

# \$1,000 GRANTED BY CONTROLLERS FOR UNEMPLOYED

Goes to the British Welcome League for Free Beds.

## LABOR BUREAU TO BE OPENED

Quarters Secured at Colborne and Scott Streets by Commission.

## WORK IS TO BE HURRIED

Merchants and Manufacturers are Urged to Find Work for Their Men.

The unemployed situation came before the Board of Control in a practical way to-day.

Ex-Alderman Hales, president of the British Welcome League, asked for an appropriation of \$1,000. He stated that the Council had decided to do some work which the league was considering for weeks past. "But," said Mr. Hales, "there is a lot to be done; there is a great deal of unemployment, and a lot of distress. The work we propose to do with this appropriation is throw open our beds for the winter to those who need them; to give food where it is needed, and we will see that it goes to the right place."

Mr. John Kirby, who came with a deputation of unemployed, told a pathetic story. "The only food that I have received for the last five weeks is from the House of Industry. If you live on dry bread and get coal for warmth a man can starve just the same. A man cannot take a job after a few weeks of that kind of feeding. He will be too weak to work. That is the situation of myself and others down and out."

Mr. Kirby is married and has children.

## Simpson Favors Grant.

Controller Simpson urged that the deputation which was to go to Ottawa for the Board of Control should go to the Immigration Department and ask that the Government contribute to the work of the British Welcome League. "The league is doing the work of the Government and the Government has neglected the institution altogether," said the controller.

The controller thought that the industries which had grown rich upon the profits from the workers and which paid big dividends and had large bank accounts ought to do something to find employment for many who are out of work at the present time.

The last remarks of the controller were after the explanation of Commissioner Harris that there was a class of workers very difficult to provide for on civic work.

"They are men who have worked in industries. They work hard for a day or two with a pick or shovel. Then they are worn out. Back again they come and make another attempt."

"They work until they are ill," said the Commissioner. "Surely those who have industries should try and provide work for these men."

"Hear! Hear!" said the controllers. Mayor Hocken: "I have appealed to the manufacturers to provide as much employment as possible."

Rev. P. Bryce, of Earls court Methodist Church, was the next speaker.

## Unemployed in Earls court.

"I was in my office 4 hours yesterday to receive the unemployed in the district of Earls court. 120 men visited me who were out of work. Of these 101 are married men and 19 unmarried, but out of those 5 are supporting widowed mothers. There are 74 unskilled laborers at present.

"I am placing the conditions before you, the state of affairs up there."

Mr. E. Dickie, secretary of the Social Service Commission, reported he had got a building at the corner of Colborne and Scott, for three months as a registration bureau for the unemployed.

## Labor Bureau To Open.

Mr. Dickie was told to hurry with the work by the controllers. The heads of civic departments are to get in conference with Mr. Dickie, and as much work as possible provided.

One thousand dollars was granted to the British Welcome League under the supervision of the Social Service Commission.