers offered their services last night at a meeting of over eight hundred unemployed men and women at the Labor Temple.

Controller James Simpson, who was the chief speaker, outlined what was being done by the municipal body. Thirty-five thousand dollars would be spent on the parks before the frost set in and \$83,000 later on. No less than \$150,000 had been given towards the construction of the Hamilton-Toronto road on condition that the city unemployed would get a fair proportion of the work. The Works Department intended pushing on every possible job so as to give some of the unemployed work. What was wanted, however, were some facts concerning unemployment to lay before the Board of Control and the Provincial and Dominion Governments.

35,000 Out of Work.

Mr. D. F. Hall was of the opinion that there were about 35,000 men in Toronto willing to work, but unable to get it. He complained that not more than about seven hundred of these had volunteered for the house-to-house canvass.

That unemployment in the city had been more pronounced before the war than had been usual at this time of the year was a statement made by Mr. S. W. Dean, of the Fred Victor Mission. He volunteered to provide workers who would canvass a thousand houses. Over five hundred cards were signed by unemployed last night while two hundred offered to act as canvassers.