

TORONTO IS UNEMPLOYED

Toronto, Jan. 9.—Toronto is now feeling the effects of the trade depression; 15,000 men, according to conservative estimates, are walking the city streets in search of employment, and this number is being augmented by hundreds as the weeks go by. It is also estimated that 2,500 men lost their jobs between December 20 and January 3.

Inquiry at the labor temple elicits the information that prevalent conditions are on a par with the memorable winter of 1907-8, when hundreds besieged the factories in the vain hope of a day's work, while large crowds surged around the city hall demanding immediate action by the city fathers.

When organized labor feels the pinch of depression and the lack of employment, it is generally conceded that unorganized labor has been feeling the shortage for a considerable period.

The Labor Temple on Church street was literally packed with men all day today, as has been the case for a number of weeks past. The large billiard and club rooms in the basement were crowded, while the individual union offices, etc., were filled with men waiting around for some chance or opportunity to answer an employer's inquiry for hands.