

# DISBAND COMMITTEE ON UNEMPLOYMENT

## Citizens' Association to Have Charge of Relief Work in City

### NO REPORT WAS MADE

### Sub-committee of Mayor and Ald. Wickett Had Not Met

The Unemployment Committee of the City Council disbanded yesterday after handing over its duties to the citizens' association, the Unemployment Relief Association, which the Board of Control turned down a few weeks ago. The Labor Bureau had already been taken out of the committee's hands by the committee of the Board of Control composed of Controllers Spence, Foster and O'Neill. The Mayor's suggestion of a job campaign will be taken up by the citizens' association.

Yesterday's meeting was a dismal failure. Ald. Wickett and McBride nagged Chairman Spence on every opportunity, and the main business seemed to be criticism of what had not been done rather than any real attempt to do anything.

The meeting began with a skirmish between Ald. Wickett and Controller Spence as to who was responsible for the delay in the calling of the committee. Controller Spence was waiting for a report from the Mayor, and Mr. Wickett, who had been appointed a sub-committee. The Mayor was waiting for Mr. Spence. Ald. McBride told the Mayor that he had been around the Hall long enough to know the duties of sub-committees to signify their readiness to report.

#### Should Meet Daily.

"We are an unemployed committee," said Ald. Wickett; "we should have met every day."

The proposal of Chairman Spence that city work be done by one-day shifts, instead of three, was rejected.

Ald. Wickett was disgusted with the whole business. "The records of the Labor Bureau," he declared, "are practically useless."

Ald. Robbins wanted the job campaigners to collect money as well for the widows and orphans. Ald. Dunn stuck it out to the last minute to maintain the quorum in spite of his fear that he might miss a motor-ride home. Ald. McBride was looking for light and there was no light, and he objected to spending \$7,000 on "fifty Nabobs," who could not up the money themselves if they were in earnest.

The conclusion of the whole matter was that the Board of Control retains charge of the Labor Bureau and will appoint a head, and the citizens' committee is given the privilege of running a job campaign, but no funds. The latter committee will be called the Mayor's Committee. Controller Spence and Ald. Dunn will see the Chief of Police regarding the possibilities of a census of the unemployed.