

# Government is Urged to Alleviate Unemployment By Labor Men of Canada

Annual Delegation Waits on Premier Borden—Assertion Is Made That 250,000 Are Out of Work—Banking and Technical Education Are Discussed

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OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—At noon Sir Robert Borden, Hon. C. J. Doherty and other members of the government received the annual delegation of representatives of the Dominion Trades and Labor council who presented the resolutions adopted at the annual meeting of the congress which this year was held in St. John city. The subjects brought more particularly to the attention of the ministers were national banking, technical education, unemployment, old age pensions and the fair wage clause in government contracts.

Ex-Controller Jas. Simpson, of Toronto, speaking of the unemployment situation made the assertion that about 250,000 Canadians are out of work at the present time, and while the primary responsibility rests with the provincial governments, the dom-

inion government should assist in bettering conditions. He suggested that the government might co-operate with plans for land clearing and road making to give employment.

## Aid by Public Works

In Toronto the situation would be relieved if the construction of the new post office, customs house and union railway station were proceeded with. Dealing with technical education, Mr. Simpson asserted that the youths of Canada would have to be properly trained if Canadian manufacturers are to secure any real share in the world's business lost by Germany. As a consequence of the war many old country men with technical training had gone to the front and the men of this country would have to take their places. He urged that the report of the royal commission on technical education be acted upon.

The extension of the fair wage clause to other than government building contracts was urged by J. T. Foster of Montreal. He maintained that very low wages are being paid on certain militia contracts, more particularly in the work where shrapnel is being manufactured. J. C. Watters, president of the labor congress, speaking on immigration urged that conditions of entry into Canada be made more stringent. He asked that a penalty be increased for misrepresentation as to labor conditions in Canada.

## To Protect Labor

Amendments to the shipping act asking for effective means of protecting longshoremen engaged in loading and unloading ships were urged upon the government by Geo. A. Brunet, of Montreal.

James Somerville of Moose Jaw, who was the next to speak, asked the government to compel the Grand Trunk Pacific to carry out the award of the board of conciliation which inquired into the strike at the Transcona shops.

A system of superannuation for letter carriers was urged by Alexander McMorner of Toronto. He also asked for a half holiday for letter carriers.

Several resolutions were presented, one of which urged the adoption of the eight hour a day bill on government work.

Sir Robert Borden and his ministers received the representations in a sympathetic manner and promised that they would receive the serious attention of the government.

## THIRD PARTY ONCE MORE URGED UPON MANITOBA FARMERS

## Grain Growers in Convention Consider Suggestions to Increase Efficiency

BRANDON, Jan. 15.—How best to increase the efficiency of the present organization was the subject of a long discussion at the morning session of the Grain Growers' convention which entered on its last day here today. Organizer C. H. Burnell told of the difficulties he encountered and suggested various remedies.

A telegram from W. F. McLean, of Toronto, asking for the association's attitude in regard to his suggestion that the federal government for this year offer to take all No. 1 hard wheat