

CANADIANS ARE NOT APPLYING FOR WORK TO THE RELIEF FUND

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From Foreigners, Who
Seem Anxious For It.

Mr. C. H. Speer, secretary of the local relief fund, informs the Star that there has been a very noticeable lack of applications for help from Canadians. The majority of the applications received have been from foreigners, who are dependent on the city.

However, it is the desire of the committee that all needy Canadians be given necessary help, but this will not be tendered them, although Mr. Speer assures the Star that they will receive every consideration on their applying for assistance.

The following is an open letter to the citizens of the Sault from the local relief fund committee:

At this time there are two worthy causes appealing to our sympathies and patriotism; first, through the local relief committee who have in charge the relief of distress within our local borders; and secondly, through the patriotic fund, assistance to those left behind by the overseas contingent.

Local relief will be attempted along three lines: 1st by filling vacancies in local industries and supplying farmers with men to gather crops; 2nd by cutting firewood, under city supervision, on certain lands in the east end, and 3rd, direct relief in the form of fuel and food. It should be understood that the fundamental object is to find or provide work for those who will not put forth an honest effort to help themselves, but where work cannot be found, to see that our people shall not suffer for the necessaries of life. Thus the attitude is one of helpfulness rather than of charity.

Men engaged in woods operations, under the city, will be paid in scrip redeemable through the committee in supplies of fuel and food. The firewood cut will furnish a large percentage of the fuel required, but, as food supplies must be paid for, we will require a considerable fund to finance the project. It may be said that several of our farmers and the farmers of St. Joe's Island have agreed to contribute of their produce; the grocers have signified a desire to assist with supplies at cost and further requirements have been arranged for on a similar basis.

All of the city officials and the police force are setting aside one day's pay per month toward the fund, and it is believed there are many others who will cheerfully make a similar arrangement with us or donate lump sums, once the situation is understood.

Caring for those who through no fault of their own nor of their recent employers, are without the means of livelihood, is a duty no citizen of this city can shirk, nor is it felt that our people wish to call upon other centres in the province for assistance.

It is hoped that those of our citizens who can, will contribute and that the response to this appeal will be general. Payments should be made to the secretary who will be glad to call upon any contributors who may desire further information, or he may be found in his office at the city hall.

T. E. SIMPSON,

Chairman.

C. H. SPEER,

Secretary.