

3,000 UNEMPLOYED ASK ROBLIN FOR WORK

CITY HEADS CONFERENCE FOR JOBLESS

Winnipeg Board of Control Launches Dominion Meeting of Mayors to Deal With Unemployed

Mayor Waugh was requested by the board of control today to arrange a conference of the mayors of Canadian cities in Ottawa, and to take up with the dominion cabinet the question of finding both temporary and permanent solutions to the problem of unemployment throughout the country.

The idea of the board of control is that the permanent solution should be found in some broad and comprehensive scheme to further the back-to-the-land movement, while the problem could be handled temporarily and permanent solutions be of extensive public works this year, such as the construction of a national highway between Winnipeg and Calgary.

Hobby With Mayor

The whole proposal is in keeping with ideas advocated by the mayor for several years. His worship has already wired the mayors of all the different municipalities in Canada, asking them to take part in the conference.

Alderman R. A. Rigg and Rev. J. S. Woodsworth waited on the board of control today and suggested the conference. Both claimed that the time was ripe for such action, as every municipality in the country was now interested in the unemployment problem, and a conference of the mayors in the capital would have the effect of compelling

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the Dominion government to take action.

Dixon Interested

F. J. Dixon, M.P.P., had an interview with Mayor Waugh after the meeting of the board of control today and discussed with his worship the problem of supplying relief to the unemployed. He is in general accord with the scheme suggested by the board of control, but suggested that a large amount of the needed temporary employment could be given by the government in breaking up immense tracts of land this year.

"The government has still about 30,000,000 acres of land in the prairie provinces, and much of this could be broken up in great tracts this year and put in crop next year," he declared.

Lack a Leader

Riot calls turned in to police headquarters today, brought the reserves to the government buildings, where more than 3,000 unemployed men had congregated. They were seeking work, but lacked a leader. Members of the government feared their offices would be stormed so assistance was summoned from the city and provincial police. C. H. Newton, deputy chief, took charge of the city men, while E. J. Elliott, chief, headed the provincial constables.

Arriving at the government buildings the mob congregated on Kennedy street, but made no attempts to enter the grounds. They were there for more than an hour before they were dispersed by the city police, while the provincial police "just hung around," in case trouble might break out again. The mob was very orderly and merely wanted to know whether work could be found for them.

Wait on Roblin

During the morning Sir Rodmond Roblin, Hon. Joseph Bernier, Hon. Dr. Montague and Hon. Hugh Armstrong received a deputation from the unemployed. They listened to what they had to say and promised to see what can be done toward finding them employment of some sort. The matter will be taken up by the cabinet, for it is realised that the situation is becoming more acute. Most of those who went to the government buildings today were aliens, many of them having been refused work on account of their nationality. It is said that among the number were many un-naturalised Austrians and Germans, who have omitted to call at 112 Colony street and have their names added to the list there.