

THOUSANDS WERE ON HAND FOR JOBS

Huge Crowd of Unemployed
Outside Massey-Harris Co.
This Morning

FIVE HUNDRED AT WORK

Company Has Taken on Mar-
ried Men—Will Employ
More Daily

A walk along King street west between 6 and 8 o'clock this morning would have convinced even the most skeptical that unemployment in Toronto is very real. The announcement that so many thousand out-of-works had registered at the City Employment Bureau might not portray the real state of affairs to the ~~average citizen, but the sight of be-~~ ~~ware cases and four thousand hun-~~ gry men lined up outside the Massey-Harris works this morning would have brought things home to the most confirmed doubter. Word had been spread that the great shops were to reopen to-day, although the company had distinctly stated that it would give employment only to its old married hands at first, and the sight of the penurious, pinched faces of the thousands who congregated around the works on the chance of work, ghastily-looking in the drizzling fog, will be one long remembered by those who saw it.

None Got a Job.

Not one man of those who thronged around got a job. About five hundred married men had been notified by mail to present themselves at eight o'clock, and these, as they showed their cards, were given entrance, amidst the envious glances of the less fortunate. The faces of the lucky men, in many cases, bore traces of what they have been through, though the opportunity of work once again gave them a happy look which not even the haggard glances of the unfortunates could altogether down.

Although it is understood that the Massey-Harris Company has allowed none of its old employees to want the necessities of life, yet the strain has told, and more than one of the men whose time for work has not yet come, told of the struggle that his family had gone through, and how they would have been utterly destitute in many cases but for the money brought in by their daughters, large numbers of whom have providentially been working overtime in the York Knitting Mill nearby, making supplies for the Allies, and thus supporting their families.

Mr. T. Findley, general manager of the Massey-Harris Company, told The Daily News that, as had been promised, the primary departments of the concern had opened to-day, and that from now on men would be added to the staff daily as the departments already in operation produced material for the others to work on. By the end of the month, Mr. Findley states that the majority of the company's old employees will be at work.