

26 DIED IN NEED AMID CITY'S PLENTY

Toronto's Terrible Toll to Poverty in Month of June

CANNOT GET EMPLOYMENT

Serious Conditions Confront Relief Workers and Church Charities — Two Hundred Macedonians Want to be **Deported.**

The tale of hard times is not yet completed. According to Controller Church, the number of men at the City Hall every day looking for work is alarming. Some of the different departments, he said, had really more men than absolutely necessary now, and no more employment could be given to those who were out of work. "There are more men in Toronto at the present time," he proceeded, "than will ever find work here next winter. We have made it known that married men of established residence in the city are to be given the preference where at all practicable, when a situation is open."

Mr. Dickie, head of the Social Service Bureau, said an investigation of unemployment was made a few days ago among foreigners, and in the houses 63 out of 81 had not worked, on an average, for the past five months.

One of the court interpreters has asked the City Relief Officer if he could deport a batch of 200 Macedonians, who have no work and no food. The Relief Officer could not do anything for such a large number, except refer them to the House of Industry, where they can be taken in for two nights only.

June's Terrible Toll.

In June no fewer than 673 persons made applications for a city order for admission to the hospital, but 26 of them were refused. In all, 652 were approved.

Twenty-six persons died in poverty, and the city was called upon to pay the funeral expenses. Of these eight were adults and 18 children.

Rev. J. M. Miller, head of the Presbyterian work among immigrants in Toronto, says: "Employment in Toronto is dishearteningly hard to find. And the west is just now beginning to feel the hard times. The coming winter will possibly be much worse than last." In the course of his sermon on Sunday night, in Erskine Presbyterian Church, Mr. Miller told of the endless chain of men who call at the immigration offices of the Presbyterian Church on Simcoe street.