

ASK GOVERNMENT AND CITY TO AID MANY LABORERS NOW OUT OF WORK

One Thousand Workers Assembled at Rochesterville and Passed Resolutions to be Presented to Premier and Mayor.

MANY SUGGESTIONS ARE OFFERED BY SPEAKERS

Declare Hundreds of Men Are Idle in City Who Are Eager to go to Work—Want Civic Work Started.

At an open air meeting held by Ukrainian Local S.D.P., a new organization of foreigners, 600 workers held on Sunday, at which over W. Prystaj, and John Hnyda, from Montreal, organizer Ukrainian S.D.P. of Canada.

Michael Chopowik in his speech said that they would make up a resolution and present the same to the mayor of the City of Ottawa.

At a second meeting 800 men attended and it was decided to forward a resolution to the premier in favor of helping the unemployed. The resolution was duly carried at a meeting held on Sunday, June 7th at which over 1,000 workers were present, and the following committee was appointed to have same translated and present it to the Prime Minister: Michael Chopowik, W. Prystaj, J. Hnyda, W. Dedel, P. Yakobowsky.

1,000 Workers Present.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the 1,000 workers present:

"Whereas the past winter has been a long, unbroken season of hardships for the laboring population of Ottawa and whereas the hard times have not vanished with the advent of spring but seem to have increased and whereas hundreds of men are anxious to work and are unable to get it and whereas we believe that a crisis is imminent when a peaceful solution will be impossible and whereas most of the families are actually in want.

"Be it resolved that we request the City Council to realize the responsibilities of their position and take active steps to at once alleviate the prevalent distress by instituting such works as are necessary, as opening street sewers and other local improvements, and be it further resolved that a committee be appointed to present this resolution to the mayor.

Ask Government Aid.

Another resolution passed was as follows:—"We, the Ukrainian, local Ottawa social democratic party of Canada, on behalf the workers of Canada hereby call the attention of the Canadian government to the conditions of unemployment which exist in this country, and venture to suggest remedies. We sincerely trust that this message from part producers of Canada's wealth will have your serious consideration.

Suggest Reforms.

"We believe that the conditions can to a certain extent be alleviated by systematic legislation along certain lines of reform and would suggest:

"1st. That the Government open up public works and Government undertakings by a liberal budget for that purpose, for we consider that the present budget of 17 1-2 millions is completely inadequate to meet the present widespread distress, but would also state that such institutions as militia buildings and barracks are not included as we believe such institutions to be entirely parasitic and detrimental to progress.

2nd. That the Government close all private employment bureaux and open Government offices instead, where all information would be free to the laborers.

"3rd. While the high cost of living is not helped by the needless duplications in stores and the extravagant business methods of competition, we believe that the tariff is the chief factor in the high cost of merchandise over cost of production and we would therefore recommend that the tariff be abolished.

"4th. Sickness catches the already overloaded worker and overwhelms him. We would suggest that a system of compulsory insurance be adopted giving ample recompense for sickness, accident and also unemployment.

"5th. We would suggest that it be made illegal to employ children under 14 years of age not only in the factory but anywhere permanently or temporarily.

"6th. The laborer has often to move from place to place to seek for work and finds it impossible to meet cost of transportation. We would suggest that a bill be passed making it compulsory for railway companies to have half fare rates for workers who have to move looking for work.

"We would also request that a Ukrainian teacher be added to the staff of the public schools so that our children may get the benefit of their parents language.