

# UNEMPLOYED WILL HAVE EVERY CHANCE

## Big Deputation at Ottawa Puts Facts Before Govern- ment

### HAVE LITTLE CRITICISM

## Sir George Foster Replies Say- ing Details of Plan Are Being Worked Out

From a Staff Correspondent.

Ottawa, Nov. 2.—A big deputation from Montreal waited on the Cabinet at noon to-day and discussed with the members of the Government the question of unemployment and other war problems.

Controller Macdonald, on behalf of the city of Montreal, introduced the delegation. Mr. W. D. Lighthall, secretary of the Union of Municipalities, spoke on behalf of that organization and read a number of telegrams from various parts of Canada and particularly the West, urging that the Government should take steps to deal with the problem of the unemployed.

The Mayors of Saskatoon and Regina suggested that the unemployed be enlisted and drilled.

Controller Macdonald congratulated the Government on the speedy and effective manner in which the Government had handled the present crisis. He also congratulated the Government on the way it had dealt with the problem of the alien enemies, which was one of the main reasons for the deputation originally. He asked that the militia protect the public works and waterworks of Montreal. He also asked that the control of explosives be made more rigid.

Mr. Lighthall urged the appointment of a commissioner to take charge of the unemployed problem. He should take a census in the particular centres.

### Many Canadians Out of Work.

Mr. J. T. Foster, President of the Trades and Labor Council of Montreal, said there were some 15,000 out of employment in Montreal; many of these were aliens. There was considerable feeling because in many cases aliens were at work, while Canadians were out of work. He urged that the immigration laws be made stricter. Men had been brought into the country who had no right here. He believed the Government had risen to the occasion and there was no cause for much criticism so far.

Sir George Foster replied on behalf of the Government. He was pleased that there was not much criticism up to the present. If they had been seemingly some time been slow in making up their mind, it must be pleaded that the situation has been grave and complicated. As far as dealing with the problem of alien enemies in the country they had decided on the principle; they were now working out the detail. As far as relief of alien enemies they appreciated that this was a problem which the Dominion Government had to handle.

### Aiding Western Settlers.

The Dominion Government is co-operating where there is great distress, said Sir George, as for instance in the West at points where there is destitution amongst the settlers through crop failure. The primary duty, however, rests on the municipalities for attending to unemployed.