

Unemployed Demand Work or Will Fight

Toronto, Dec. 3.—A deputation of unemployed, representing some 700 men, who marched from the Labor temple to the parliament buildings, waited today on Premier Hearst and demanded that the government do something in the way of giving work to relieve the situation. "We are not going to starve; we are going to fight," was the declaration.

The premier assured the men that the government would discharge any duty that devolved upon it in connection with the present conditions. The government was getting the best advice obtainable from reliable sources, and intended to do everything in its power for the men. Municipalities had been promised special legislation to cover any measure they undertook in connection with providing work or relief for the unemployed. The government would do all in its power to assist.

"A hungry stomach has no conscience," Thomas Mellalieu told Premier Hearst and a group of the ministry. "The men are not going to starve," he continued mildly, but very earnestly. "They're going to fight. I don't want to make any threats; I'm merely speaking from my own observations and knowledge of the psychology of the unemployed: but they mean business, and something will have to be done soon."